

*Sunday, May 12, 2024*  
*Ascension of the Lord*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. May 13 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
 Tue. May 14 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. May 15 8:15 am For All Graduates**  
 Thu. May 16 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. May 17 No Mass**  
**Sat. May 18 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Hermina Zuber;**  
**Ed & Mary Jo Zuber;**  
**Jeff, Jeanette & Jamie Ping**  
**Sun. May 19 8:00 am Mary Sheridan;**  
**Ed Weiler, M/M Ves Weiler;**  
**M/M Wm. Faller**  
 8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
 10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler family  
 Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

**OUR TITHES FOR MAY 5**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
 Envelopes: \$9,274 (122) Outreach: \$241  
 Guatemala: \$387 (24) Home Missions: \$25 (2)  
 Seminarian Education: \$795 (19)

~ **Kudos** ~

- ◆ To all our mothers on this Mother's Day!
- ◆ To *Carl Frohning*, who will celebrate his 93rd birthday on May 15. Happy birthday!
- ◆ To newly baptized *Katherine Elliot Brazil*, child of Elliot and Samantha (Herman) Brazil.

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Saturday, May 11 / Sunday, May 12**

- In honor of our Blessed Mother, we will be praying the Rosary before all of the weekend Masses during the month of May. 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.

**Sunday, May 12**

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

**Monday, May 13**

- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.

**Tuesday, May 14**

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

**Wednesday, May 15**

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9:15 AM, Bible Study, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for Pentecost and we'll use our imaginations to enter into the scene as we join the Galileans as well as the Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, Judeans, Cappadocians, Pontians and Asians, Phrygians and Pamphylans, Libyans, Cretans, Romans, Arabs and more.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

**Wednesday, May 22**

- 7 PM, Cemetery Committee meeting.

**Thursday, May 23**

- 2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are available. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Monday, May 27**

- 6:30 PM, Memorial Day Service at the St. Joseph-Stringtown Cemetery. Bring a lawn chair. It will be held inside if it rains.

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

**Tuesday, May 14**

- First Grade afternoon in the park.

**Wednesday, May 15**

- 8:15 AM, Graduation Mass.
- 7 PM, Graduation Ceremony in the courtyard, weather permitting.

**Thursday, May 16**

- Third Grade Business Expo in the MPR.

**Friday, May 17**

- Band Trip to Holiday World.

**Monday, May 20**

- 11 AM, Preschool Promotion Ceremony in the church.
- 12:15 PM - 2:30 PM, Sports Physicals provided by Carle Richland Memorial Hospital in the MPR.

**Tuesday, May 21**

- Last Day of School.
- 8 AM- 10:30 AM, Field Day Activities.
- 10:30 AM, Prayer service in the church.
- 11 AM, Early Dismissal .

**Elections for Board of Education members** will be May 25 and May 26 after mass. We will elect one member and choose another member for appointment to fill a vacated seat. We have three parish members eligible based on the following criteria: \*Registered parish member at least 21 years of age. \*Petition signed by 10 parish members who are qualified voters. \*Candidates are listed in the order their petitions were received in the school office. \*Not paid employees or immediate family members of an employee. \*Have the ability to work effectively with others. \*Willing to make the necessary commitment for thought and study as well as for meetings and related board activities.

Please see included short biographies of our three candidates.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

April 29: Beverly Clow (#227)  
 April 30: Brenda Coffey (#052)  
 May 1: Ella Eimer (#567)  
 May 2: Nancy Kuykendall (#660)  
 May 3: Herman Zuber (#320)

**Let Us Pray For:** 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**

*Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.* This is what we ALL are called to do! We do this the way we live, talk, and share our time and space. Seriously, take a minute and reflect- do I proclaim the Gospel-God's Word? Or do I proclaim my own gospel- my view? Do you share the joy, mercy, goodness, and love of the Ascended Lord? Or the gossip, division, insults... etc.... that come from the evil one? Our Lord may have ascended into Heaven but rest assured, HE REMAINS AMONGST US ALL. So go forth, and live a life being HIS disciple- Share the wonders of HIS MOST HOLY NAME! Journey onward to the Kingdom... *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature!* St. Faustina, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!* Happy Mother's Day to all!

**Family Catechesis Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Live Your Catholic Faith Ways We Can Honor Mary:**

1. Pray the Rosary.
2. Say the Hail Mary Prayer throughout the day.
3. Create a Prayer Corner, placing some representation of our Blessed Mother whether that be a photo, small statue, or

Rosary beads. 4. Create an outdoor space, flowers in honor of Mary.

**Our Family Prayer:** A Prayer of Reparation  
*Taught by the Angel during the third apparition*  
Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen. (Pray three times in a row.)

**Family Catechesis Registration is Open**~ This is for all ages: birth, pre-school, grade school, high school kids...even for you adults! This is for the whole family that wants to be involved, participate, and kept aware of all things family catechesis. A lot of Catholic learning, fun, gatherings, activities, events, speakers and so much more on the horizon. This will surely be the best one yet- so do not delay registering! Register on the parish website or FLOCKNOTE message. **\*\* Registrations are due by May 28!**  
**\*Family Catechesis** [October-May-monthly/bi-monthly faith, fun, gatherings]  
**\*VBS – SCUBA:** Diving into friendship with God, June 23-25, 6 PM – 8 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown. Ages: Preschool to 5th grade. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.  
**\*Saints in Training.** Every Sunday in July. Pick up your packet at Mass. For all ages.

**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.

**Annual Baby Bottle Project:** The Parish and Family Life Committee is asking each family to take a baby bottle home and fill it with your extra pocket change or dollars from Mother’s

Day to Father’s Day. Then bring your baby bottle back to church to be collected. The proceeds will help the Family Life Center in Effingham in the continuation of its pro-life ministry.

**May is the month** for our annual St. Joseph Cemetery Fund collection. Please consider giving to help with mowing expenses and general maintenance. You can give in the envelope provided with the May packet or put your contribution in an envelope marked "Cemetery Fund". **Please write out your check to "St. Joseph Cemetery Fund".** We appreciate your help in making sure our cemetery remains one of the best kept in the area.

**From the Parish and Family Life Committee:** We want to say thank you to the K.C. members who handed out the carnations on behalf of the Parish and Family Life Committee to the ladies on this Mother’s Day, honoring them on this special day.

**Graduation List:** The list of 2024 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph Preschool, 8th grade, high school and colleges. We have the names of preschoolers, St. Joseph School 8th graders and high school seniors in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. Please no phone calls. The deadline to turn in names is Wednesday, May 15.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Thursday, May 16:** 4th Degree meeting, 7 PM. All members please plan to attend. The new slate of officers will be voted on in June.  
**Sunday, May 26:** Knight led Rosary, 7:40 AM before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

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208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 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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- Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee
- 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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