

*Sunday, December 24, 2023*  
*4th Sunday of Advent*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

- Sun. Dec. 24 4:00 PM For the Parish**  
4:00 PM (at Wendelin)  
8:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
- Mon. Dec. 25 12:00 am (at Stringtown)**  
**8:00 am For the Parish**  
8:00 am (at Lawrenceville)
- Tue. Dec. 26 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
- Wed. Dec. 27 8:00 am Special Intention**
- Thu. Dec. 28 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
- Fri. Dec. 29 No Mass**
- Sat. Dec. 30 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Richard Fulk**
- Sun. Dec. 31 8:00 am For the Parish**  
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 DECEMBER 17**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$10,304 (92) Loose: \$139  
Guatemala: \$40 (2) Flowers: \$197 (10)  
Retired Religious: \$205 (6) C.C.H.D.: \$10 (1)

~ **Kudos** ~

- ◆ To newly baptized *Maxine May Phillips*, child of Ben and Ladi (Stallard) Phillips.

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- ◆ To newly baptized *Hayven Grace Hensley*, child of Abram Hensley and Lauren (Purcell) Tibbs.

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Monday, December 25**

- The Parish Office is closed.

**Tuesday, December 26**

- The Parish Office is closed.
- No Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will begin again on Tuesday, January 9.

**Wednesday, December 27**

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

**Friday, December 29**

- The Parish Office is closed.

**\* CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE \***

***Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24***

- \* **4 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**
- \* 4 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- \* 8 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

***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** 

**Monday, December 25 - Tuesday, January 2**

- Christmas Break.

**Wednesday, January 3**

- Students return.

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\* **Thank you** to Mrs. Michels and our Kindergarten-4th grade musicians for a wonderful Christmas program!

\* **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).

\* **St. Joseph School** is proud of our IL State Scholars from Richland County High School. Congratulations Madison Nelson, Trenton Payne, Evelyn Potter, Isabella Trupiano, and Isaac Zwilling!

\* **Merry Christmas** from the staff at St. Joseph School! We are grateful for our families who choose a full-time Catholic education and our parishes who support their decision.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- Dec. 11: Mike & Jenny Krim (#156)
- Dec. 12: Robert Zuber (#261)
- Dec. 13: Andrea Zuber (#631)
- Dec. 14: Diane Fehrenbacher (#347)
- Dec. 15: Bob & Clara Rose Wilson (#089)

**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*

The Advent season of waiting and anticipating brings us to the last candle of Love. May these remaining moments of journeying towards the babe in the manger be one of *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* in your heart and homes. Our Blessed Mother shows us the way to Jesus in every season. Behold he comes-The one who is Born to Die- The one who is King of Kings! *Merry Christmas to you and yours!*

**Giving Tree:** The deadline to turn in gifts is Sunday, December 24. After the deadline, please call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151) to arrange for pick-up.

**Christmas Flower Memorials:** The deadline to turn in names for the Christmas Flower Memorial list is Monday, December 25.

**On behalf of the Parish and Family life Committee....**A huge thank you to everyone who helped support our Community Christmas project this year! Your overwhelming generosity is so very much appreciated! With your support, we received and delivered over 1,250 Little Debbie cakes and over 520 Christmas cards. Not only were we able to spread a little Christmas cheer to every assisted living and long-term care facility in our community, but we were able to share with LAMB, SWAN, Sunshine Village and our veteran friends at Heritage Shelter in Hutsonville. Special thanks to the teachers and students of St. Joseph School for all the handmade Christmas cards, they will definitely put smiles on some sweet faces this Christmas season. And thanks to the OCC Nursing students who always support our projects. So grateful for your generous hearts! We couldn't have touched this many faces without all your help. Thank you again. God Bless and have a Merry Christmas!

**We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2024.** Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, First Communion

and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

**We are accepting** donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items. These items will be given to the Good Samaritan of Richland County. Please place these items in the basket in the church vestibule.

**The 46th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection** will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2024 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much.

**2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

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

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

*-Bishop Michael McGovern and*

*Ministries and Programs Funded by*

*The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal*

**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](mailto:cherylsommer@yahoo.com) or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter at [principal@stjoeolney.com](mailto:principal@stjoeolney.com) or 618-395-3081.

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

**Monday, December 25:** K of C Mass Ministry, 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.

**Sunday, December 31:** K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney. Volunteer Ministry at 8 AM Mass. Fellowship breakfast to follow at a local restaurant.

**Kudos** to Mike Ginder, Vocation Raffle Chairman; 73 Vocation Raffle Booklets submitted! No local winners. Four Belleville Seminarians will receive \$165.

**Knight of the Month:** Bart Zuber-Knights of Columbus Appreciation Christmas Dinner Special Guest!

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



'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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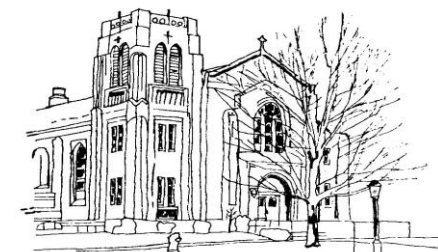
**~ Sacraments ~**

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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