

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

*The Baptism of the Lord  
+ Eucharistic Celebrations +*

Mon. Jan. 12 6:30 PM at Stringtown

Tue. Jan. 13 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

**Wed. Jan. 14 8:05 am Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher**

**1:30 PM at Carle 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Thu. Jan. 15 6:30 pm at Wendelin

**Fri. Jan. 16 8:00 am For the Parish**

**Sat. Jan. 17 4:00 PM at Wendelin**

**5:00 PM Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn**

**Tony & Alice Schneider**

**John & Tony Tredway**

**Sun. Jan. 18 8:00 am Carl & Una Kocher**

**Bodenberg & Mahota Families**

**Linda Gumble**

at Stringtown

10:00 am at Wendelin

10:00 am at Lawrenceville

#### **OUR JANUARY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dale & Mary Jane Tibbs

Massalettes: Mike & Lori Uhl

#### **OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$5,503 (71) Outreach: \$189

Guatemala: \$241 (11) First Offering: \$220 (29)

Solemnity of Mary: \$436 (18)

**Let Us Pray For:** Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

**Thank you** to Mike Uhl and Ryan Fehrenbacher for their time and talent for updating the wiring for consistent streaming.

#### **~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~**

##### **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher, Carl & Una Kocher, and Kenneth Buckels.**

##### **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **John Bower, Gary Stoltz, and Deacon Jack Shuster.**

• Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

• Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!

##### **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Finance council meets at noon in the conference room.

##### **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

• 8:00 am, The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be trained for **Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion** in the church. If any parishioners would like to be trained or to come for a refresher course, please feel welcome to attend as well.

• 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.

• 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: The Communion of Saints: The Mother of God, Saints, & Angels.

##### **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher.**
- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

##### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 PM, Young Adult Gathering. Topic and location TBD.

**The family of Frank Ginder** would like to express their thanks to Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Valerie Rodriguez, Masen Hatten and Grant McClain for the lovely funeral Mass. Also, many thanks to the funeral dinner committee for the meal after the service, and to the Parish for all of the prayers and visits during Frank's illness.

-The family of Frank Ginder

#### **St. Joseph School News**

- Tuesday, January 13 at 8am in Olney- EMHC Training for 8th graders and refresher for adults.
- Good luck to both the Girls and Boys Basketball teams competing in the Diocesan Tournaments the next two weekends!

#### **PARISH NEWS ~**

- **Please turn in any remaining 2026 Benefit Calendars by Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. This first drawing for 2026 will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.

##### **St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.** Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school! Tables: \$380 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve your table. If you cannot attend but want to help, reach out to Carol Potter at [cpotter@stjoeolney.com](mailto:cpotter@stjoeolney.com).

• **Meals for Moms** would like to welcome **Isla Mae Zuber**, born on Dec 15, 2025 at 5:03pm (eastern). Daughter of Lexie (Erwin) and Tyler Zuber. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal and dessert to this family, or other families who welcome little ones, please contact Laura Matthews at 618-924-5901 or [lmatthews@stjoeolney.com](mailto:lmatthews@stjoeolney.com).

• **The Parish and Family Life Committee** has left over "Christmas Nail" ornaments. If you did not get one for your family, please feel free to pick one up at the back of church.

• **Sisters in Christ** will resume on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the conference room at Olney.

• **February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.

#### **~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

- Thursday, Jan. 8: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7 PM.
- Thursday, Jan. 15: 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting, 7 PM.
- Sunday, Jan. 25: Knight led Rosary before the 8 am mass.
- There were no local winners in the Vocation Raffle for Belleville Semanarians.
- The Olney Knights of Columbus 15 Shot Free Throw Competition will be soon: so, 3rd through 8th St. Joseph School grade students should be practicing.
- In February, the Olney K of C will be hosting the Council Spelling Bee. To practice spelling words, google Illinois Knights of Spelling Bee and go to the links for previous spelling word lists: six pages. The Spelling Bee winners to advance for Regional and State Competition are from 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students.

#### **Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

Our Lady of We continue the journey into this New Year that is filled with Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It is up to each one of us to spread that Light of Christ. Our Gospel today, reverberates the ongoing message with the words- we should all long to hear from our Lord's mouth ... with you I am well pleased! Do you live (really) a life that would merit these words? Take a moment and reflect upon how you treat other people- respond to others- spend your time-etc.? How much time are you spending with God? Are you caught up in the drama and fear of this world? Take a new step- seek a fresh outlook- Begin Again- and start your day living a life pleasing to God. Spread Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in everything you do- it's not just an Advent message! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

#### **Start your New Year off great, by Subscribing to *The Messenger*!**

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**The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
**Hope in the Lord**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

**Respect Life Corner: January 11, 2026**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com!](http://9daysforlife.com)

**Vocation Corner: January 11, 2026**

Our Gospel for today tells of Jesus beginning his public life by being baptized in the Jordan. He accepts His “call” from the Father to evangelize and ultimately save us from our sins. “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Our mission is to follow our own call to evangelize. This may be through the priesthood, sisterhood, marriage, or the single life. We need to step up to accept our mission so the Father can say of us “with whom I am well pleased.”

**Sister Parish Trip to Guatemala**

A group reservation has been made for 30 seats for the **sister parish trip to Guatemala** for June 2026. If still interested contact Shelly Sands at Missions International (618) 654-9254. Deadline to commit is February 1, 2026.

**Annual Wine Tasting!**

Please join us for an evening of fun and relaxation on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Newton Knights of Columbus for their Annual Wine Tasting event. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets are \$15. There will be door prizes and a live auction. Great tastes, great company, and a great time await!!

# St. Joseph Church

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**~ Welcome ~**

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

**Join us for mass:**

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com)

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm**

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

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