

*Sunday, January 5, 2025  
Epiphany of the Lord*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 6 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Jan. 7 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Jan. 8 8:05 am *For the Parish***  
1:30 PM at Carle 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
*Special Intention*  
Thu. Jan. 9 6:30 PM at Wendelin

**Sat. Jan. 11**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM *Deceased & Living members of  
Hermina & Francis Zuber Family  
Cliff Helfrich***

**Sun. Jan. 12**  
**8:00 am *Richard & Glenda Dallmier  
Dr. William Lesko***  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

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***OUR JANUARY SPONSORS***

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

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***OUR TITHES FOR DEC. 29<sup>th</sup>***

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$5,731 (74) Loose: \$98  
Guatemala: \$50 (3) Christmas Flowers: \$55 (3)  
Christmas: \$20,704 (125) Retirement for Religious:  
\$65 (2) Christmas for those in need: \$965 (35)  
Building fund: \$3,230 (6)

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**Let Us Pray For:** John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Ashley Hinterscher, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the Prayer List.*

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*~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~*

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany of the Lord**

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.
- Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**
- Student's return to school.
- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B with Deacon Jack.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis meets at Holy Cross. Adult topic: New Beginnings of Life in God-Spiritual Plan Part 2. Kid Topic: CYM-Epiphany-Follow the Star.

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

- The Parish and Family Life committee meets at 5:30 PM in the quilting room.

**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Come and join your fellow parishioners for cookies and refreshments after the 5 PM mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy treats and fellowship!!

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Sisters in Christ, A New Year and our groups resume with "World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen. Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and stresses mankind's need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children. Join us for the study on: January 14, Tuesday morning 10:00 am St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Hall. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if interested.

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Sisters in Christ, Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm Holy Cross Wendelin Parish Center Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available) Remember to have your Saint and Word for the New Year. It's a Jubilee Year, let us journey onward as Pilgrims of Hope!

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🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

- School resumes for students January 7.
- **2025 Benefit Calendars are here!** The price is \$25. Total payout is \$8,425. Calendars are for sale at the School Office, the Parish Office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391).

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Dec. 23: Bob Uhl (#415)  
Dec. 24: Bonnie Vail (#017)  
**Dec. 25: (\$500) Thelma Bigard(#363)**  
Dec. 26: Cheryl Dill (#414)  
Dec. 27: Kerry Mart (#096)

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*~ PARISH NEWS ~*

- **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.

- **Thank you** to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2025 calendars. The calendars are available at the doors.
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*~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~*

- **January 9<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> degree meeting at 7 PM.
  - **January 16<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at 7 PM.
  - **January 26<sup>th</sup>:** The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.
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**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners  
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

20+C+M+B+25

"We saw his Star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

The Star led the Magi to the greatest gift - Jesus!  
The Magi - 3 Kings - brought gifts that were intended for royalty - for a King.

How could 3 Kings from afar know that the one they sought was the prophesied one?

They looked to the Star that served as their guide and followed the True Light.

What might be your guiding Star this New Year? What gifts do you bring to the King? Begin this New Year living a life that - reflects-illuminates - the Love of God!

The journey is set before you - go forth following the True Star.

Live this Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!"

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*~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~*

**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
-Psalm 100**

"May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers." **-Bishop Michael McGovern**

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**Respect Life Corner: Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

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**11 Day Majestic Germany Pilgrimage!**

April 21-May 1, 2025

Hosted by Fr. R Dean Probst

For more information, please contact Fr. R Dean Probst at (217) 494-6326 or by email at [rdprobst@gmail.com](mailto:rdprobst@gmail.com)

**Vocation Corner: Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450  
✠  
‘Renewing the Vision’  
Sunday, January 5, 2025  
*Epiphany of the Lord*

~ **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 4:30 PM – 4:45 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.)  
Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ **St. Joseph School** ~  
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