

Sunday, September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sept. 13 No Mass
Tue. Sept. 14 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Sept. 15 8:05am Fr. Dale Maxfield
Thu. Sept. 16 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. Sept. 18 4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM Bernie Seiler;
Freda Runyon;
Linda Gumble
Sun. Sept. 19 8:00am Andy Ochs
8:00am (at Stringtown)
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 5

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,848.50 (69) Outreach: \$145
Guatemala: \$288 (17) Haiti: \$648

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* AROUND OUR PARISH *

Wednesday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 18

- Noodle Day, 7 AM in the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed - please contact Julie Herring at (618) 562-9655 with any questions.

🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

Wednesday, September 15

- All School Mass, 8:05 AM, grades 3rd - 8th attend. (5th Grade Mass)

* As part of Kitchen Table Catechesis, we will provide a Red Plate to each parish first grader the weekend of September 18th and 19th.

* Thank you to the Ralph Zwilling Estate for the generous gift to the St. Joseph School Foundation Trust. It is a model of true faith in the mission of our church - educating our youth.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

September 6: Julia Eichhorst (#391)
September 7: Kelly Jenner (#280)
September 8: Estella Zuber (#248)
September 9: Jason Steber (#674)
September 10: Jerry Dunn (#577)

Let Us Pray for: Mike Dowty, Cindy Foerster, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Deana Schafer and Kurt Wengert.

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

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. A powerful verse from the Gospel of Mark, and one that is challenging. We all desire to follow Jesus and want to spend eternity with Him in heaven. However, there are choices and decisions we must make and live out to truly be one of his followers. This is where it becomes uncomfortable- for we must die to self and carry our own cross! You might be thinking- really- I

am supposed to deny myself- you mean give up things- likes- desires- wants- and dare one say- even suffer- possibly even be asked to make a stand for one's religious convictions! Then, take all of that- and pick up my cross with any other concerns-worry- hurts- problems-and carry it? You mean, like Jesus did when he walked the Via Dolorosa- the way of the Cross- to Calvary? That is a lot to ask... that is a lot for me to do.... *Yes-It is...* but Jesus did it first and shows us the way! We do not carry it alone- suffer alone- our Lord carries- walks- encourages us along the way. This day- *Begin Again*- die to self- offer it up- and give that time-energy- to Jesus! Pick up and carry your cross with a joyful heart and then you will be following Jesus- this is our path. Remember this world is not our Home- we are just passing through. So, journey onward and Live a Life of Love- it is the only path that leads to God and will bring us to Eternal happiness!
St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

St. Joseph Church in Olney would like to invite everyone to the 2021 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar OUTDOOR event on Sunday, October 17. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 2:30 PM. Adults: \$10, Children (8 and under): \$5. Lunch includes pork burgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken and noodles, baked beans, coleslaw, cakes, pies and more! Outdoor seating, live music, and games. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on the west side of the MPR. Bazaar includes Bingo, Chance Stand, Cake Stand, and Country Store. Raffles drawn at 1:30 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship! Help is needed to make this year another success. Please contact Samantha Brazil to volunteer: (618) 816-2544 or sam.k.brazil@gmail.com

Noodle day will be held on Saturday, September 18 starting at 7 AM in the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed - please contact Julie Herring at (618) 562-9655 with any questions.

Chance Stand: A variety of items are needed. Consider combining efforts with a friend or family member! Value of item(s) should be \$35+. Any new item with this value can be placed in this stand. Items do not have to be in a basket, but they must be secure as our stand will be outside this year. Please contact Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuentler (618-699-9610) with any questions or to drop off items for the stand.

Cash Raffle Tickets Available: The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st Prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th Prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391 or jar325@yahoo.com). Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be Sunday, October 17.

Quilt Raffle Tickets: You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked 'Quilt Raffle' and place them in the collection.

Thank you to the Ralph Zwilling Estate for the generous gift to St. Joseph Church-Olney.

Attention Liturgical Ministers: The deadline is Sunday, September 19 to make any changes for the October schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule.

The 2021-2022 PSR Registration is open on the parish website. Our Opening PSR Mass will be on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin. More information to come through Flocknote.

Show your Gratitude to Our Priests. The Retired Diocesan Priests Collection is this weekend. On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us ... at baptisms, weddings, First Communion, at times of sickness and sorrow ... dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. Please show your appreciation with a generous gift today. Thank you so much!

Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection which is held in December.

Isaiah 50:4c-9a. Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9. James 2:14-18. Mark 8:27-35.

Deny. Take. Follow. On the long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus clarifies that following the Christ (Peter's response to Who am I?) requires denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Saint James helps make this clear with the need for mercy activity. Reread the Second Reading each day this week.

- * Clothe the naked. What will I do?
- * Feed the hungry. What will I do?
- * Shelter the homeless. What will I do?

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

Thursday, September 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Kudos to all the volunteers for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Days this past weekend

at IGA! Thank you, members and family, and Special Olympic Coaches, parents and athletes!

Special thanks for the assistance of the St. Joseph School staff for coordinating 138 students in PE classes for the Knights of Columbus Soccer (15) Kick Shoot-Out this past Tuesday and Thursday! Winners, male and female in grade levels 3rd through 8th and ages 9-14, qualify for the Regional Competition. Eight-year-old 3rd grade students receive all the local Council awards.

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON MASKS-DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE: Based on the new State of Illinois mask mandate taking effect Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, age two and older, are required to wear a mask while indoors. This includes weekday and weekend Masses, Eucharistic adoration, children's liturgy of the Word, PSR, nursery, etc. Masking is also required at all indoor parish social events.

The safety protocols for Mass and Liturgy sent in June 2021 remain in effect, which include:

- It is a good practice to continue to offer hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church.
- Parishes should continue to clean and disinfect pews and other high touch surfaces after every celebration and/or event.
- Priests, Deacons and servers should sanitize their hands frequently.

Parishes with upcoming outdoor festivals may also want to consider wearing masks in crowded outdoor settings with activities that involve close contact.

Layered mitigation approaches have proven to be most successful in minimizing Covid transmission in our churches. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to keep our people safe and our churches open. Again...Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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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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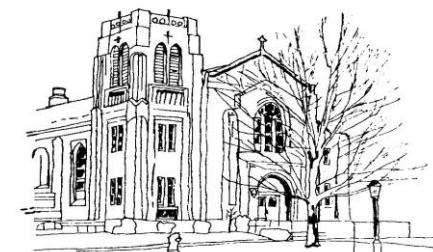
~ **Sacraments** ~

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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