

Sunday, February 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 19 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Feb. 20 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Feb. 21 8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
Thu. Feb. 22 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Feb. 23 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Feb. 24 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Ed Weiler, Mr. & Mrs. Ves Weiler; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Faller
Sun. Feb. 25 8:00 am Jim & Mary Steber; Dudley Chamberlin
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 11

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,398.25 (83) Loose: \$252
Guatemala: \$280 (9)

~ Kudos ~

◆ To *Mary Jane Kuentler*, who will celebrate her 96th birthday on February 23. Happy birthday!

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Saturday, February 17 / Sunday, February 18

• The Rosary will be prayed before each of the Masses through March 16/17. It will begin a half hour prior to the start of Mass. If you would like to lead the rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Sunday, February 18

• 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day

• The Parish Office is closed.

Tuesday, February 20

• 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.
• 7 PM, OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Wednesday, February 21

• Rosary, after Mass.
• Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney begins, and will continue on every Wednesday at 9:15AM and again at 7:00 PM in Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll use our imaginations to enter into the scene, create the characters and be there in the world of the reading.
• 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

Thursday, February 22

• 2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are available. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Walk-ins are welcome.

Friday, February 23

• 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Holy-Cross, Wendelin.
• 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.



St. Joseph School Notes



Monday, February 19

• No School (Presidents' Day).

Tuesday, February 20

• FFA Petting Zoo, PreK - 1st Grades.

Wednesday, February 21

• 8:05 AM, School Mass (5th).

Saturday, February 24

• 4:30 PM - 7 PM, Boosters Pasta Dinner featuring Joe's sauce and the PTO Carnival. Join us for dinner and games!

St. Joseph School Bingo Bash - March 9 at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donations being accepted include unopened bottles of wine. If you are able to donate wine, you may put your bottles in the special box in the back of church. Please have all wine bottle donations dropped off before March 3.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 5: Claire Uhl (#406)
Feb. 6: Annette & Brian Mosby (#418)
Feb. 7: Susan Mitchell (#646)
Feb. 8: Jacob Enlow (#585)
Feb. 9: Gene & Sandy Fehrenbacher (#013)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Ben Kessler, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, 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 season of Lent provides the opportunity for one to *die with Christ*. To let those bad habits-behaviors- attitudes- opinions- ultimately “vices” to die. They must die so that God can be *-more-* so that HE will be what fills our hearts with kindness- compassion- generosity- forgiveness - ultimately with “virtue.” Are you willing to journey more intimately towards the heart of the Father? Then begin with dying by praying, fasting, and giving alms. Journey onward this Lent -carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting and Almsgiving! - and you will Rise with HIM at Easter. *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

Family Catechesis Month of the Holy Family

February- Eucharistic Adoration

Live Your Catholic Faith:

Say out loud everyday: No one will **Rise from the dead** who has not **First Died with Jesus!**

Ask yourself this daily: What do I need to have **die** within me? so that I will **rise** with Jesus!

Our Family: Lord, bless our family. All of us now together, those who are far away, all who are gone back to you. May we know joy! May we bear our sorrows in patience. Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other. Let us be grateful to each other. We have all made each other what we are. O Family of Jesus, watch over our family! Amen.

Parish and Family Life Committee: A huge thank you to Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Hart, teachers and students at St. Joseph School for all the amazing Valentine cards they made for our area nursing home residents and our Veteran friends at Hutsonville. The artwork and sweet messages put a huge smile on some very dear faces. We are so grateful for all of your support.

Euchre Tournaments: Please join us on Sunday, February 18 and March 3 at 2 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournaments sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

Respect Life Corner: “We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility” respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Pilgrimage to Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul; December 1-11, 2024. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez, and Cheryl Sommer. Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville. Cost: \$3,999. By traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul as he organized churches throughout new territory, pilgrims will be invited to reflect on what their own knowledge of Christ is calling them to do and what it means to be part of the Church today. We will also see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees in southern Greece. Pilgrimage sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and

more. A registration brochure may be downloaded at www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24061. For more information, contact CRS Diocesan Animator, Cheryl Sommer at crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Friday, February 23: Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support the Senior Citizens Center. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.
Sunday, February 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.
Monday, February 26: St. Joseph School 5th Grade Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes of \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4, \$2, \$2 and \$2.
Tuesday, Feb. 27 & Wednesday, Feb. 28: Free Throw Competition during 3rd-8th grade PE Classes.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive: The crib is now in the church. During Lent, please consider a donation to benefit young mothers and their babies for the Jasper County Health Department, Richland Clinic.

High School Seniors: Olney Council Knights of Columbus \$250 Scholarship information forms are now in the Guidance Office and in the back of the church.

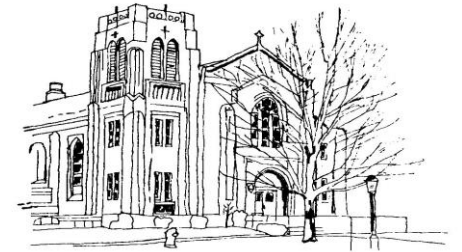
Kudos to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade Spelling Bee winners this week of cash prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$7, \$4 and \$2. Congratulations to all participants and winners: 1st- Korynn Snider. 2nd- Kylah Matthews. 3rd- Yzabella Biyok. 4th- Mattux Hart. 5th- Braden Weidner. 6th- Judah Dicks. 7th- Isabella Stevens. Top three winners qualify for the Regional Spelling Bee in Petersburg.

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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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