

*Sunday, February 4, 2024*  
*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

- Mon. Feb. 5 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
 Tue. Feb. 6 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Feb. 7 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher**  
 Thu. Feb. 8 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. Feb. 9 No Mass**  
**Sat. Feb. 10 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Jim & Mary Steber;**  
**John Beal;**  
**Ralph, Margaret &**  
**Michael Kocher**  
**Sun. Feb. 11 8:00 am Herman Zwilling**  
 8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
 10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

- Bulletins: Bob and Joan Uhl  
 Missalettes: Peavler Trucking

**OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 28**

- Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
 Envelopes: \$5,475.50 (81) Loose: \$175  
 Guatemala: \$60 (5) 1st Offering: \$50 (9)

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, February 4**

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

**Tuesday, February 6**

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.
- 7 PM, OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (*previously known as RCIA*).

**Wednesday, February 7**

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

**Thursday, February 8**

- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting. Please bring ideas for projects for the year 2024. Guests are welcome.

**Friday, February 9**

- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.

**Tuesday, February 13**

- 2:30 PM, Blessing and Burning of Palms. All are invited to bring in palms and join the SJS students in the courtyard.

**Saturday, February 17 / Sunday, February 18**

- The Rosary will be prayed before each of the Masses through March 16/17. It will begin a half hour prior to the start of Mass. If you would like to lead the rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Tuesday, February 6**

- Boosters, 7 PM, in the cafeteria.

**Wednesday, February 7**

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (7th).

**Thursday, February 8**

- Band Festival.

**Saturday, February 24**

- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival.

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 \* **Thanks** to everyone who helped make our Catholic Schools Week a tremendous success!

\* **Thanks** to Deacon Steve for training our fourth and fifth grade servers!

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- Jan. 1: Carol Steinman (#224)  
 Jan. 2: Mike & Lori Wilson (#034)  
 Jan. 3: Carrie Hallam (#367)  
 Jan. 4: Ethel Zwilling (#737)  
 Jan. 5: Janet Chamberlin (#695)  
 Jan. 8: Leah Shan (#259)  
 Jan. 9: Robbin McPheron (#584)  
 Jan. 10: Hugh & Fran Kessler (#132)

Jan. 11: Brad & Mischelle Doll (#829)

Jan. 12: Maria Hatten (#326)

Jan. 15: Michaela Dowty (#656)

Jan. 16: Dave & Teresa Hinterscher (#808)

Jan. 17: Abigail Rauch (#152)

Jan. 18: Trish Berry (#251)

Jan. 19: Josy Hart (#172)

Jan. 22: Lee & Emily Milligan (#105)

Jan. 23: Graham Petterson (#080)

Jan. 24: Lucas Peavler (#353)

Jan. 25: Will Bookhout (#140)

Jan. 26: Josette Clodfelter (#776)

**Let Us Pray For:** Willy Deimel, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.

*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**  
*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

There is nothing like a gentle touch of a person's hand, the warm presence of someone being close, prayers shared and offered which bring sweet comfort to our daily life. This beautiful touch is missing in so many ways in our lives and our world. We go throughout our day - *doing all the things that are so important-* and quite possibly unrealizing we are pushing away the Hand of the God! You might think, I do not! Yet, when our words are uncharitable, our actions selfish, our attitudes rude and condescending towards others- we lack Love- we lack God! Do you recognize- realize the places in your own -*heart- home- life-* where your actions are not God-like? Our world needs us All to be the extension of the Master's Hand- to everyone- not just those in your -click- pod-

tribe- class- family... everyone! The one who can bring Peace-Healing-Love by his Touch-Presence- has his Hand extended- how will you respond? Let us pray for one another that each and every one of us will- *reach out and grasp-* the Master's Hand- and never Let Go! Let us touch and build the Kingdom of God with Peace and Love that comes from God alone! Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

**Family Catechesis Month of the Holy Family**  
*February- Eucharistic Adoration*

On February 7 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Wendelin, join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the recitation of the Litany of the Eucharist, music by the Holy Cross Choir, and much more. There is a Confirmation Check-In and a First Eucharist parent meeting afterwards.

*Live Your Catholic Faith:*

**Say out loud everyday**

No one will **Rise from the dead** who has not **First Died with Jesus!**

**Ask yourself this daily**

What do I need to have **die** within me? so that I will **rise** with Jesus!

**Our Family:**

Lord, bless our family. All of us now together, those who are far away, all who are gone back to you. May we know joy! May we bear our sorrows in patience. Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other. Let us be grateful to each other. We have all made each other what we are. O Family of Jesus, watch over our family! Amen.

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Sunday, February 11 to make any changes for the March and April 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. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.

**Meals for Moms** would like to welcome Benton Lee Cowman, the son of Tyler and Michelle (Weiler) Cowman, born on January 19, 2024.

**The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is this weekend.** Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click subscribe. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. **Please make checks payable to 'The Messenger'.**

**2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*

Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. Please be as generous as you are able.

**Learn More About Becoming a Priest:** Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also

be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: [jhoffmann@diobelle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@diobelle.org).

**Respect Life Corner:** "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." - *Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021* © 2020, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

- Thursday, February 8:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
- Monday, February 12:** 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Spelling Bee, St. Joseph School. Cash prizes. Winners qualify to advance to Regional and State Competition.
- Thursday, February 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- Friday, February 16:** Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Mentor Richland County. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.
- Sunday, February 25:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.
- Monday, February 26:** 5th Grade Spelling Bee.
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 & Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Free Throw Competition, St. Joseph School PE Classes. Winners qualify to advance to the Regional and State Competitions.

**High School Seniors:** Information will soon be in the Guidance Office for Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarships.

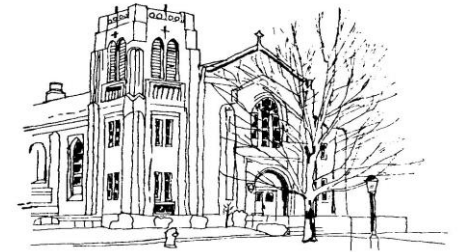
**During Lent** the Baby Crib will be in church to benefit young mothers and babies through the Jasper County Health Department, Richland Clinic in Olney.

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450  
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'Renewing the Vision'  
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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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Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

**~ 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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