

Sunday, February 27, 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 28	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. March 1	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Wed. March 2	+ Ash Wednesday +	
	8:05 am	Patricia Gassmann
	12:00PM	(at Stringtown)
	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
	6:30 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Thu. March 3	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
Sat. March 5	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM	Francis & Hermina Zuber
Sun. March 6	8:00 am	Helen Hoffman; Dr. Gary Street
	8:00 am	(at Stringtown)
	10:00 am	(at Wendelin)
	10:00 am	(at Lawrenceville)

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OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 20

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$8,923 (81) Loose: \$128
 Guatemala: \$60 (2)

~ Kudos ~

- ◆ To *Mary Jane Kuenstler*, who celebrated her 94th birthday on February 23. Happy belated birthday!

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Monday, February 28

- 7 PM, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 1

- 5:45 PM, Synod Discussion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

- **8:05 AM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Olney**

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- 12 PM (Noon), Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, March 4

- 4 PM, Fish Fry at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 6:30 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation/Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Monday, March 7

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 8

- 5 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 6 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 9

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9 AM, Lenten Book Discussion**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 6:30 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation/Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, March 10

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 11

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- **6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross**

Sunday, March 13

- 7 AM, Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Sunday, March 13/ Monday, March 14

- **7 PM, Parish Mission with Fr. Joseph Oganda**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Saturday, February 26

- Join us for the Boosters Pasta Dinner serving from 4:30 PM- 7 PM, and the PTO Carnival with games and balloon animals from 4:30PM- 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 2

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (2nd-Hemrich/Padgett)

* **Thanks** to everyone who has responded so generously to our Annual Giving campaign!

* **Looking for a 75% tax incentive in the state of IL?** Consider Empower IL to provide scholarships for families who want their children to have a full-time Catholic education. For more information, go to: www.empowerillinois.org/donate/ St. Joseph School currently has 15 students approved for scholarships through Empower.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- Feb. 14: Brittany Bass (#467)
- Feb. 15: Jeanette Hahn (#284)
- Feb. 16: Matt Zuber Family (#421)
- Feb. 17: Tatum David (#708)
- Feb. 18: Zachary Egleston (#492)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Mike Dowty, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Kay Rowark, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow and Ed Zuber.

Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
 + J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

When I was a little girl growing up in the foothills of Arkansas, we had an orchard on

our farm. I loved the fruit that came from the apple, pear, and peach trees. There is nothing like picking your own shiny apple and taking a big bite. That sun-warmed fruit bursting with juicy goodness filled my days.

I often think about that orchard when I read the passage of sacred scripture which says, for every tree is known by its own fruit. It took a lot of time and hard work to care for those trees so that they would bear good fruit. And those that bore bad fruit, or none, were removed. I came to understand later in life that the removing of the bad-bearing fruit tree was to protect the good fruit trees. That is what we must do in our own orchard - of our heart, mind, and soul. We must be pruning away the rotten fruit in our lives (gossip, jealousy, anger...). We are to be that Son warmed fruit for one another by our actions of peace and love.

The season of Lent is quickly approaching, and this offers us a perfect opportunity to prune our orchard and bear good fruit. Be a tree of *peace and love* and your life will be a Life of Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

PARISH-MISSION

Testimony + Witness +

Story of Transformative Love.

March 13-14 at 7 PM, offered to us by Fr. Joseph Oganda at St. Joseph-Olney.

God invites everyone to a beautiful and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus is the testimony, witness, and story of healing and mercy for all time, including our time. How can we, the imperfect, find the right paths that lead us to an encounter with Jesus Christ, the perfect love? Come to the Mission and be transformed by His Love!

Lenten Book Study - Seriously, God?

– by Ave Maria Press.

The study begins the first week of Lent and will be offered after the evening Masses. St. Joseph-Olney book study will be after the Wednesday morning Mass. The book will be available this weekend (February 26/27). The schedule for the book: Week 1: March 7-10: Intro & Ch: 1.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal: This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

It's not too late! You can still subscribe to *The Messenger* using your subscription envelope; or call 618-233-8670. To subscribe online go to, www.bellevillemessenger.org

Please Note: The Diocese of Belleville continues to require masking at Mass (including school Masses). Bishop McGovern asks for this precaution as an act of kindness and care toward our elderly and vulnerable, for the sake of our health care workers and facilities, and so that our clergy may best continue their ministry. We all look forward to the day when these precautions will no longer be deemed necessary.

*Sirach 27:4-7. Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16.
1 Corinthians 15:54-58. Luke 6:39-45.*

Believing in the Resurrection of the Dead. We have been reading and hearing Saint Paul to the Corinthians since the middle of January. He proclaims the resurrection of Jesus as

victory over death. This belief, this word from the creed – “he...rose again on the third day” – is central to faith. It lays the foundation for our own being raised one day because death is not the end of us. We say in faith each Sunday: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.”

* Even though November is past, how can I still remember the dead? For whom will I pray? Whom among them will I ask to pray for me?

* How am I preparing now for my own resurrection from the dead at some later time?

* How will I act and speak in this life knowing that there is life to come after death?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Friday, March 4: Fish Fry Night benefitting the Olney Senior Citizens, serving from 5PM- 7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Kudos to last week’s volunteer workers: Dan Zwilling, Jim Volk, Joe Hough, Gary Kuhl, Janice Pampe, and Lori Zimmerle.

Thursday, March 10: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, March 17: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

2022 High School Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship Applications are available at the back of each of the three churches and at the Richland County High School Guidance Office. Applications must be received by 5PM, Wednesday, April 13 at the St. Joseph Church Office, or returned by mail to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. 62450.

Male Practical Catholics 18+ are encouraged to be a new Olney Council Knights of Columbus member in the parishes of Wendelin, Stringtown and Olney with free dues in 2022. Contact Hank Ginder (618-843-3016) or email at hnginder76@hotmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw is at Breese on Sunday, March 13 and winners qualify for the State Competition at St. Anthony in Effingham on Sunday, April 24.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
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'Renewing the Vision'
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~ Mission Statement ~
St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts, we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

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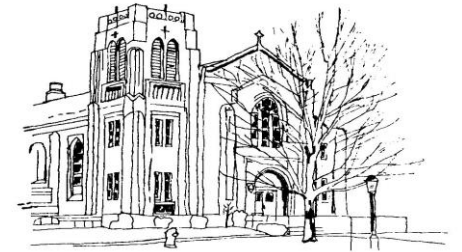
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~ Sacraments ~
Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.
Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ Welcome, New Parishioners ~
Please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (392-8181) to receive a new member packet. (If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

~ St. Joseph School ~
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