

*Sunday, December 10, 2023*  
*2nd Sunday of Advent*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Dec. 11 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
 Tue. Dec. 12 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Dec. 13 8:00 am Fr. Dennis Voss;  
 James Mark Weiler**  
 Thu. Dec. 14 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. Dec. 15 8:00 am Special Intention**  
**Sat. Dec. 16 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Francis & Hermina  
 Zuber;  
 Bernadette M.  
 Kocher**  
**Sun. Dec. 17 8:00 am Lawrence &  
 Dorothy  
 Fehrenbacher;  
 Tom & Bernice  
 Fehrenbacher**  
 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 3**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
 Envelopes: \$8,452 (96) Outreach: \$104  
 Guatemala: \$411 (25) C.C.H.D.: \$25 (1)  
 Flowers: \$625 (35)

~ *Kudos* ~

- ◆ To *Verneatha Kessler*, who will celebrate her 103rd birthday on December 14. Happy birthday!
- ◆ To *Jeanne Dehlinger*, who will celebrate her 95th birthday on December 19. Happy birthday! Cards can be sent to her at 4615 E. Golf Ln., Olney.

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Saturday, December 9**

- 4 PM - 7 PM, Annual Cookie Walk in the multi-purpose room. We will also have bagged noodles for sale for \$6.
- 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM, Cookies with Santa, sponsored by the St. Joseph School enrollment committee. Children aged birth-Kindergarten are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa!

**Sunday, December 10**

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.
- 8 AM - 10 AM, Annual Cookie Walk in the multi-purpose room. We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6).

**Wednesday, December 13**

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

**Thursday, December 21**

- 2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Also taking walk-ins after school program.

**\* CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE \***

***Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24***

- \* 4 PM at St. Joseph-Olney
- \* 4 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin

***Christmas Day - Monday, December 25***

- \* 12 AM at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- \* 8 AM at St. Joseph-Olney
- \* 8 AM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

**Saturday, December 9**

- 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM, Cookies with Santa, in the multi-purpose room.

**Tuesday, December 12**

- Girls' 8th grade night.

**Wednesday, December 13**

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 / Thursday, Dec. 14**

- Santa's Workshop in the MPR.

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 \* **Thanks** to Deacon Steve Andrews and Mr. Jim Gibson for speaking with our 5th-8th grade students about Jim's prison ministry. His commitment and faith in working with individuals incarcerated is inspirational.

\* **Any parishioner** interested in 2024-25 enrollment must contact the school office prior to the Christmas break.

\* **2024 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**

Nov. 27: Jackie Houchin (#670)  
 Nov. 28: Silas Volk (#257)  
 Nov. 29: Tony & Stacey Steber (#379)  
 Nov. 30: Wayne Bateman (#550)  
 Dec. 1: Avery Eagleson (#319)

**Let Us Pray For:** Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.

*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**

***Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate***

The journey of Advent longs to bring us into a deepening awareness; an awareness that our lives are being drawn closer to the babe in the womb of Mary. This babe is Jesus, but before we come to know Him, we must come to know the Mother. Yes, Mary is the Mother of God, and she carries the King of Kings in her womb. Mary wants us, we who are also her children, to walk with her during these days of waiting and

longing. A waiting for the best gift to be given; a longing for the breath of God to envelop our heart, mind, and soul. Mary leads us to life! Take time this season to truly come to know Jesus! After all, He is still the reason for the season. Light your second purple candle of **Peace** and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

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

**Christmas Flower Memorials:** Please use the envelope labeled 'Christmas Flower Offering' included in your December packet. Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase the flowers to decorate our church. On the reverse side of the envelope, please print clearly the person the memorial is for. A list of the memorials will be published at a later date.

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Monday, December 11 to make any changes for the January and February schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule.

**Parish and Family Life Committee:** The committee is sponsoring a "Christmas Card and Cake" community outreach project for ALL the residents of our local Long Term Care Facilities. We will be collecting Christmas cards along with boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes from parish members and St. Joseph School students from now until Sunday, December 17. Cards and snack cakes will be delivered to all the facilities

prior to Christmas 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."*

**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 deadline to turn in gifts is Sunday, December 24. After the deadline, please call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151) to arrange for pick-up.

**We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2024.** 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, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

**We are accepting** donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items. These items will be given to the Good Samaritan of

Richland County. Please place these items in the basket in the church vestibule.

**Thank you** to Ken Hake and Curtis Marshall for making the new stand for the Advent wreath.

**Support a lifetime of service.** Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need-usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 250,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

**2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,500 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2023 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small!

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

**Thursday, December 14:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Thursday, December 21:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Sunday, December 31:** K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney. Volunteer Ministry at 8 AM Mass. Fellowship breakfast to follow at a local restaurant.

**Kudos** to 67 in attendance at the Christmas Appreciation Dinner! Thanks to Steve Kuenstler and family for the dinner preparation.

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



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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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Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

**~ 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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