

Sunday, January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 8 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Jan. 9 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Jan. 10 8:05 am Lesko family
Thu. Jan. 11 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Jan. 12 No Mass
Sat. Jan. 13 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM John Tredway & family;
Tony & Alice Schneider & family;
Robert W., Margaret & Wanda Kocher
Sun. Jan. 14 8:00 am Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher; Larry & Donna Kirts
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 DECEMBER 31

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,353.25 (74) Loose: \$82
Christmas: \$4,285 (14) Guatemala: \$20 (1)
Collection for Needy: \$100 (1)
Retired Religious: \$25 (1)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, January 7

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Tuesday, January 9

- 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.

- 7 PM, OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (*previously known as RCIA*). Interested in joining the Catholic Church or just want more information? We are always excited to welcome new members/families. For more information, contact Fr. Steven Beatty (frsteven.beatty@gmail.com) (618-697-2632) or Caroline Trimble (ctrimblePA@gmail.com) (618-263-7106).

Wednesday, January 10

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

Friday, January 12

- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, January 10

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (2nd-Zuber).
- Freshman Orientation at RCHS.

* Good luck to our girls' teams in the Diocesan Basketball tournament this weekend!

* Please turn in all sold and unsold 2024 St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars. The drawing begins Wednesday, January 31.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Dec. 25: Tracy Stevens (#555) **\$500**
Dec. 26: Marilyn Smithenry (#526)
Dec. 27: Anna King (#491)
Dec. 28: Ellisyn Laughlin (#281)
Dec. 29: Lana Werner (#412)
Dec. 31: Michelle Deimel (#699) **\$500**

Let Us Pray For: 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

Happy New Year- our Lord SHINES!

May this New Year be filled with heavenly graces and overflow with the Light and Love of Jesus. We all have the choice to shine everyday so live this year SHINING BRIGHT! The Three Kings offer us the way to live by paying homage- *no matter the obstacles of life-* to the wee little King. What gifts do you bring to the little King? Is he the Light of your life? Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us! J.O.Y.S*

We are in need of a new sponsor for the bulletins for the month of March. The cost is \$100. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested.

Thank you for a beautifully decorated church: Julie and Tom Herring, Vicki Stuckey, Allyson and Angel Padilla and boys, Jason Snider, Rob McClain, Amy Beyers Stevens, Adam Kuhn and family, and Ryan Blank and family.

A one-day PreCana session will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Sainte Marie on March 9. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes meal and materials. If you would like to attend, please see our website at:

www.stemariechurch.org and find the Registration Form, or call St. Mary's Parish Office (618-455-3155) or email: stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com to register.

Farmers Supporting Farmers

Saturday January 13, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM
St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL

Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally will tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at cherylsommer@yahoo.com or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter at principal@stjoeolney.com or 618-395-3081.

2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, at 10 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop. The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

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Respect Life Corner: “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life

with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

Thursday, January 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, January 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, January 28: K of C led Rosary at 7:35AM.

Thanks to all the volunteers at the 5th Sunday Mass on December 31.

Thanks to Steve Kuentler who has always led the Rosary on the last Sunday of each 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.

Thanks to the 12 at the fellowship breakfast at Smoke Rise Steakhouse following Mass.

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 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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~ **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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