

*Sunday, November 28, 2021*  
*1st Sunday of Advent*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

- Mon. Nov. 29 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
Tue. Nov. 30 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Dec. 1 8:05 am Special Intention**  
Thu. Dec. 2 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Sat. Dec. 4 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Joseph, Norman & Carl Zwilling; Marj, George & William Weidner; Living & Deceased of the Raymond & Christina Kocher family**  
**Sun. Dec. 5 8:00 am Moses Fremont Walker**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: In Memory of Don Fehrenbacher  
Missalettes: Blank's Insurance

**OUR TITHES FOR NOVEMBER 21**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$7,967.50 (70) Loose: \$169  
Guatemala: \$25 (2) All Saints: \$15 (2)  
C.C.H.D.: \$440 (14)

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**\* AROUND OUR PARISH \***

**Wednesday, December 1**

- Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!
- Bulletin deadline, 3 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

**Sunday, December 5**

- Advent Penance Service for the parish and 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders, 1 PM.

**Wednesday, December 8**

- Good Samaritan, 9 AM -11 AM.

**Friday, December 10**

- Good Samaritan, 9 AM -11 AM.
- Finance Council, 12 PM (Noon).

Looking ahead to the upcoming Holiday Season, please remember, **THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE REQUIRES ALL PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS TO WEAR A MASK.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24**

- \* **4:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- \* 4:00 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- \* 6:00 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- \* **8:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- \* 9:00 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25**

- \* **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**
- \* 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- \* 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- \* 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Sunday, December 26**

- \* **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**
- \* 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- \* 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- \* 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Wednesday, December 1**

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (3rd)

**Sunday, December 5**

- 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders, 1 PM.

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\* Thanks to Ms. Pottorff and our middle school band for the outstanding performance!

\* We hope everyone had a faith-filled Thanksgiving! We are grateful for the

commitment of our parents and staff, the support of our parishes, and the love of God.

\* We are accepting donations of gently used Christmas gift bags for our Santa Workshop. We will also accept gift tags and wrapping paper to help with our effort.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

November 22: Michael Tegeler (#526)  
November 23: Mary Zuber (#239)  
November 24: Lynn Wagner (#069)  
November 25: Aidan Zuber (#825)  
November 26: Kathy Davis (#435)

**Let Us Pray for:** Mike Dowty, Sondra Geiger, Frank Ginder, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Fr. Vincent Haselhorst, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer, Tony Tredway, Kurt Wengert and Clara Wilson.

*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**

*Be Watchful! Be Alert!* This is the first Sunday of Advent and we must be watchful and alert to the signal graces of *Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace*. The season of Advent can offer the opportunity to spiritually renew and enjoy the simple things-especially this year. Let this season of Advent bring forth a renewal of *Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace* that is only found in Jesus. Begin and end your day in prayer, pick up an Advent devotional, sit in silence, smile, extend kindness to those that you ignore or cast judgment upon...Change your habits to a habit of Love! *Be Watchful! Be Alert!* Live a Life of Love and light one purple

candle on your Advent wreath for **Hope!** Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**Volunteer Now!** Lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), greeters, ushers and gift-bearers are needed for the Christmas Eve Masses, Christmas Day Mass and New Year's Eve Mass. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help at the Mass you plan to attend.

**Giving Tree:** This Advent, our parish again has the opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with our less fortunate neighbors by supporting our Giving Tree. You may choose one (or more) ornaments from the baskets by the doors, purchase and wrap the requested gift, place the sticker from the ornament on the package for identification, then place the ornament on the tree and the gift under the tree. The gifts will be delivered during Christmas week to the families whose Christmas would be very bleak without your caring. For more information, call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151).

**We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2022.** With the mass schedule spread across the four parishes of our partnership, it is important that we follow Canon Law and Diocesan Policy concerning mass intentions: Only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Christmas, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Memorial Day, All

Souls Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

**The annual Cookie Walk** this year will be held on December 18 and 19 after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. The Cookie Walk will consist of containers prepackaged with homemade cookies. We will have small containers with approximately ½ dozen cookies, medium containers with approximately 1 ½ dozen cookies, and large tray with 3 dozen cookies. We will be requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 17 in the multi-purpose room during school hours, and on December 18 between 8 AM and 10 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).

**Annual Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser in support of the Family Life Center in Effingham. We collected \$1,091.55.

**The family of Clorine Kistner** would like to thank the ladies who prepared and served the funeral dinner, Valerie Rodriguez, Fr. Bill for the beautiful music and Fr. Stec for the funeral mass. Also thank you to everyone for their prayers and kind words, especially St. Joseph School children for sending her cards for her 107th birthday on October 14, 2021.

**The Good Samaritan of Richland County** is run entirely by volunteer staff, supported by approximately 12 of the local churches, including our church. A number of people help on a regular rotational basis on the days of distribution (Wednesday and Friday mornings) to help distribute the food. This year, our church is signed up to help on December 8 and December 10. In 2022, we are signed up for February 23 and 25, May 11 and

13, July 27 and 29, October 12 and 14 and December 28 and 30. We presently need more volunteers who can help out for just a few hours on those days. If you would be willing to help with this much-needed ministry in our community, please call Sabina Cantrell (1-682-438-8288).

**Please Note:** The Advent Evensong this year at Holy Cross Church-Wendelin has been cancelled.

**2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
The ministries and programs that rely on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ensure the healing, teaching and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ for the people of our Belleville Diocese. Yet, their work cannot continue without YOUR help and support. We ask for your continued prayers for the success of The Appeal and, if you are able, please consider making a gift. No amount is too large or small and donations are accepted throughout the year. Thank you and God bless!

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Friday December 3:** Deadline for Christ in Christmas Posters to respective teachers or at the back of the churches in Stringtown and Olney.  
**Sunday, December 5:** Free Member and Family catered Christmas Dinner at St. Joseph-Olney multi-purpose room, 5 PM. Santa arrives after the meal.

**Kudos** to all for a successful Mass for deceased members: Father Mark, Eleanor and Dan for the music, Carl Sager family for the organization and servers, all the family members of the deceased members and the chalice ceremony with Deacon Thomas Lugge. An enjoyable meal with Deacon Lugge was at Monical's, prior to the Mass.

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450  
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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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