

Sunday, February 23, 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 24 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 25 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

Wed. Feb. 26

8:05 am *Verlie & Lynn Troutman*

Thu. Feb. 27 6:30 PM at Wendelin

Fri. Feb. 28 8:00 am *For the Parish*

Sat. Mar. 1 *First Saturday*

9:00 am at Wendelin

4:00 PM at Wendelin

5:00 PM *Judy, Jan, and Mike Kocher*

Sun. Mar. 2

8:00 am *Jim & Mary Steber*
MaryAnn Kuenstler

8:00 am at Stringtown

10:00 am at Wendelin

10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR FEBRUARY SPONSORS

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OUR TITHES FOR FEB. 16th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,527 (84) Loose: \$239
Guatemala: \$15 (1)

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 *Mary Jane Kuenstler* who celebrates her 97th birthday on February 23rd.

Happy Birthday to *Carl Kessler* who celebrates his 85th birthday on March 4th. He would love to receive cards to celebrate. Please send cards to Carl at 1211 Shurron Street, Olney, IL 62450.

Deepest sympathy to the family of *Kathleen Vaughn*. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

Congratulations to newly baptized *Garrett Michael Lathrop, Avery Joann Eagleson, Elliott Dee Eagleson, and Hazel Ann Eagleson*, children of Evan and Madison (Hahn) Eagleson.

Congratulations to newly baptized *Hazel Grace Kuenstler*, child of Preston and Hannah (Woodcock) Kuenstler.

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Saturday, February 22nd

- Mass for PJ Shevlin

Sunday, February 23rd

- Mass for Albert, Clara, & RoseEllen Hahn and Alvin Zuber.
- 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.

Tuesday, February 25th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 4th and 8th 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 26th

- Mass for Verlie & Lynn Troutman
- 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 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us. To turn away from evil and wrongdoing takes character! Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? You might learn how at Bible Study!
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Thursday, February 27th

- Confirmation retreat 8am-2pm at St. Joseph Stringtown. Please pray for the confirmandi and retreat team members.

Friday, February 28th

- 8:00 am, Friday masses will continue every Friday morning again at St. Joseph in Olney.

Saturday March 1st – First Saturday

- 9:00 am, First Saturday mass at Wendelin.

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

- Thank you to the local Knights of Columbus for sponsoring spelling bees for our 5th-8th grade students and a Hoop Shoot competition for our 3rd-8th graders!
- Wednesday, February 26- Early release at 1:50
- Thursday, February 27- Confirmation retreat for St. Joseph School students at Stringtown.

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

- Reminder to bring your Blessed Palms to church over the next two weekends. There will be a basket in the vestibule. Ash Wednesday is March 5th.
- **The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash** Fundraiser will be **March 8th** at the Stringtown Parish Center.
- **Wine Pull** - The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash is quickly approaching! It is not too late to donate unopened bottles of wine for this year's Wine Pull. So far, our donations are a little lower than in past years. With your help, we can make this another successful event! If you have a bottle or two to donate, please drop off in one of the church boxes by March 2nd. You can drop off at the school office up until Friday, March 7th. Thank you!
- **Live streaming** of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com, click on the red YouTube image in the top right corner of the screen. Please share with those who may not be able to attend in person.
- **We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2025.** 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.

~ **CYM NEWS** ~

- **High School Youth Group:** February 23rd at Holy Cross at 5:30pm
- **Huge thank you** to everyone that came out to support and volunteer at the CYM Spaghetti Lunch last Sunday despite the winter weather. CYM as a whole greatly appreciates all the ongoing support and love from our awesome partnership of parishes that makes our youth program and summer mission trips possible!

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- February 23rd: The Knights lead the rosary at 7:40 am.
- March 7th: First fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park community building.
- March 13th: 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM.
- March 20th: 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.

Congratulations to the winners of the spelling bee!!

1st- Yzabella Biyok, 2nd- Camden Blank, 3rd- Nora McClain, 4th- Leah Kuenstler, 5th- Levi Rudolphi, 6th- Andrew Lambird

Three winners qualify for the Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee at Mt. Vernon , St. Mary's Parish Center, 10:30 AM Saturday, March 15th.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 17: Matt Zuber (#516)
Feb. 18: Chris Borah (#416)
Feb. 19: Sarah Vaal (#488)
Feb. 20: Marilyn Shan (#591)
Feb. 21: Beau Zuber (#387)

St. Mary's Brunch
 Sunday, March 2, 2025
 8 am until 12 noon
 St. Mary's Parish Center in Sainte Marie, IL.
 Adults \$10, children (4-10) \$5, children (3 & under)
 Free!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The power of our words is mighty - mightier than a two-edged sword. I recall as a child, hearing the words, "Sticks, and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!" Sadly, we soon realize, that this is not true! When we measure others- speak uncharitably- with words of unkindness, disrespect, slander- it is like taking a feather pillow-ripping it open and letting the feathers scatter in the wind. Once this is done, it is impossible to collect all the feathers again- the damage has been done. Let us Live a Life of Love that does not measure others, but responds to others with kindness- gentleness- patience- this is the Christ-like way. Keep the feathers in your pillow and let us scatter words of Love! Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

Vocation Corner: Sunday, February 23rd
 "People often discover their vocation to religious life at Mass or in adoration, but I "heard the call" while literally receiving a phone call! Before this life-changing moment during my last semester of college, I had spent about a year growing in my spiritual life through spiritual direction and getting to know members of Pro Ecclesia Santa. I was attracted to their joy, their charism to live and promote holiness, and their closeness to the Sacred Heart. But I was wrestling with the question of whether God was really calling *me* to religious life. Speaking on the phone with a potential roommate for the following year, I knew deep down that I was fooling myself. I didn't need to make housing plans; God wanted me to say "yes" to my vocation and move in with the sisters. Whatever your state of life,

say 'yes' to God's will and let yourself be surprised by his loving plans for you. "
Sister Leann Luecke; Pro Ecclesia Santa; *Columbia Magazine – July/Aug. 2023*

Respect Life Corner: Sunday, February 23rd
 "The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 Respect Life Re*ection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

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Quest Retreat, St. Mary's Belleville, IL, March 1-2, 2025: Come join Belleville Quest for a JOY filled experience. Spend the weekend learning about the faith with a series of fun activities and testimony from speakers. Quest is a 33-hour Christian experience designed for high school freshmen and sophomores, but older students and adult observers are welcome. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you. Applications are available at bellevilletec.org/applications

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January 15-20, 2026
Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville
 Registration will soon be open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email crsdiobelle@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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