

Sunday, December 26, 2021  
Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Dec. 27 No Mass  
Tue. Dec. 28 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Dec. 29 8:05 am Special Intention**  
Thu. Dec. 30 No Mass

**Fri. Dec. 31 ~ Vigil of Mary, Mother of God ~  
5:00 PM For the Parish**  
5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)

**Sat. Jan. 1** 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)  
**5:00 PM For the Parish**

**Sun. Jan. 2 8:00 am Christina Ginder  
Patricia Gassmann**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

#### OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Family Hair Care (Betty Slover)  
Missalettes: Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes

#### OUR TITHES FOR DECEMBER 19

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$10,396.50 (68) Loose: \$202  
Guatemala: \$110 (3) Flowers: \$352 (14)  
Retired Religious: \$350 (6)

#### \* AROUND OUR PARISH \*

##### Tuesday, December 28

- Bulletin deadline, 3 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

##### Wednesday, December 29

- Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!

##### Thursday, December 30

- The Parish Office is closed.

##### Friday, December 31

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#### 🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

##### **Thursday, December 23 -Monday, January 3**

- Christmas Break.

##### **Tuesday, January 4**

- School resumes.

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\* The school is grateful to the families of Richard Sorensen and Helen Hoffman for choosing the school for memorials.

\* Thank you to Jason and Erin Gallagher for sponsoring a staff meal!

\* Merry Christmas from the staff at St. Joseph School!

\* 2022 Benefit Calendars are here. The price is \$20. Total payout is \$8,500. Calendars are for sale at the School Office, the Parish Office or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391).

#### CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

December 20: Joyce Brokhof (#539)  
December 21: Bobbi Ginder (#363)  
December 22: Juli Stewart (#515)  
December 23: Greg McPheron (#383)  
December 24: Bryan Headley (#571)  
December 25: Martha Peavler (#148) \$500

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

**THANK YOU** to all the office staff, musicians, church decorating committee and liturgical ministers in making our Christmas masses a reverent and joyful celebration.

**THANK YOU** for all the gifts, cards and Christmas well wishes. - Fr. Mark Stec

#### Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S.+

*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

*Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year  
to you and all your loves!*

The long-awaited gift of Love has come! Let the heavens rejoice, and our hearts be gladdened with that *Silent Night* promise of never-ending, always faithful, and true Love! May all the heavenly blessings that come from that glorious first Holy Family + Jesus + Mary + Joseph resides in your heart always! *Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.* Let us begin to live anew a *Life of Love*- a life that truly radiates the Love of God to one and all! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**Dear Friends in Christ,** As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: “we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us.” My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion, and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ. Sincerely yours in Christ,

- Bishop Michael McGovern

**Thank you** to all the parishioners who baked cookies. Without all of your cookies, we could not have had a successful Cookie Walk! Thank you to all of the wonderful help in preparing and cleaning up! Thank you to all who came over and bought the cookies. What a blessing it was! The total earnings were \$678.

**Deepest sympathy** to the family of Richard Sorensen. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

**Deepest sympathy** to the family of Helen Hoffman. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

**Healing Blankets** are intended to comfort the recipients by knowing that they are being prayed for, for whatever the case: illness, grief, loss or loneliness. The blanket is a reminder of the love and prayers of our parish community. Our prayer that is ironed on to the blanket says it all: “*This blanket was sewn with love and blessed. Know that you are covered by the prayers and love of St. Joseph's members. In Jesus' name we pray that you will be healed.*” With each blanket, a person receives a booklet called "You are covered in Prayer" and a letter that explains what the blanket is all about. To request a blanket, come to the Parish Office. There is no cost, but a donation would be accepted to help offset the expense of this ministry.

#### 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*Whoever believes in me will do  
the works that I do... - John 14:12*

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity.

*-From the Ministries and Programs Funded  
by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal*

**Please remember**, the Diocese of Belleville requires all people attending mass to wear a mask.

*1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28. Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24. Luke 2:22-40.*

**Family Life.** Even the pre-teen Jesus astonishes and worries his parents as they fret over their child! Those of us who are parents know this stress. But all of us, even us aged ones, are still children of God, dearly loved and called to be obedient.

- \* How will I obey God this day?
- \* What commandment will I keep?
- \* What mercy work will I do?

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~.

**Thursday, January 13:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Thursday, January 20:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

**Sunday, January 30:** K of C Mass Ministry, 8AM at St. Joseph-Olney, followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

\* K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM.

**The Olney Council Knights of Columbus** Tootsie Roll Charity Drive wishes to thank our local parishes for their contributions which totaled \$3,769.59 to benefit the following Richland County Special Needs Services; Special Olympics, Special Needs Classrooms, and the Workshop Summer Camp.

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



'Renewing the Vision'

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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.

~ **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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~ **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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