

Sunday, January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Jan. 5	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Jan. 6	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Jan. 7	8:05 am	Nina Wargel
Thu. Jan. 8	6:30 pm	at Wendelin
Fri. Jan. 9	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. Jan. 10		
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
5:00 PM		<i>Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher</i> <i>Carl & Una Kocher</i> <i>Kenneth Buckels</i>
Sun. Jan. 11		
8:00 am		<i>John Bower</i> <i>Gary Stoltz</i> <i>Deacon Jack Shuster</i>
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dale & Mary Jane Tibbs
Missalettes: Mike & Lori Uhl

OUR TITHES FOR DECEMBER 28th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$22,837 (107) Loose: \$407
Guatemala: \$45 (3) Christmas Flowers: \$95 (5)
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$175 (3)
Christmas for those in need: \$1,535 (37)
Christmas collection: \$18,849 (144) Building Fund: \$1,100 (10)

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, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Tony Steber**.
May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, January 3rd

- Mass for **Margaret King, Ted Eagleson Sr., and Deacon Jack Shuster**.

Sunday, January 4th

- Mass for **Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn, Christina Ginder, and a Special Intention**.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, January 6th

- 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: God the Holy Spirit: Conversion, Call, and Ecclesia.

Wednesday, January 7th

- 6:30 PM, Twelfth Night 'Epiphany' Dinner for Family Catechesis. Join us for a Family Dinner, CYM Saint Skit, and a special guest to arrive with an Epiphany message. Let us continue to "Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints."

Thursday, January 8th

- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting in the quilting room.

Sunday, January 11th

- 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!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Dec. 29: Herman Zuber (#111)
Dec. 30: Doug & Kim Kuhl (#796)
Dec. 31: **\$500** Reta Kocher (#605)



2026 Benefit Calendars are here! The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenburg at 618-302-0391.

St. Joseph School News

- School resumes Monday, January 5th.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Thank you to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes** for providing our 2026 calendars. The calendars are available at the doors.
- **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.
- **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.
- **The Christmas Flower Memorial** list will be printed for next weekend. If you still have envelopes for memorials please bring them to the parish office by Monday, January 5th.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- Thursday, Jan. 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.
- Thursday, Jan. 15: 4th degree meeting, 7 PM.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

A Star guided the Magi to the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. What Star is guiding you this New Year? What will you find once you reach the Star? Will it be life-giving, fruitful and "of God" or prideful and "of the world"? The moment of your Epiphany is closer than you might think! Seek to be guided by the One True Star for it is there where you will find your life of love! Journey onward this New Year, being guided by the Star of Peace and Love!

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in our prayers.

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Respect Life Corner: January 4, 2026

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. Copyright © 2024, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.

Happy New Year 2026

Vocation Corner: January 4, 2026

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night,” the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman, or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

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.

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

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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