

Sunday, January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

Mon. Jan. 23	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. Jan. 24	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Jan. 25	8:05 am	Margaret Troutman Lawson
Thu. Jan. 26	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
Fri. Jan. 27	No Mass	
Sat. Jan. 28	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM	James Mark Weiler; Leroy Debolt; Linda Gumble
Sun. Jan. 29	8:00 am	Mary Ann Kuenstler; Raymond, Marsclene & Cody Nix; Delbert & Cleone Gumble
	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 15

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,663 (93) Loose: \$210
Guatemala: \$135 (5) Christmas: \$30 (1)
1st Offering: \$80 (10)
Collection for Needy: \$5 (1)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, January 22

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**
- 6 PM, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, January 23

- 6:30 PM, Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Hour-Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, January 24

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist" at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 29

- **Catholic Schools Week**
- **12:00PM (Noon), Baptism**

Tuesday, January 31

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist" at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, February 19

- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, CYM Spaghetti Lunch at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. There will also be a basket/dessert raffle. Everyone welcome!

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, January 25

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (KN)

Sunday, January 29

- VFW Spaghetti Dinner to benefit our 8th grade activities, serving from 11 AM - 1 PM. Purchase a ticket from any 7th or 8th grader or pay at the door. We are grateful to the VFW for their support.

* Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching. We will celebrate our Alumni mass on Wednesday, February 1. If you graduated from any Catholic School - elementary, high school, or college, please consider attending to be recognized. Call the school office if you want to join us!

* Thanks to the First National Bank for providing the Wildcat debit card! Thanks to those of you who use this card for purchases - the bank made a \$1,050 donation to the school due to the use of

the Wildcat card. Don't have one? It's easy to do. Stop by any FNB branch to get yours.

* Mark your calendars: St. Joseph School St. Patty's Day Bingo Night - including bingo, games, silent and live auctions! Saturday, March 18th. Doors open at 5:30 PM - games begin at 7 PM. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200 - call the school office (395-3081). We will have both a silent auction and a live auction. The committee is asking our school family and parish families for help. If you are willing to donate an item for our auctions, please contact Lora Kocher (618-843-8126), Amanda Nelson (217-621-5884) or the school office (618-395-3081). Ways you can help: * Donate an item(s) to be used for the auctions. * Donate money to put towards the purchase of larger auction items. * Contact your place of employment (or a family member's) and ask them for a donation. * Get together with a group of other families and donate a larger item.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Please turn in all sold and unsold 2023 St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars. The drawing begins Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Let Us Pray For: Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch.

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.

FROM FR. MARK: *A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. Pope Saint John Paul II Evangelium vitae*

The battle to defend the dignity of human life, and truly serve expectant mothers with love, support, and excellent medical care has just begun. We believe that all life is sacred, and that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. We must share the good news that every person is loved by God and that we are called to defend the dignity of life from conception until natural death.

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Come to the Prayer Vigil for Life, celebrating mass and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Stringtown on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! That light is God who Loves with an Unfathomable Love. That Love is offered to us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Do you see this great light of Love? Are you one of the people leaving the darkness of sin? When this Holy Love truly lives within there is no darkness - only life! This great light is leading us to a Life of Peace, Joy, and unfathomable Love! Bask in the Love of God and be the people who walked out of darkness and live in the Eternal Light! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

The Parish and Family Life Committee is sponsoring a "Valentine's Day Card and Cake" project for ALL the residents of our local Long Term Care Facilities. We will be collecting Valentine's cards, homemade hearts or posters

along with boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes from parish members and St. Joseph School students from now until Friday, February 10. Cards, posters and snack cakes will be delivered to all the facilities prior to Valentine's Day. Donations can be dropped off at the front doors of St. Joseph Church in Olney or to Sondra Geiger at Blank's Insurance Agency at 515 S. Whittle Ave. If you have questions or would prefer your items to be picked up, please call Sondra Geiger (618-843-8532).

Let us remember; 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Richard Wirth. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 4-5. 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. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$25 for digital only, \$30 for print only, and \$35 for both. **Please make checks payable to *The Messenger*.**

Eucharistic Revival: There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, January 29 at 2 PM. Bishop Michael McGovern will preside. A choir will provide music by Buckner, Byrd, and Mozart. The hour concludes with Benediction. The Cathedral is located at 200 W. Harrison Street in Belleville. All are invited!

Healing Blankets are intended to comfort the recipients by knowing that they are being prayed for, for whatever the case: illness, grief, loss or loneliness. The blanket is a reminder of the love and prayers of our parish community. Our prayer that is ironed on to the

blanket says it all: "This blanket was sewn with love and blessed. Know that you are covered by the prayers and love of St. Joseph's members. In Jesus' name we pray that you will be healed." With each blanket, a person receives a booklet called "You are Covered in Prayer" and a letter that explains what the blanket is all about. To request a blanket, come to the Parish Office. There is no cost, but a donation would be accepted to help offset the expense of this ministry.

Call the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873 or TTY 1-800-358-5117) if you suspect that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed by abuse or neglect. If you believe a child is in immediate danger of harm, call 911 first.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Sunday, January 29: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before Mass.

* Volunteer Ministry at 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, followed by a fellowship family breakfast at a local restaurant.

Thursday, February 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, February 10: First Fish Fry Night, 5 PM - 7 PM at the Olney City Park Community Building.

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

Upcoming Youth Activities: 1) K of C Free Throw at St. Joe PE Classes. Ten winners qualify for the Regional in Effingham, and the State finals are also at St. Anthony in Effingham. 2) Spelling Bee for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th and a separate local Spelling Bee for 5th grade students. Four upper grade students advance to the State Finals in Petersburg. Cash prizes at the local competition.

Knight of the Month: Dan Kuenstler- Chairman for Christmas Baskets for our Parish Clergy.

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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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