

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Nov. 27 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Nov. 28 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Nov. 29 8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
Thu. Nov. 30 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Dec. 1 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Dec. 2 9:00 am (at Wendelin)
4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Henry Kocher family; Joseph Zwilling
Sun. Dec. 3 8:00 am Ed Weiler, Mr. & Mrs. Ves Weiler; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Faller
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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Bulletins: In Memory of Don Fehrenbacher
Missalettes: Blank's Insurance

OUR TITHES FOR NOVEMBER 12

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$4,450 (80) Loose: \$263
Guatemala: \$30 (2) All Saints: \$50 (1)

OUR TITHES FOR NOVEMBER 19

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,358 (82) Loose: \$171
Guatemala: \$30 (2) C.C.H.D.: \$285 (11)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, November 26

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Wednesday, November 29

- Rosary, after Mass.

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

Friday, December 1 - First Friday

- 8 AM, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 AM.

Saturday, December 2 - First Saturday

- 9 AM, First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, with confession beginning at 8:15AM.

Sunday, December 3

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.
- 1 PM, First Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney.

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 PM, Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6:30 PM, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, December 8

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

- 8 AM, Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 - 8:05 AM, School Mass at St. Joseph-Olney
 - Rosary, after Mass.
 - 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.
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 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Monday, November 27

- Bryce Weiler will speak at the home basketball game about his Beautiful Lives project and overcoming adversity. Join us!

Wednesday, November 29

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (4th-Hough).

Sunday, December 3

- 1 PM, First Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney.
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IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions: If you are at least 70 1/2 and have an IRA that is subject to Required Minimal Distribution, you can save paying taxes on whatever amount you choose and at the same time do great work. St. Joseph School is a 501c3 and therefore eligible to receive qualified distributions. The financial advisor who administers your IRA account can assist you with the necessary paperwork.

* Each parish is also eligible.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Nov. 13: Richard & Marina Bookhout (#363)
Nov. 14: Lori Lacey (#641)
Nov. 15: Deb L. Zuber (#014)
Nov. 16: Jamie Barbee (#470)
Nov. 17: Frank & Carol Kocher (#011)

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

Onward to the Kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you. It is the last Sunday of our Liturgical year, and we triumphantly celebrate Jesus Christ as King! This King is forever on the throne and longs for each one of us to be with Him in the Kingdom. Are you living a life that will merit the Kingdom of Eternity? Is Jesus King of your life? If there are areas in your life that are *not-fit-for-a-King*-return to the Sacraments-make haste! Live a life of prayer, fasting, sacrifice, and love! Jesus is

King over all-*grief-sadness-anxiety-confusion-uncertainties... etc....* Ask the King of Kings to come more and more into your heart, and soul! Live a Life of Love and journey *Onward to the Kingdom!* Jesus Christ King of Glory triumphantly reign in our lives and our lands! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Family Catechesis:

November Faith Focus: Purgatory
Live Your Catholic Faith: Remember your loved ones who have died, by placing a picture of them at your family altar or family table, share stories and pray the Family Prayer of the month for them. Also, visit the cemetery and pray a Rosary for all the souls in Purgatory.

Family Prayer: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. St. Gertrude the Great, pray for us!

Act of Love: The Gift of Love and prayers for that family.

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!

Spend time with Jesus this Advent: Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney on Tuesday afternoons beginning in December. The hours will be from 12 PM to 3 PM. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to just stop in for a few minutes, most importantly, just come and *Adore our Lord*.

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.”

The annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 9 and 10 after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. You can either pick your own homemade cookies or purchase a tray pre-packaged with homemade cookies. We will be requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 8 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 9 between 8 AM and 10AM. We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6). If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).

Cookies with Santa, sponsored by the St. Joseph School enrollment committee, will be

held in conjunction with the Cookie Walk this year on Saturday, December 9 from 5:45 PM-7:30 PM. Children aged birth-Kindergarten are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa!

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).

~ **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.

Kudos to 1st place, gold medalist Josiah Williams at the State Soccer Challenge in Bloomington!

Thanks to 71 in attendance at the Mass for the eight deceased members. Thanks to: Carl Sager-Chairman, Father Steven, Dan Hahn, Kylie Rauch, volunteer ministers, Jeffrey Rosenberg and all those bringing cookies. Checks for \$250 were written in honor of 4th Degree member Richard Hahn to St. Joseph School and also to Richland County HOPE in honor of Edwin Ginder.

Welcome new 4th Degree members Scott Seiler and Rodney Ochs.

Knight of the Month: Carl Sager, Chairman of the Mass for Deceased Members.

Congratulations to Rod Kelley on being a member of Knights of Columbus for 76 years.

St. Joseph Church
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Sunday, November 26, 2023
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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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