

Sunday, September 5, 2021  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sept. 6 6:30PM (at Stringtown)  
Tue. Sept. 7 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Sept. 8 8:05am Special Intention**  
Thu. Sept. 9 6:30PM (at Wendelin)

**Sat. Sept. 11 4:00PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00PM Francis & Hermina Zuber;**  
**Magdalene & Greg Zwilling;**  
**Jim & Mary Steber family**

**Sun. Sept. 12 8:00am Ralph Zwilling;**  
**Cleone & Delbert Gumble**  
8:00am (at Stringtown)  
10:00am (at Wendelin)  
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

#### OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich  
Missalettes: A Parishioner

#### OUR TITHES FOR AUGUST 29

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$5,499 (73) Loose: \$69  
Guatemala: \$30 (2)

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\* AROUND OUR PARISH \*

#### Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

- The Parish Office is closed.

#### Wednesday, September 8

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

- Cemetery Committee meeting, 6:30PM, in the multi-purpose room.

#### Friday, September 10

- Finance Council, 12 PM (Noon).

#### 🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

##### Monday, September 6

- No School (Labor Day)

##### Wednesday, September 8

- All School Mass, 8:05 AM, grades 3rd - 8th attend. (6th Grade Mass)

##### Friday, September 10

- Mum Pick-Up at the parking lot across from the gymnasium

#### CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

August 30: Betty Slover (#697)  
August 31: Terrence Schrey (#170)  
September 1: Kim Weber (#569)  
September 2: Tim Ridgely (#378)  
September 3: Elizabeth Zuber (#665)

**Let Us Pray for:** Mike Dowty, Cindy Foerster, Peggy Fye, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer, Tony Tredway and Kurt Wengert.

*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

Jesus heals! In our Gospel today, we read where Jesus restored the speech and hearing of the mute and deaf man. Interesting, point to ponder- but we all are mute and deaf on some level- physically-spiritually-mentally-emotionally. We go through this life picking and choosing what we want to see and hear. Then we wonder why we

stumble around on our journey towards God. There is opportunity every moment of the day to seek the Lord. So, whatever is weighing on your heart- bring it to Jesus. Ask the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, to open your ears and tongue for God Alone. Be healed and Live a Life of Love- sharing and showing the wonders of His Healing. Praise the Lord My Soul! Praise His Holy Name! *St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**Our Annual Smorgasbord** will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Smorgasbord worker sign-up sheet and information to follow! If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Brazil (618-816-2544).

**Noodle day** will be held on Saturday, September 18 starting at 7 AM in the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed - please contact Julie Herring at (618) 562-9655 with any questions.

**Cash Raffle Tickets Available:** The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st Prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th Prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391 or jar325@yahoo.com). Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be Sunday, October 17.

**Quilt Raffle Tickets** will be handed out after both Masses this weekend (September 4th/5th). The items will be on display this weekend also.

**We still need your help!** Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries. Please contact the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email ([stjosephchurch\\_olney@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in serving our church family as a Lector,

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter or Gift Bearer. We will offer training.

**Deepest sympathy** to the family of Joe Frank Hunt, Jr. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

**We are now accepting mass intentions through December 31, 2021.** 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.

**The 2021-2022 PSR Registration** is open on the parish website. Our Opening PSR Mass will be on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin. More information to come through Flocknote.

**Retired Diocesan Priests Collection:** Next week we will take up the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which supports our Belleville Diocese's retired priests now and in the years ahead. Your donation is a wonderful way to say thank you to our priests who have so faithfully served and given us so much. Please be generous!

**The Stringtown Community Club** is hosting this season's first committee meeting on Monday, September 13 at 7 PM at the Stringtown Parish center. This night will be focusing on club members signing up for committees such as the Halloween Party and trunk or treat, Soup Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, Blood Drives, Senior Citizens breakfast, Mother's and Father's banquets, Scholarship committee, and the church picnic's basket stand. The Community club facilitates those activities and can only do so with the continued

support of community members in and around Stringtown. Please consider joining us for this informational meeting and getting involved in your community's events. You do not have to live in Stringtown to be a member, and both men and women are encouraged to join. At each meeting, you have the opportunity at a chance to win a prize and we will typically have different activities or speakers from the area. This year, we would love to hear feedback from the community members on what events or speakers they would be interested in getting to know more about. If you would like to speak at a monthly meeting or cannot make the meeting, but would still like to be involved in a committee during this season, please call or text the Stringtown Community Club president, Ashlie Zwilling at 615-332-2500 or email her at [hope7695@yahoo.com](mailto:hope7695@yahoo.com)

*Isaiah 35:4-7a. Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10.*

*James 2:1-5. Mark 7:31-37.*

**Be Opened!** Jesus heals a deaf and mute man today who immediately speaks plainly. Before the Baptism of adults and after that for babies and children, the Church imitates Jesus with the Ephphetha Rite [EF-fah-thah]. In opening the ears and mouth, we pray for the grace to hear the word of God and to profess it every day.

\* To what right behavior do I turn a deaf ear, a closed mouth?

\* What needs opening so I may hear the word of God?

\* What needs opening so I may speak truth?

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

**Tuesday, Sept. 7 & Thursday, Sept. 9:** St. Joe Students K of C Soccer Shoot-Out during PE Classes.

**Thursday, September 9:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Membership Video; 6:30 PM in the multi-purpose room at St. Joseph-Olney. 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM. Any potential new member contact Hank. No fees or dues for the remainder of this year.

**Friday, Sept. 10 & Saturday, Sept. 11:** K of C Tootsie Roll Days at Olney IGA. 4 PM - 8 PM Friday, 8 AM - 8 PM Saturday. Contact Hank (618-843-3016) or email at [hnginder76@hotmail.com](mailto:hnginder76@hotmail.com), if you wish to reserve an hour.  
**Thursday, September 16:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

**UPDATED GUIDANCE ON MASKS-DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE:** Based on the new State of Illinois mask mandate taking effect Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, age two and older, are required to wear a mask while indoors. This includes weekday and weekend Masses, Eucharistic adoration, children's liturgy of the Word, PSR, nursery, etc. Masking is also required at all indoor parish social events.

The safety protocols for Mass and Liturgy sent in June 2021 remain in effect, which include:

- All communicants should sanitize hands prior to the reception of Communion. This should occur as people approach the priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.
- It is a good practice to continue to offer hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church.
- Parishes should continue to clean and disinfect pews and other high touch surfaces after every celebration and/or event.
- Priests, Deacons and servers should sanitize their hands frequently.

Parishes with upcoming outdoor festivals may also want to consider wearing masks in crowded outdoor settings with activities that involve close contact.

Layered mitigation approaches have proven to be most successful in minimizing Covid transmission in our churches. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to keep our people safe and our churches open.

Again...Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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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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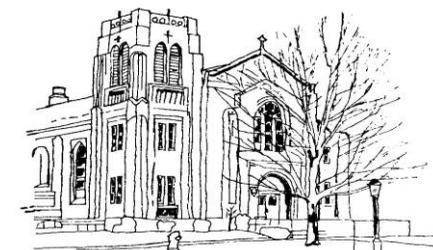
~ **Sacraments** ~

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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