

Sunday, December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Dec. 4	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. Dec. 5	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Dec. 6	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thu. Dec. 7	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Fri. Dec. 8	8:00 am	(at Lawrenceville)
	8:05 am	Dudley Chamberlin; Marj, George & William Weidner
Sat. Dec. 9	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM	Edmund, Anna & Linda Volk
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00 am	Edwin Ginder; Herman Zwilling; Living & Deceased of the Kuenstler & Rohr families
	8:00 am	(at Stringtown)
	10:00 am	(at Wendelin)
	10:00 am	(at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Family Hair Care (Betty Slover)
Missalettes: Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes

OUR TITHES FOR NOVEMBER 26

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,197.82 (75) Loose: \$172
Guatemala: \$20 (1) C.C.H.D.: \$25 (1)

~ **Kudos** ~

- ◆ To newly baptized *Jack James Wollin*, child of Joshua and Leah (Shan) Wollin.

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, December 3

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.
- 1 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney. St. Joseph School First Reconciliation, then open to parishioners.

Monday, December 4

- 6 PM, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown. St. Joseph School First Reconciliation, then open to parishioners.

Tuesday, December 5

- 12 PM -3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6 PM, Advent Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin. First Reconciliation, then open to parishioners.

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.

Saturday, December 9

- 4 PM - 7 PM, Annual Cookie Walk in the multi-purpose room. We will also have bagged noodles for sale for \$6. (Cookies can be dropped off on Friday, December 8 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 9 between 8 AM and 10 AM.)
- 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM, Cookies with Santa, sponsored by the St. Joseph School enrollment committee. Children aged birth-Kindergarten are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa!

Sunday, December 10

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.
- 8 AM - 10 AM, Annual Cookie Walk in the multi-purpose room. We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6).

*** CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ***

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

*** 4 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**

*** 4 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

*** 12 AM at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

*** 8 AM at St. Joseph-Olney**

*** 8 AM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Sunday, December 3

- 1 PM, First Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney.

Friday, December 8

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (4th-Stallard).
Reminder: School mass this week will be Friday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), instead of Wednesday, December 6.
- 3 PM, 5th - 8th Grade Band Concert in the gymnasium.

*** First Reconciliation for our second graders:** Sunday, December 3 at 1 PM (St. Joseph-Olney), Monday, December 4 at 6 PM (St. Joseph-Stringtown) and Thursday, December 7 at 6:30PM (Holy Cross-Wendelin). Please keep our children in your prayers.

*** 2024 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).

*** Mark your calendars: March 9- Bingo Bash** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Table reservations begin January 3 by calling the school office. If you want to donate an item to be auctioned, please contact Carol Potter, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren Tibbs, Megan Brinkley or Sara Peavler.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Nov. 20: Coni Kieffer (#482)

Nov. 21: Jim Kocher (#343)

Nov. 22: Nate Stevens (#418)

Nov. 23: Anne Crites (#615)

Nov. 24: Kasen Kuenstler (#192)

Let Us Pray For: Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, 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

Be Watchful! Be Alert! This is the first Sunday of Advent, and we must be watchful and alert to the signal graces of *Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace*. The season of Advent can offer the opportunity to spiritually renew and enjoy the simple things- especially this year. Let this season of Advent bring forth a renewal of *Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace* that is only found in Jesus. Begin and end your day in prayer, pick up an Advent devotional, sit in silence, smile, extend kindness to those that you ignore or cast judgment upon...Change your habits to a habit of Love! *Be Watchful! Be Alert!* Live a Life of Love and light one purple candle on your Advent wreath for **Hope!** Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Family Catechesis: The season of giving is upon us and in remembrance of our parishioners who have lost a loved one this year, the Family Catechesis families are going to be giving a "Gift of Love". Our hope is that this token of Love will bring comfort knowing that your loved one is remembered during this Advent and Christmas season. On Sunday, December 10, these Gifts of Love will be presented to the families of: *Dudley Chamberlin, Cathy McDowell, Neil Ochs, Martha Peavler, Helen Powless, and Paul Wirth*. In this

Season of Glad Tidings what a JOY it is to SHARE GIFTS OF LOVE!

Family Catechesis:

December 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas:

On Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin, join us for a beautiful chant of Advent Vespers, a visit from St. Nicholas, music from the Holy Cross Choir, and more. Reminder there will be a Confirmation Check-In and a First Reconciliation Check-In and practice afterwards.

Live Your Catholic Faith:

- * Light the candles each week on your Advent wreath.
- * Pray the Advent prayers at meal time and live Advent.
- * Let Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be present before the presents!

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.

Attention Liturgical Ministers: The deadline is Monday, December 11 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.

Parish and Family Life Committee: The committee is sponsoring a "Christmas Card and Cake" community outreach project for ALL the residents of our local Long Term Care Facilities. We will be collecting Christmas cards along with boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes from parish members and St. Joseph School students from now until Sunday, December 17. Cards and snack cakes will be delivered to all the facilities prior to Christmas 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."*

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).

~ Welcome New Member to Our Parish ~
Edward Willingham

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Sunday, December 3: Olney 1352 Council Members and Family Christmas Appreciation Dinner, 5 PM, St. Joseph-Olney multi-purpose room. Santa is scheduled to arrive after the dinner.

Thursday, December 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, December 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
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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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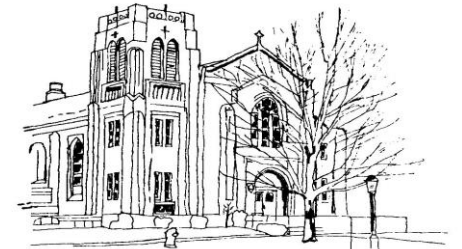
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~ Sacraments ~
Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.
Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ 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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