

Sunday, April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. April 22 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. April 23 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. April 24 8:05 am Fr. James Dougherty
Thu. April 25 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. April 26 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. April 27 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM 1st Communion
Sun. April 28 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: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 14

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,050.25 (96) Loose: \$124
Guatemala: \$108 (7) Easter: \$10 (1)

~ **Kudos** ~

♦ To *Jean Steber*, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on April 24. Happy birthday!

* **AROUND OUR PARISHES** *

Sunday, April 21

• 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Tuesday, April 23

• 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.

Wednesday, April 24

• Rosary, after Mass.
• 9:15 AM, Bible Study, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss

if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll use our imaginations to enter into the scene, create the characters and be there in the world of the reading.

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

Saturday, April 27

• 5 PM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney.

Sunday, April 28

• 8 AM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown.
• 10 AM, First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
• 10 AM, First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Wednesday, April 24

• Walk/Bike to School Day.
• 8:05 AM, School Mass (7th).
• Neighborhood Clean-Up.

Friday, April 26

• 4th Grade State Fair project displays.

Saturday, April 27 / Sunday, April 28

• First Communion weekend. Please keep all of our second graders in your prayers.

* Parents of recently confirmed 8th grade students: Your student's photo during Confirmation (anointing by the bishop) can be found on the school's Facebook page.

* St. Joseph School students raised \$1,416.84 for Catholic Relief Services through our Rice Bowl collection!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 8: Jeff A. Kocher (#798)
April 9: Ray & Erlene Friend (#647)
April 10: Brad & Mischelle Doll (#848)
April 11: Mike & Margaret Hahn (#689)
April 12: Lori Zimmerle (#029)

Let Us Pray For: John Bower, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Mary Rowark, Mary Beth Scherer, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, Fr. Mark Stec 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

Our choices are just that- *Ours-* and so are the consequences! We freely (free will) decide our actions and that carries over into how we treat people! Do we treat others with Christ-like love? Or do we exclude-ignore- scandalize? Our choices - our actions speak volumes about our soul- about who we serve and to whom we belong! What do your actions say? Is Jesus the Good Shepherd who you follow and whose voice you hear? Or is it the voice of the world? Our gracious Lord Jesus freely gave his life- freely he endured all *-the trials- scouring-ridicule- loneliness- abandonment- freely he endured-* because of OUR choices! Let us pick up and embrace our *-own-* cross and choose to be Christ-like. Journey onward to the Kingdom- choosing- hearing- and listening to the Good Shepherd. St. Faustina, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

Family Catechesis Month of The Blessed Sacrament

Live Your Catholic Faith:

Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish.

Our Family Prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

St. Joseph Church-Olney is accepting applications for the Administrative Assistant position in our Parish Office. Interested applicants can send a cover letter and résumé to the Parish Office or School Office.

In honor of our Blessed Mother, we will be praying the Rosary before all of the weekend Masses during the month of May beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, May 4, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 26. We will begin 30 minutes before each Mass. For anyone wishing to lead the Rosary during those times, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which generously supports ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese each year. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Anniversary Card Shower: Deacon Jack and Regina Shuster will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 26. Let's celebrate and shower them with love. If you would like to send them a card for this special occasion, please mail to: 209 S. Elliott Street, Olney, IL 62450. Congratulations and Happy 50th Anniversary to Deacon Jack and Regina!

Respect Life Corner: "Suicidal individuals — with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic" usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic*

Pilgrimage to Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul December 1-11, 2024. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez, and Cheryl Sommer. Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville. Cost: \$3,999. Registration Deadline: June 1, 2024. By traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul as he organized churches throughout new territory,

pilgrims will be invited to reflect on what their own knowledge of Christ is calling them to do and what it means to be part of the Church today. We will also see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees in southern Greece. Pilgrimage sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and more. To receive more information and a registration brochure, contact CRS Diocesan Animator, Cheryl Sommer at crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month: Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture, there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope? Victims of crime, their families, and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and that there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Sunday, April 28: Knights led Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney, 7:40 AM.

Kudos to the 4th Degree Honor Guard at Confirmation on April 12: Mike Doll, Elmer Weiler, Dan Kuentler, Steve Kuentler, Matt Zuber, Dan Zwilling, Hank Ginder, and new members Rodney Ochs and Scott Seiler. Present 4th Degree members or 3rd Degree members wishing to be 4th Degree members please consider being in the Honor Guard by contacting Steve Kuentler or Hank Ginder for more information.

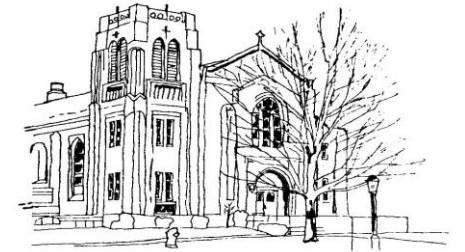
Knight of the Month: Rodney Ochs being available for every fish fry night!

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
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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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- 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.)

~ St. Joseph School ~
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