

Sunday, December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Dec. 12	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. Dec. 13	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Dec. 14	8:05 am	Eulalia Kocher
Thu. Dec. 15	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
Fri. Dec. 16	No Mass	
Sat. Dec. 17	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM	Linda Gumble;
		Louis, Victor &
		Patricia Zwilling;
		Francis & Hermina
		Zuber
Sun. Dec. 18	8:00 am	Brenda Kocher;
		Mary Ann Kuenstler
	8:00 am	(at Stringtown)
	10:00 am	(at Wendelin)
	10:00 am	(at Lawrenceville)

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OUR TITHES FOR DECEMBER 4

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,696 (86) Outreach: \$142
Guatemala: 360 (21) C.C.H.D.: \$25 (1)
Flowers: \$956 (38)

~ **Kudos** ~

* To *Verneatha Kessler*, who will celebrate her 102nd birthday on December 14.

* **AROUND OUR PARISHES** *

Saturday, December 10 / Sunday, December 11

- The Annual Cookie Walk will be held in the multi-purpose room. You can either pick your own homemade cookies or purchase a pre-packaged tray. The cost is \$10 for 1½ dozen (choose your own), \$15 for 3 dozen pre-packaged regular tray, and \$20 for 4 dozen pre-packaged large tray (limited

quantity). We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6).

- The Fellowship Committee will have a holiday backdrop set up in the MPR during the annual Cookie Walk where families can have their photo taken after Masses. We will then be able to send the photos to the families via email or text.

Sunday, December 11

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy.**

Monday, December 12

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 13

- **8:30 AM -11 AM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney**
- 6 PM, Finance Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 14

- **9 AM -11 AM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- **6 PM - 8 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney**

Thursday, December 15

- 5 PM- 6:30 PM, Advent Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Edward-Fairfield

Sunday, December 18

- 1 PM - 4 PM, Stained Glass Window Tour, showcasing 12 Lawrence County Churches including St. Lawrence.

Monday, December 19

- 6 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Stephen-Flora

Tuesday, December 20

- 5:30 PM – 7 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 7 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Mary-Mt Carmel

Thursday, December 22

- **2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Shake up your holiday tradition - give blood!**

Friday, December 23

- **The Parish Office is closed.**

(Reconciliation is available every Saturday prior to mass: 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM at St. Joseph-Olney)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, December 24

- * **4 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 4 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- * 6 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * **8 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 10 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, December 25

- * **8 AM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- * 8 AM at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * 10 AM at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * 10 AM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Tuesday, Dec. 13 / Wednesday, Dec. 14

- Reconciliation Services for our students.
- Santa's Workshop. We are accepting gently-used gift bags and tissue paper to help "wrap" gifts. We will also accept new wrapping paper!

Wednesday, December 14

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (3rd-Kessler).
- 5th Grade Band Concert in the gymnasium at 11 AM.

Thursday, December 15

- 8th grade band students perform at the hospital and assisted living facilities.
- 8th Grade Family Recognition - Boys' Home Game.

Friday, December 16

- 8th Grade Family Recognition - Girls' Home Game.

* The Pension Protection Act allows IRA (Traditional or Roth) owners (age 70 ½ or older) to make a direct transfer gift to a qualified charity through a QCD (qualified charitable distribution). The gift qualifies for all or part of the IRA owner's annual required minimum distribution. As with non-charitable IRA rollovers, a distribution to charity will not be included in the donor's federal taxable income. Tax advisors will provide guidance in the process. St. Joseph School is an eligible organization to receive gifts under this act. We appreciate those grandparents and parishioners who are choosing the school for their distribution! To make a gift to the school, please contact Carol Potter (395-3081).

* 2023 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).

* The 8th grade class will have an ethical trade sale after masses this weekend in Meeting Room B of the MPR. Beautiful Christmas handicrafts from across the world will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale go back to the artisans who created them.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

November 28: Chester Fisher (#533)
November 29: Taylor Rauch (#219)
November 30: Evie & Grae Smithenry (#775)
December 1: Lee & Emily Milligan (#043)
December 2: Sara & Brian Peavler (#039)

Let Us Pray For: Janet David, Angela Geltz, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder; Justin, Ember, Olivia Faith and Sophia Hope Kabbes; Sarah Kocher, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Avery McKinney, Emery and Julie Oesch, Debbie Rauch, Janice Rowark, Kay Rowark, Lynden Spieth, Eleanor Steber, Brenda Summers, Jim

Wattles, Camden Weston, Clara Wilson and Jim Zwilling.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Choose Joy! Are you choosing Joy this Advent season? Do you have Joy in your Heart? Your Home? The way we respond and treat others is the first indicator. A joyful person is welcoming, loving and kind! Take extra care this week and be joyful to one another. There is a JOY in the journey, and it is only found when the stable of your heart reflects the one that is soon to come. Come Lord, Jesus, Come Quickly, the whole word awaits! Live a life of Joy!

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

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.

Giving Tree: 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).

Attention Liturgical Ministers: The deadline is Monday, December 12 to make any changes for the January and February 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. We still need your help! Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.

We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2023. With the mass schedule spread across the four parishes of our partnership, it is important that we follow Canon Law and Diocesan Policy concerning mass intentions: Only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Memorial Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Jo Zuber. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Thursday, December 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Sunday, December 25: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM, at St. Joseph-Olney.

Kudos to the immediate family Kuenstler members for preparation and organization of the Christmas Family Dinner with special thanks to Santa Claus and 61 adults and 19 children in attendance.

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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Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Vicki Stuckey, Matthew Zuber

~ 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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