

Sunday, December 29, 2024
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Tue. Dec. 31 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
6:00 PM at Wendelin

Wed. Jan. 1 *The Solemnity of Mary*
8:00 am *For the Parish*
8:00 am at Stringtown

Thu. Jan. 2 6:30 PM at Wendelin

Fri. Jan. 3 *First Friday*
8:00 am *Special Intention*

Sat. Jan. 4 *First Saturday*
9:00 am at Wendelin
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM *Richard & Glenda Dallmier*
Ralph Helm

Sun. Jan. 5
8:00 am *John & Dorothy Bodenber*
Christina Ginder
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR DECEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Illini Builders

Missalettes: Kistler-Patterson Funeral Home

OUR TITHES FOR DEC. 22nd

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$6,803 (85) Loose: \$283

Guatemala: \$100 (1) Christmas Flowers: \$80 (3)

Retirement for Religious \$150 (2) Cemetery: \$1000

Let Us Pray For: 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.*

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Sunday, December 29th

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.
- Mass ministries and rosary led by the K of C.

Monday, December 30th

- There will be no Stringtown evening mass.

Tuesday, December 31st

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- OCIA will not meet today. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 7th.

Wednesday, January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- **Happy New Year!!** Wishing you and your family blessings in the year 2025!
- The next Wednesday Bible Study falls on New Year's Day so we won't be meeting as usual. We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary; the Holy Mother of God and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Deacon Jack wishes you all a healthy and happy New Year!
- Parish office closed.

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. 16: Erin Nuss (#477)

Dec. 17: Teresa Tegeler (#751)

Dec. 18: Jessica Chapman (#671)

Dec. 19: Amy Westall (#448)

Dec. 20: Dan Kuenstler (#123)

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions:** A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution of funds from your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) directly to a qualified charitable organization, such as St. Joseph Church or St. Joseph school. Because the gift goes directly to the charity without passing through your hands, the dollar amount of the gift may be excluded from your taxable income up to a maximum of **\$100,000** annually, with some exceptions. Please consult your tax advisor for information regarding your specific exceptions.
- **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.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sunday, December 29th:** The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.
- **Sunday, December 29th:** Mass ministries led by the K of C 4th degree members, and a fellowship breakfast after mass.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The long-awaited gift of Love has come!
Let the heavens rejoice, and our hearts be
gladdened with that Silent Night promise of
never-ending, always faithful, and true Love!
May all the heavenly blessings that come from
that glorious first Holy Family
+ Jesus + Mary + Joseph
resides in your heart always!
Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let us begin to live a life that truly radiates the
Love of God to one and all.
Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our
Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

~ **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**

Respect Life Corner: Sunday, December 29th

DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE
The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says "Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to **Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide.** Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

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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



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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 4:30 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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