

Sunday, December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Dec. 20 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Dec. 21 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Dec. 22 8:05 am Ralph Zwilling
Thu. Dec. 23 No Mass

Fri. Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve ~
4:00 PM For the Parish
4:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
6:00 PM (at Stringtown)
8:00 PM For the Parish
9:00 PM (at Wendelin)

Sat. Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day ~
8:00 am For the Parish
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

Sun. Dec. 26 8:00 am Jim & Mary Steber;
Rita Damm
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 12

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,769.20 (79) Loose: \$110
Guatemala: \$155 (5) Flowers: \$420 (17)
Retired Religious: \$270 (12)

*** AROUND OUR PARISH ***

Saturday, December 18 / Sunday, December 19

- The annual Cookie Walk will be held after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. The Cookie Walk will consist of containers prepackaged with homemade cookies. We will have small containers with approximately 1/2 dozen cookies (\$5),

medium containers with approximately 1 1/2 dozen cookies (\$10), a large tray with 3 dozen cookies (\$15), and a large tray with 4 dozen cookies (\$20- limited quantity).

Tuesday, December 21

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

Wednesday, December 22

- Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!

Thursday, December 23

- The Parish Office is closed.

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- The Parish Office is closed.

Please remember, the Diocese of Belleville requires all people attending mass to wear a mask.

Friday, December 31

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

- * **5:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
* 5:00 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Saturday, January 1

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

- * 4:00 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * **5:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord

- * **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, December 22

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (KN).
- Last Day of School before break. Early dismissal at 1:50 PM.

* 2022 Benefit Calendars are here. 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).

* Empower IL helps families choose a full-time Catholic education with financial assistance.

To apply: <https://empowerillinois.org/apply/>

To donate: <https://empowerillinois.org/donate/>

* Thank you to Bill Fehrenbacher and his family for supporting St. Joseph School's Scholarship Assistance Fund in his memory.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

December 13: Jim & Alice Zwilling (#736)

December 14: Sarah Frye (#388)

December 15: Jean Fitzpatrick (#628)

December 16: Julia Eichhorst (#391)

December 17: Rosie Beyers (#156)

Let Us Pray for: Mike Dowty, Sondra Geiger, Frank Ginder, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Fr. Vincent Haselhorst, Helen Hoffman, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer, Tony Tredway, Kurt Wengert, Clara Wilson 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 gift that surpasses all understanding is drawing nearer! Do you know this gift? Do you know where to find it? This precious gift is more than an heirloom. This gift is timeless, and it is always in the right size, color, and quantity. This gift is Love- the Love that is being carried in the womb of Mary. This same Love wants to live within each and every one of us! When this Love truly lives within you - *it radiates and illuminates your journey!* This joyous time of waiting and longing is about receiving the Gift above all gifts. Take time to pause, stop, pray and receive the Love that is being poured out...

let Love be the gift that is received and given! *Like Mary, we're waiting for Jesus, we're waiting for Jesus, the Lord.* Light your fourth purple candle of **Love** and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! *Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! The whole world is waiting for Love!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Please remember, the Diocese of Belleville requires all people attending mass to wear a mask.

Christmas Flower Memorials: Please use the envelope labeled 'Christmas Flower Offering' included in your December packet. Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase the flowers to decorate our church. On the reverse side of the envelope, please print clearly the person the memorial is for. A list of the memorials will be published at a later date.

Volunteer Now! Lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), greeters, ushers and gift-bearers are needed for the Christmas Eve Masses, Christmas Day Mass and New Year's Eve Mass. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help at the Mass you plan to attend.

Giving Tree: The deadline is Thursday, December 23. This Advent, our parish again has the opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with our less fortunate neighbors by supporting our Giving Tree. You may choose one (or more) ornaments from the baskets by the doors, purchase and wrap the requested gift, place the sticker from the ornament on the package for identification, then place the ornament on the tree and the gift under the tree. The gifts will be delivered during Christmas week to the families whose Christmas would be very bleak without your caring. For more information, call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151).

Deepest sympathy to the family of Henry Louis Clow. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

The 44th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2022 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able. Thank you so much.

Annual Christmas Outreach Meals

The Immanuel United Methodist Church, along with other churches in our community, are planning for our annual Outreach Meals on Christmas Eve, December 24. We would like to thank you in advance for any help you can give us, whether it be through working in the kitchen, packaging meals, delivering, bringing cakes, or monetary donation. If you are needing to order a meal (for those living in your household) contact Immanuel United Methodist Church (618-395-8618) from 8 AM – 1 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Volunteering opportunities:

* *Wednesday, December 22:* 8 AM, bake turkeys.

* *Thursday, December 23:* 8 AM, slice turkeys, set up tables in the Fellowship Hall, get containers from storage. **Please bring (9x13) cake donations to the North door from 8AM- 6 PM.**

* *Friday, December 24:* 7 AM, rewarm the turkeys, cook green beans, corn, and box cakes. 10 AM- set up food lines, 10:45 AM-prepare for delivery, and 11 AM- deliver meals. People are needed to help deliver in the

community. If you can help, plan to be Immanuel Church at 10:45 AM on December 24. Mask Required by State Law. God Bless You All! - *Outreach Committee*

Micah 5:1-4a. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

Hebrews 10:5-10. Luke 1:39-45.

Leaping for Joy. Let us take our cue from the six-month gestating baby in the womb of Elizabeth leaping for joy on encountering the Lord and the one who brings him. Let us sing again and again all week the antiphon of the psalm: “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

* How can I keep looking for the face of Christ in those around me?

* Whom will I visit, even virtually if needed, to help in some way?

* How can I get to Christmas Day in peace?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~.

Saturday, December 25: K of C Member Mass Ministry, 8 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

Sunday December 26: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

Kudos to the Christ in Christmas Poster 20 winners! \$15 winners: Giuseppe Trupiano, Nora McClain, Kolton McLaren and Hazel Morris. \$10 winners; Molly Fehrenbacher, Katelyn Ochs, Lydia Seiler and Harrison Marshall. \$5 winners: Gabriel Volk, Ian Kocher, Mabel Stout and Jack Ridgely. \$2 bill for 4th place winners: Carly Seiler, Andrew Lambird, Kadence Kocher and Khloe Williams. \$2 bill for 5th place winners: Emma Hefferman, Brilyn Brinkley, Amity Zuber and Diezel Steele.

First place winning posters will now be judged at the K of C State Contest this Sunday in Breese.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
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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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