

Sunday, January 29, 2023
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Jan. 30 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Jan. 31 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
**Wed. Feb. 1 8:05 am Margaret Troutman
Lawson;
Eulalia Kocher**

Thu. Feb. 2 No Mass
Fri. Feb. 3 8:00 am For the Parish
**Sat. Feb. 4 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Bob & Bev Weber**
**Sun. Feb. 5 8:00 am Jim & Mary Steber;
Rita Hann**

8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dale and Mary Jane Tibbs
Missalettes: Mike and Lori Uhl

OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 22

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$4,336.50 (78) Loose: \$178
Guatemala: \$35 (2) 1st Offering: \$20 (4)

~ **Kudos** ~

◆ To newly baptized *Josie Luella Will*, child of Kent and Renea (Kapper) Will.

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, January 29

- **Catholic Schools Week**
- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**
- **12 PM (Noon), Baptism**

Tuesday, January 31

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation “The Eucharist” at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 1

- **Rosary after Mass**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Thursday, February 2

- **2 PM, Living Rosary**

Friday, February 3

- **8 AM, First Friday Mass**
- **9 AM, Communion Visitation**

Tuesday, February 7

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation “The Eucharist” at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Thursday, February 9

- **5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting**

Friday, February 10

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- 7 PM, Euchre at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, February 19

- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, CYM Spaghetti Lunch at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. There will also be a basket/dessert raffle. Everyone welcome!

🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

Catholic Schools Week is here! Highlights:

- * VFW Spaghetti Dinner - Join us Sunday, January 29 serving from 11 AM - 1 PM to benefit the 8th grade account
- * Soup-er Bowl Food Drive to support Good Samaritan
- * Community Heroes Change Drive to support the Family Life Center
- * Wednesday - Alumni Mass, 8:05 AM (KN). Call the school office if you want to join us.
- * Thursday - Living Rosary presented by 1st and 2nd grades, 2:10 PM in the church
- * Friday - 5th Grade Saints Wax Museum in the Gymnasium (public viewing 11 AM - noon)
- * Valentines for all residents of local care facilities
- * Mark your calendars: St. Joseph School St. Patty's Day Bingo Night - including bingo, games, silent and live auctions! Saturday, March 18th.

Doors open at 5:30 PM - games begin at 7 PM. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200 - call the school office (395-3081). We will have both a silent auction and a live auction. The committee is asking our school family and parish families for help. If you are willing to donate an item for our auctions, please contact Lora Kocher (618-843-8126), Amanda Nelson (217-621-5884) or the school office (618-395-3081). Ways you can help: * Donate an item(s) to be used for the auctions. * Donate money to put towards the purchase of larger auction items. * Contact your place of employment (or a family member's) and ask them for a donation. * Get together with a group of other families and donate a larger item.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Please turn in all sold and unsold 2023 St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars. The drawing begins Tuesday, January 31.

Let Us Pray For: Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch.

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.

FROM FR. MARK: This week, throughout the United States, we acknowledge and celebrate the role our Catholic Schools play in the formation of faith in our children. Catholic faith formation is a form of evangelization. Evangelization is the fundamental mission of the Church. It describes all the ways the Church—including clergy, religious, and all the baptized faithful—teaches, celebrates, and witnesses to the gospel message with the aim of conforming hearts and minds to Jesus Christ. Evangelization includes an introduction to the gospel message through word and deed with a focus on receiving the gift of faith. Faith formation primarily focuses on deepening initial conversion to faith. It incorporates the catechetical, liturgical, and

pastoral ministries. Because it is a form of evangelization, faith formation is a lifelong process.

St. Joseph Catholic School and our Family Catechesis program at St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and St. Joseph-Stringtown, promote ongoing conversion to Jesus. Conversion describes a commitment to Christ, reflected in a person's decisions, actions, and relationships. Receiving the gift of faith begins the conversion process. Conversion has a beginning, often referred to as “initial conversion.” We are never done conforming our lives to Christ. It is an ongoing process or “journey.” The role of Catholic School and Family Catechesis program is to both inspire initial conversion and, subsequently, deepen it.

Faith includes both a set of beliefs and a set of actions that correspond to those beliefs. But faith is not lived in isolation. The life of faith is lived in community with other believers. We are called, by God, to community. The Word of God, the Sacraments, Ordained Ministers, and the witness of the faithful, together, inspire and nurture faith. To be formed in the faith, in part, is to be prepared for life in a community—a life marked by service, humility, and charity.

Catholic education and catechesis is directed not only toward service of the believing community, but also to society at large. Jesus called his disciples to go out to all the world to spread the good news of salvation. Catholics do this when they use their gifts and talents in the service of others. Evangelization—proclaiming the Good News of Christ—is not just a matter of preaching but showing kindness and charity to others. Faith formation nurtures the mind and the heart so that the gospel message may be evidenced by words and deeds.

Through engagement with Catholic Schools Week 2023, our parish and school communities have an opportunity to support and give living witness to the Person of Christ in our ethos, values and characteristic spirit.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

How Great is our Lord! He offers us the only way to live and that is found in the Beatitudes. These words are intended to be the “attitudes” of our life. Our Lord knows we are not always going to be jovial because life is not always like that. There will be trials-sickness- hurts- loss-but Our Lord always offers a blessed way. So, Blessed be the poor in spirit-those who mourn-the meek-the hungry-the merciful-clean of heart-the peacemakers-those persecuted-the insulted: *Great is the reward!* Live a life of Beatitudes- a Life of Love and let the blessings flow. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Save the Date: Lenten Quad-Parish Renewal, March 5-8 at 6:30 PM with social afterwards. Join us for **Eucharistic Discipleship** with Dr. Mark Ginter. Each one of our parishes will host a night for the Lenten Renewal.

- * Sunday, March 5 at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 - * Monday, March 6 at St. Joseph-Stringtown
 - * Tuesday, March 7 at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 - * Wednesday, March 8 at St. Joseph-Olney
- More information to follow in the weeks ahead!

Deepest sympathy to the family of Catherine Ann (Deimel) McDowell. May she rest in the peace of God’s love.

The Parish and Family Life Committee is sponsoring a “Valentine’s Day Card and Cake” project for ALL the residents of our local Long Term Care Facilities. We will be collecting Valentine’s cards, homemade hearts or posters along with boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes from parish members and St. Joseph School students from now until Friday, February 10. Cards, posters and snack cakes will be delivered to all the facilities prior to Valentine’s Day. Donations can be dropped off at the front doors of St. Joseph Church in Olney or to Sondra Geiger at Blank’s Insurance Agency at 515 S.

Whittle Ave. If you have questions or would prefer your items to be picked up, please call Sondra Geiger (618-843-8532).

Let us remember; 1 Corinthians 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 4-5. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$25 for digital only, \$30 for print only, and \$35 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger.**

The family of Cathy McDowell would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and many acts of kindness during this difficult time. All are appreciated more than words can express. Thank you to the ladies of the parish who prepared and served the delicious meal. May God bless all of you!

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Tuesday, February 7: K of C Free Throw Shootout at St. Joe for 3rd through 8th grade PE Classes. Winners advance to the Regional at St. Anthony’s in Effingham. Regional winners qualify for the State Free Throw Competition also in Effingham.
Thursday, February 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Friday, February 10: First Fish Fry Night, 5 PM - 7 PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please come and support our groups for charity in Richland County.
Thursday, February 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

All 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students: Study for the upcoming Spelling Bee. Cash prizes for 5th grade students. Cash prizes for the Spelling Bee for the upper grades with four winners qualifying for the State Spelling Bee in Petersburg.

St. Joseph Church
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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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~ 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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