

*Sunday, January 9, 2022*  
*Baptism of the Lord*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 10 No Mass  
Tue. Jan. 11 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Jan. 12 8:05 am Rev. Joseph Thoonkuzky**  
Thu. Jan. 13 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Sat. Jan. 15 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Jim Kuentler, Margaret M. Kocher, Linda Gumble**  
**Sun. Jan. 16 8:00 am Dr. Gary Street, Clorine Kistner**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

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

**OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 2**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$13,156.50 (71) Outreach: \$96  
Guatemala: \$385 (19) Solemnity: \$689 (19)  
Christmas: \$2,510 (11) 1st Offering: \$263 (35)  
Collection for Needy: \$115 (3)  
Retired Religious: \$80 (3)

**\* AROUND OUR PARISH \***

**Wednesday, January 12**

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

**Friday, January 14**

- Finance Council, 12 PM (Noon).

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

**Tuesday, January 11**

- Boy's 8th Grade Night at the Home Game, 6PM.

**Wednesday, January 12**

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (KN- Cowman).
- Freshman Orientation at RCHS.

**Monday, January 17**

- No School - Martin Luther King, Jr, Day.

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Thanks to the Carrie Winter Trust for its support of our mathematics program!

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Please turn in all sold and unsold calendars. The drawing begins Monday, January 31, 2022.

**Prayer List:** Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, 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**

We continue the journey into this New Year that is filled with Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It is up to each one of us to spread that Light of Christ. Our Gospel today, reverberates the ongoing message with the words- we should all long to hear from our Lord's mouth ... *with you I am well pleased!* Do you live (really) a life that would merit these words? Take a moment and reflect upon how you treat other people- respond to others-spend your time-etc.? How much time are you spending with God? Are you caught up in the drama

and fear of this world? Take a new step- seek a fresh outlook- *Begin Again*- and start your day living a life pleasing to God. Spread the Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in everything you do! Smile- Welcome- Invite- Forgive- Pray- Pray- Pray! Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us! J.O.Y.S*

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

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased gifts, donated money for purchasing gifts or helped carry them to my car. The families (including 10 children) were very appreciative of your generosity. One thank you note, in part: "O my! Thank you so, so much for everything. May God bless you all!" Another says, "Thank you for taking care of our family this Christmas! There would have been a very sad holiday for us without your gifts."

*— from Rose Ann Schwartz*

**Diocese of Belleville: Mass for Life**

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30AM at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL. We are especially mindful in the month of January of the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Together we need the power of prayer and God's grace to build a culture where every human life is cherished and respected from conception until natural death. All are invited to draw strength from the power of Christ's holy word and the gift of the Holy Eucharist. For more information, contact Judy Hoffmann (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail at: [jhoffmann@diobelle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@diobelle.org)

**The Messenger** Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 5-6. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) **Please make checks payable to 'The Messenger'**. The cost is still only \$25 for print or digital and \$30 for both!

**A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land**

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger, November 28 to December 9, 2022. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty. This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after February 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com) or 618-624-2838.

**A one-day PreCana** will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Sainte Marie on March 12. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes meal and materials. If you would like to attend, please see their website at: [www.stemariechurch.org](http://www.stemariechurch.org) and find the Registration Form, or call St. Mary's Parish Office (618-455-3155) or email: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com) to register.

**St. Thomas Church in Newton** would like to invite you to their annual Wine Tasting event, hosted by their Angel's group. It will take place on Saturday, January 29 at 5:30 PM at the Newton KC Hall. There will be a quilt raffled off, as well as an auction of various alcoholic drink baskets taking place at 8 PM. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres! Hope to see you there!

**The Family Life Committee** would like to welcome everyone to their Annual Cash Bingo Night to be held on Friday, January 14, from 6PM – 8 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie, IL. \$1 for each Blackout game. They will be selling drinks and also providing free popcorn.

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30. Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Luke 3:5-16, 21-22.*

**Prayer.** Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- \* How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- \* When I am quiet enough, what do I hear God say?
- \* What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~.

**Thursday, January 13:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Thursday, January 20:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

**Sunday, January 30:** K of C Mass Ministry, 8AM at St. Joseph-Olney, followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

\* K of C led Rosary at 7:40 AM.

**Kudos** to Dan Zuber, Cecil Ochs, and Dan Zwilling for K of C Mass Ministry at 8 AM St. Joseph-Olney on Christmas Day!

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'Renewing the Vision'  
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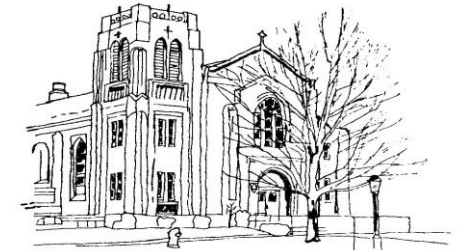
~ **Sacraments** ~

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.



~ **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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~ **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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