

Sunday, February 20, 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Feb. 21 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
 Tue. Feb. 22 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Feb. 23 8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
 Thu. Feb. 24 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. Feb. 26 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Jim & Mary Steber family;
Living & Deceased Harold Zuber family;
Kenny Buckels
Sun. Feb. 27 8:00 am Gerald & Pauline Rohr;
Mark Weiler
 8:00 am (at Stringtown)
 10:00 am (at Wendelin)
 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 13

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$12,370.50 (89) Loose: \$68
Guatemala: \$275 (10) 1st Offering: \$30 (5)

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross** to **84576** to get connected.

~ *Kudos* ~

◆ To newly baptized Cale Verdayne Seals, child of Clint and Jacquelyn (Kieffer) Seals.

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, February 20

- **8 AM, FFA present at mass at St. Joseph-Olney**
- **12 PM (noon), Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney**

Monday, February 21 - Presidents' Day

- **The Parish Office is closed.**

Tuesday, February 22

- 5:45 PM, Finance Council at St. Lawrence
- 7 PM, Catholic Youth Ministry at St. Joseph-Stringtown.

Wednesday, February 23

- **Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!**
- **9 AM-11 AM, Good Samaritan**
- 12 PM (noon), East Vicariate Meeting
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 5:30 PM, Women's Bible Study Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- **7 PM, Discussion of worldwide Synod at St. Joseph-Olney**

Thursday, February 24

- 7:15 PM, Finance Council at Holy Cross

Friday, February 25

- **9 AM-11 AM, Good Samaritan**

Saturday, February 26

- 4 PM, Celebration of Marriage at Holy Cross

Monday, February 28

- 7 PM, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 1

- 5:45 PM, Synod Discussion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

- **8:05 AM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Olney**
- 12 PM (Noon), Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, March 4

- 6:30 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation/Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Monday, February 21

- No School (Presidents' Day)

Wednesday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 26

- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Winter Carnival, 4:30 PM - 7 PM. Serving Joe's famous pasta, salad, dessert, and a drink for \$7 adult tickets and \$5 children. PTO Carnival Games in the gym from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

* Thanks to the many people who already sent in Annual Giving donations! We are grateful for your support. Annual Giving allows the school to purchase necessary curriculum materials, provide more competitive salaries for our fantastic staff, and keep the cost of tuition reasonable for our school families.

* If you want to support a school family afford the cost of a full-time Catholic education, you can gift to Empower IL and receive a 75% tax credit in the state of IL. For more information, go to empowerillinois.org/donate/

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 7: Darla Cummins (#001)
Feb. 8: Hudson Steber (#799)
Feb. 9: Jarrett Doll (#700)
Feb. 10: Lynn Tolliver (#564)
Feb. 11: Lea Potter (#383)

Let Us Pray For: Willie Deimel, Mike Dowty, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Kay Rowark, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow 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.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The power of our words is mighty - mightier than a two-edged sword. I recall as a child, hearing the words, "*Sticks, and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!*" Sadly, we soon realize, that this is not true! When we measure others- speak uncharitably- with *words of unkindness, disrespect, slander*- it is like taking a feather pillow-ripping it open and letting the feathers scatter in the wind. Once this is done, it is impossible to collect all the feathers again-the damage has been done. Let us Live a Life of Love that *does not measure* others, but *responds* to others with *kindness-gentleness- patience*- this is the *Christ-like way*. Keep the feathers in your pillow and let us scatter words of Love!

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Keep to the J.O.Y.S and pray for all M.C.4.C. couples!

M.C.4.C. LOVE is 21-day journey.... Keep to the journey and R.S.V.P. for the Marriage Blessing Mass and Mardi Gras Dinner on February 26th!

It's not too late! You can still subscribe to *The Messenger* using your subscription envelope; or call 618-233-8670. To subscribe online go to, www.bellevillemessenger.org

PARISH-MISSION

**Testimony + Witness +
Story of Transformative Love.**

March 13-14 at 7 PM, offered to us by
Fr. Joseph Oganda at St. Joseph-Olney.

God invites everyone to a beautiful and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus is the testimony, witness, and story of healing and mercy for all time, including our time. How can we, the imperfect, find the right paths that lead us to an encounter with Jesus Christ, the perfect love? Come to the Mission and be transformed by His Love!

Lenten Book Study - Seriously, God?

– by Ave Maria Press.

The study begins the first week of Lent and will be offered after the evening Masses. St. Joseph-Olney book study will be after the Wednesday morning Mass. The book will be available on the weekend of February 26/27. The schedule for the book: Week 1: March 7-10: Intro & Ch: 1.

Please Note: As our schools have moved to a mask-optional stance, at least provisionally pending further legal developments, it is worth clarifying that this change applies only to schools. The Diocese of Belleville continues to require masking at Mass (including school Masses). Bishop McGovern asks for this precaution as an act of kindness and care toward our elderly and vulnerable, for the sake of our health care workers and facilities, and so that our clergy may best continue their ministry. We all look forward to the day when these precautions will no longer be deemed necessary.

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38

Believing and Doing Five Things. Jesus, today, continues his preaching from last week. He tells us five things we must do as his followers. Love even those who do not love us. Be merciful as God is merciful. Stop judging other’s actions and motives. Forgive in order to be forgiven. Give, give, give. What a list! It makes for a busy week for each of us. And that is the pattern for every week that follows.

* How can my prayer and action be: “Lord, bless those I love and even those I do not love.”?

* How will I be merciful? What gifts will I give?

* Whom must I forgive?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Friday, February 25: Fish Fry Night, 5 PM-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please help us support our Council Member High School Senior Scholarship Program this evening.

Sunday, March 13: Regional Free Throw Competition for our Council winners at Mater Dei, Breese. Free throws begin at 1 PM.

2022 High School Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship Applications are available at the entrance of each of the three churches or at the Richland County High School Office. To qualify, the applicant or parent must be a current 3rd Degree member of Council 1352.

Are you a Practical Catholic 18+ and are considering joining the Knights of Columbus? This year Council 1352 is offering free dues to new members in the year 2022. Contact Hank Ginder (618-843-3016) text, or email at hnginder76@hotmail.com or more information.

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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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