

Sunday, February 9, 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 10	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 11	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Feb. 12	8:05 am	Alvin Zuber
	1:30 PM	at Carle 3 rd Floor <i>Special Intention</i>
Thu. Feb. 13	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Sat. Feb. 15	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	Deceased & Living members of Hermina & Frances Zuber Family; Deborah Rauch
Sun. Feb. 16	8:00 am	Dudley Chamberlin William Rohr
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

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OUR TITHES FOR FEB. 2nd

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,802 (102) Outreach: \$171
Guatemala: \$308 (18) First Offering: \$20 (4)

Let Us Pray For: Carol Kistler, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, 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.*

Happy Birthday to *Estella Zuber* who celebrates her **100th** birthday on February 14th!
Cards would be appreciated, and can be mailed to her in care at Stonebridge:
1304 N. East St. Apt. 4, Olney, IL 62450

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, February 8th

- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival! We will be serving famous Joe's sauce and pasta in the cafeteria from 5-7 pm with carnival games in the gym for the kids! Proceeds benefit our athletics, music, and PTO programs!

Sunday, February 9th

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. We are extending our age group to K-3 students. Children's liturgy gives children a simplified and modified explanation of the weekly readings and gospels. It's a great way for younger minds to understand the word of the Lord. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass on Sundays.
- Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!

Monday, February 10th

- Parish office closed
- Finance council meets at noon in conference room

Tuesday, February 11th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 1st and 5th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blesses Sacrament.
- OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, February 12th

- Parish office closed
- Praying the rosary after mass.
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. God reveals the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone? We'll talk about that at Bible Study.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle 3rd floor.

Thursday, February 13th

- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life meeting in the quilting room.
- 7:00 PM, K of C 3rd degree meeting in Room B.

Friday, February 14th

- **Happy Valentine's Day!!** ♥
(St. Valentine prayer on back of bulletin)
- 6 PM, Valentine's Day Party at Holy Cross Parish Center. Catered meal by Barney Ochs.

- Parish office closed.

Sunday, February 16th

- CYM Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser at Holy Cross. Serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm - Basket Raffle Fundraiser for Mission Trip too!

Thursday, February 20th

- 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.

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

- **Saturday, February 8** – Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO carnival! 5-7 PM.
- **Thursday, February 13**- Early release at 11:50, Parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon.
- **Friday, February 14**- No school, Parent-teacher conferences in the morning.
- **Monday, February 17**- No school, Presidents' Day.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

Married Catholics 4 Christ and Engaged Couples:

Love is... a journey of more you, me & God. One week of growing more in virtue and deepening the relationship. Continue praying together, living virtuously, and spending time with God. Once the booklet is finished, give to your love! *"It took two to get married, but it will take three to stay married. Keep God in your marriage."* Venerable Fulton Sheen
(Booklets are available at the doors of church)

- **Thank you** to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2025 calendars. There are still several calendars available at the doors. Please help yourself to one or two.

- **The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash** Fundraiser will be **March 8th** at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine for our wine pull. If you can donate a bottle or two, please place them in the special box in the back of each church. Please have any wine donations dropped off by Sunday, March 2nd.

- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Monday, February 17 to make any changes for the March and April schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.

~ CYM NEWS ~

- **CYM Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** - February 16th at Holy Cross - Serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm - Basket Raffle too!
- **High School Youth Group:**
February 9th at St. Joseph Stringtown at 5:30pm
February 23rd at Holy Cross at 5:30pm
- **Middle School Youth Group:**
February 15th at St. Joseph Olney at 6pm

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- February 13th: 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM.
- February 20th: 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.
- February 23rd: The Knights lead the rosary at 7:40 am.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 3: David Kieffer (#753)
Feb. 4: Annie Whitmire (#445)
Feb. 5: Levi Volk (#096)
Feb. 6: Ryan Dowty (#181)
Feb. 7: Evan Uhl (#226)

♥ **Join us for a married and engaged couples Valentine's Day Party** ♥

*February 14th at 6 PM, Holy Cross Parish Center
*Catered Meal by Barney Ochs
*Music by Midnight House
*Cost: \$40 per couple

RSVP to Sandi Kessler 618-676-5080 by Feb. 9th

♥ **Valentine's Breakfast** ♥
Sunday, February 9, 2025
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 St. Valentine Hall in the Bend
 4841 N. 2125th St. – Oblong
 Adults - \$10
 3-10 yrs old - \$5
 Adult meal refill - \$5
Carryouts available

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

*Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch, these are very powerful and vital words for our times. It takes extra effort to cast into the deep—simply because it requires trust! How well do you trust? More specifically, how well do you trust God? Casting into the deep is unfamiliar to most because we do not go beyond the surface. We spend way too much time on the surface – skimming through life - thinking we are in control - picking and choosing who and what we like and dare I say, even love! Sadly, this means that we also keep God on the surface. Then all the worldly-materialistic-prideful-essentially sinful behavior is what ends up in our nets. It is time to cast our nets into the waters of Everlasting life and to delve deeper and deeper into the Heart of the Father. *When you live in the deep- you live deeply with God and live abundantly.* Decide this day to stop living on the surface with empty nets and plunge into the depths and receive the catch-of-a-lifetime - God's Love. Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!**

~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

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Respect Life Corner: Sunday, February 9th

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

Vocation Corner: Sunday, February 9th

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate **World Marriage Day on this Sunday**, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging – all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER

O glorious advocate and protector,
 St. Valentine,
 look with pity upon our wants,
 hear our requests, attend to our prayers,
 relieve by your intercession the miseries
 under which we labour, and obtain for us the
 divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to
 join you in praising the Almighty for all
 eternity: through the merits of
 Our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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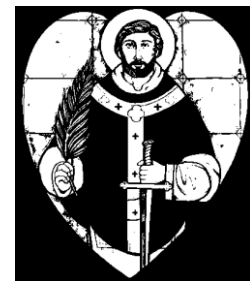
~ Sacraments ~

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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