

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 1 8:00 am For the Parish
6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Jan. 2 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Jan. 3 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher
Thu. Jan. 4 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Jan. 5 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Jan. 6 9:00 am (at Wendelin)
4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM James Mark Weiler;
Hermina Zuber
Sun. Jan. 7 8:00 am Christina Ginder
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 24

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$29,721.50 (78) Loose: \$236
Guatemala: \$120 (2) Flowers: \$165 (4)
Retired Religious: \$20 (1)

OUR TITHES FOR DECEMBER 25

Envelopes: \$9,555 (97) Loose: \$1,012
Collection for Needy: \$885 (24)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day

- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year).
- The Parish Office is closed.

Tuesday, January 2

- No Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will begin again on Tuesday, January 9.

Wednesday, January 3

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

Friday, January 5 - First Friday

- 8 AM, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 AM.

Saturday, January 6 - First Saturday

- 9 AM, First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, with confession beginning at 8:15 AM.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Monday, January 1 - Tuesday, January 2

- Christmas Break.

Wednesday, January 3

- School resumes.
- 8:05 AM, School Mass.

*** 2024 Benefit Calendars:** 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

Dec. 18: Graham Patterson (#068)
Dec. 19: Vickie Woods (#466)
Dec. 20: Jim Eagleson (#398)
Dec. 21: Mitchell Toliver (#760)
Dec. 22: Ron & Eleanor Steber (#232)

Let Us Pray For: Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, 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 Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

There is no place like home, and there is nothing like family. Those that are part of a family may not always have the same last name, DNA, faith, or the same culture. There is *family* that is given and *family* that is chosen! The Holy Family is a perfect example- Mary was Immaculately Conceived, Joseph is the foster Father, and Jesus was of a Divine Conception. Make no mistake, they were family, they loved each other, laughed, cried, supported, and shared the journey no matter the obstacles. What a family shares - *in season or out of season* - is the priceless gift of Holy Love. May this New Year bring Good Tidings and Bountiful Blessings to you and all your loves!

Farmers Supporting Farmers

Saturday January 13, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM
St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL
Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally will tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with

meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at cherylsommer@yahoo.com or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter at principal@stjoeolney.com or 618-395-3081.

Start your New Year off great by subscribing to *The Messenger*! Subscribe online for the paper or E-edition by going to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or call 618-233-8670.

Respect Life Corner: “Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life
www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Thursday, January 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, January 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

We wish to thank our Clergy and Deacons with an appreciation Christmas monetary gift!
Kudos to all the Knights of Columbus Ministry for the Christmas Mass at 8 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.
Thanks to all in our parishes and communities for a grand total of \$3,250.67 in the Annual Tootsie Roll Charity Drive for the Intellectually Disabled which benefits programs in Richland County. Thanks Scott Seiler as Program Chairman.

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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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