

Sunday, February 19, 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Feb. 20 No Mass
Tue. Feb. 21 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Feb. 22 8:05 am Fr. Gary Gummershaimer
12:00 PM (at Stringtown)
6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
6:30 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Thu. Feb. 23 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Feb. 24 No Mass
Sat. Feb. 25 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Jim & Mary Steber
Sun. Feb. 26 8:00 am Loren Ginder;
Paul Wirth
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 12

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,371 (86) Loose: \$162
Guatemala: \$159 (8)

~ *Kudos* ~

- ◆ To newly baptized *Maverick Dean Michels*, child of Seth and Lauren (Buerster) Michels.
- ◆ To *Mary Jane Kuenstler*, who will celebrate her 95th birthday on February 23. Happy birthday!

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Sunday, February 19

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy
- 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!

- 11 AM, Mardi Gras Soup Supper at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day

- The Parish Office is closed.
- 7 PM, School Board

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

- 8:05 AM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes
- Rosary, after Mass.
- 12 PM (Noon), Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Thursday, March 2

- 5 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting

Friday, March 3

- 8 AM, First Friday Mass
- 9 AM, Communion Visitation

🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

Monday, February 20

- No School (Presidents' Day)

Tuesday, February 21

- Preschool and kindergarten - FFA Petting Zoo

Wednesday, February 22

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (5th)

Saturday, February 25

- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival, 4:30PM - 7 PM. Join us for Joe's famous pasta, salad, drinks, and dessert! Bring your children for the carnival in the gymnasium.

Saturday, March 18

- Inaugural Bingo Bash and Auction, held at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center! Doors open at 5:30 PM. Tickets available in the school

office. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200.

Support the school and its many activities: sports, music, field trip, laboratory supplies, competitive salaries, curricular materials, and so much more! Want to help? Donate a bottle of wine (drop off in the back of our churches or at the school office).

A new, easy way to give to the school - Walmart's Round Up/Spark Good Program: Anytime you shop at Walmart, your amount due can be rounded up, and the change goes directly to the school.

On the app: Go to your account, scroll down to Giving and Impact. Click "look for a preferred charity". You should see St. Joseph Church - St. Joseph School (look for the school logo).

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 6: Jess Jennings (#682)
Feb. 7: Hannah Rodgers (#486)
Feb. 8: Tyler & Michelle Cowman (#161)
Feb. 9: Garai Doll (#716)
Feb. 10: Jaxon Hemrich (#337)

Let Us Pray For: Michelle Kessler, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway and Louise Weber.

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

"If I should fall even a thousand times a day, a thousand times, with peaceful repentance, I will say immediately, Nunc Coepi [Now I begin]" Venerable Bruno Lanteri

The Lenten journey is about to begin. What do you do? What do you *not* do? What do you add? Give up? A whole lotta of to-dos! How about a Lent that is transforming? How about a Lent that brings you closer to the Heart of the Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? The Mother? First thing first – one should begin with a plan -

because if you fail to plan then you will plan to fail! Ask God a few questions: 1) What do you see - *in me* - that I am allowing to get in way of your love? *Self-Righteousness? Gossip? Slandering others? Rudeness? Etc.* 2) What are the distractions that I reach for that I don't even recognize as distractions? *Social media? Gossiping ear? My inflated opinion of judgement? Etc.* 3) What sins do I love so much that I no longer see them as sins? *Prideful attitude? Jealously? Ingratitude? Callousness? Etc.*

The transformation to a contrite heart begins with the response to the questions and choosing to live out the answer these next forty days. *O' Merciful God, I humbly ask you to show me the attitude of my soul and give me the grace to suffer out of love for you the injury that I have caused you and my fellow man. I implore you my God to purge what is not of your love from my hands, heart, tongue, eyes, and ears. O Jesus, meek and humble of Heart make my heart like unto thine.*

Journey this Lent carrying the cross out of Love and come Easter morning you will truly be a new creation in the resurrected Lord. *Nunc Coepi!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Save the Date: Lenten Quad-Parish Renewal, March 5-8 at 6:30 PM with social afterwards. Join us for **Eucharistic Discipleship** with Dr. Mark Ginter. Each one of our parishes will host a night for the Lenten Renewal.

* *Sunday, March 5 at Holy Cross-Wendelin*

* *Monday, March 6 at St. Joseph-Stringtown*

* *Tuesday, March 7 at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville*

* *Wednesday, March 8 at St. Joseph-Olney*

Dr. Mark Ginter, catechist, theologian, author, and speaker, works to cultivate a new springtime of the Church through the new evangelization. As a husband, father, and grandfather, he works to renew Catholic family life. In 1997, he received a PhD in theology and psychology from Marquette University. For over 38 years, Dr. Ginter has taught in parishes, high schools, universities, and

seminaries. Writing the first academic article on St. John Paul II's new evangelization, he met that great pope on Jan. 5, 2005. He led the publication of the recently released book, *Spirit of God: Short Writings on the Holy Spirit*. Currently, Dr. Ginter serves as strategic partnership liaison fellow for Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute.

Parish and Family Life Committee: Thank you to everyone who donated Valentine cards, posters and Little Debbie snack cakes for our Valentine's Day Card and Cake project for the area nursing homes. We had such a generous response from our church, St. Joseph School, OCC Nursing students and community. We were able to donate to all our area nursing homes and assisted living facilities, Sunshine Village, SWAN, Little Acorn Ministries as well as the Veterans at Heritage Shelter Care in Hutsonville. Thanks to all of you and your generous, giving hearts, many residents truly felt special and loved this Valentine's Day and that was our goal. Thanks again for all your support.

This weekend, our parish along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church.

Next week, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Dear Parishioners, On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your

willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

Franciscan University at Steubenville, Ohio, has partnered with our Diocese to offer us faith formation from the comforts of home. The mission of our parish is "to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ within the Catholic Church." To help us in achieving this mission, our parish/school has just subscribed to an extraordinarily effective new outreach from Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute (CI). Thanks to a partnership between our diocese and the CI, we are now able to offer local, mentored, substantive, and engaging formation for every person in ministry. That includes clergy, catechists, school personnel, youth ministers, adult group leaders, volunteers, and even (and especially) parents. *It is free to all, with unlimited access.* Sign up at: <https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-belleville>

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Friday, February 24: Fish Fry Night, 5 PM – 7 PM at the Olney City Park Community Building, to benefit Mentor Richland County.
Sunday February 26: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

Kudos to St. Joseph School teachers and staff and 86 Spelling Bee participants. Winners in the 5th grade Spelling Bee: Yzabella Biyok, Quinn Trout, Lucca Trupiano, Camden Blank, Julian Seaman, Makai Steele, Landree Nelson and Luke Slagley. Winners in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade Spelling Bee: Miles Tompson, Rebekah Fleming, Carly Seiler, Katelyn Bookhout, Marissa McLaren, Korynn Snider, Lily Stevens, Teegan Ochs, Leah Kuenstler and Nora McClain. The first four qualify for the State Finals in Petersburg.

2023 Olney Knights of Columbus \$250 Senior Scholarships are now available at the High School and in the church vestibule. Deadline is Wednesday, April 20. Please submit to: K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. 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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~ 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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