

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Nov. 4 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Nov. 5 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Nov. 6 8:05 am Floyd Carter
Thu. Nov. 7 6:30 PM at Wendelin

Sat. Nov. 9
4:00 PM at Wendelin
**5:00 PM Ruth Matheny
Mary Sheridan**

Sun. Nov. 10
8:00 am For the Parish
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR NOVEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: In memory of Don Fehrenbacher
Missalettes: Blank's Insurance

OUR TITHES FOR OCT. 27th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,478.50 (85) Loose: \$163
Guatemala: \$20 (1) World Mission \$35 (2)
Building Fund: \$126 (6)

Let Us Pray For: Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Margaret Burgener, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Mary Beth Scherer, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, Deloris Nix, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the Prayer List.*

~ **Kudos** ~

- To newly baptized *Lane Levi Doan* and *Hallie Marie Doan*, children of Cody Doan and Katelyn Ballard.

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Sunday, November 3rd

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.
- **The Stringtown Community Club** will host a Soup Supper on Sunday, Nov. 3 at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center in Stringtown, IL. Serving Times from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a full meal deal for \$10.00, which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. There will also be a cake walk, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you there!
- **Boosters Breakfast & Athlete and Musician Blessing:** Student athlete and musician blessing during 8am Mass at Olney on Sunday, November 3. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite St. Joe gear. Everyone is encouraged to attend the free-will donation breakfast following mass in the SJS cafeteria from 9-11am. Proceeds benefit the St. Joseph School sports and music programs.

Tuesday, November 5th

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

Wednesday, November 6th

- Rosary, after mass
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B: Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We'll hear about two poor women, alone, with limited resources, yet generous and giving. You probably know of someone like one of these ladies. Think about coming to Bible Study.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 6:30pm, Holy Cross Wendelin Parish Center. Fr. Steven will be presenting an adult topic on: Gender, Identity, & the Creation of the Image of God. All are welcome to attend! During the Adult talk, our CYM will be presenting "Jesus is a Friend for All" for the kids using the material from one of the two VBS days. Please bring your child to the CYM Youth Room in the basement of the Parish House at 6:30 pm. Adults will gather in the Parish Center.

🔔 St. Joseph School News 🔔

- Boosters fundraiser breakfast this Sunday, November 3 in the school cafeteria. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School sports and music! Serving from 8:30-11:00!
- Tuesday, November 5- No school, Election Day.
- Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, and gift tags for students to use for Secret Santa are appreciated and may be dropped off at the school office.
- Our October school Mass collection benefitted CRS- Hurricane Relief Fund. Students collected \$249.71 to help those affected by recent hurricanes. Additional donations are appreciated at Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

- **Did you miss Fr. Steven's homily?** If you did, or if you'd like to listen to it again, you can find the most recent sermons of Fr. Steven recorded online. You can access these tracks on your computer at [soundcloud.com](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options/) or using the Soundcloud app on a device. The easiest way to find them will be to simply search "Steven Beatty" and Fr. Steven's page should come up.
- **At the Blessed Mothers altar** on the north side of church, there are white roses for expectant mothers to be remembered in prayer for a safe and healthy delivery. If there is an expectant mother you wish to pray for, please sign her name on the card along with her family (maiden) name and due date. After the baby is born, please present the rose to the mother. - From the Parish and Family Life Committee.
- **The funeral dinner committee** is in need of a few more clean leftover containers for after funerals. Please leave them in the pantry in the MPR kitchen or drop them off at the church office. Thank you!
- **OCIA** will be meeting on Tuesday evenings in conference room B at 6 PM. They will **not** meet on Tuesday, November 5th.

- **The Parish and Family Life committee** will be collecting gift packed shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These boxes will bring joy to many children during the Christmas season. We will be collecting shoeboxes now, until **November 18th**. A limited number of shoeboxes will be available in the back of church (or any shoe box will do). Please drop off packed shoeboxes to the parish office or leave in the tub in the back of the church. There is also a shipping fee that is needed to ship each box. Please include \$10 in an envelope along with a label (which can be found on the back table of church) for shipping, or purchase your own shipping label online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options/> Please join us as we pray, pack, and ship these gifts in the spirit of Christmas!

A special remembrance on All Souls' Day for the parishioners we have lost this year:

Micheal Allen Kocher, Freda Miller, Rodney A. Michels, Betty Jean Kocher, Harold L. Foerster, Cleo F. Hahn, Norman Lewis Bishop, Rosanna M Kocher, Melinda Sue Hunt, Richard M. Dallmier, Carolyn Kilgore, and Ruth Matheny.

Book of Remembrance: During the month of November, we especially remember and pray for those who have passed away. You are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance, which will be located in the front of church beginning November 1st.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Oct. 21: Betsy Bulla (#093)
Oct. 22: Curtis Pampe (#150)
Oct. 23: Kerry Mart (#096)
Oct. 24: Ryan Dowty (#655)
Oct. 25: Robert Zuber (#676)

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- November 14th: 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM.
- November 21st: 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.

~ **CYM NEWS** ~

- Nov. 10th: High school youth group (Olney)
- Nov. 16th: Middle School Youth Group (Olney)
- Nov. 17th: CYM Meeting and Mass (Stringtown)
- Nov. 22nd: High School Movie Night (HCW)
- Nov. 24th: High School Youth Group (HCW)

~ **YOUNG ADULT NEWS** ~

- Nov. 17th: Theology on Tap (more details to come).

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

We exist in a time, that is set-apart in history, where people are so nonchalantly discarded, overlooked, and slanderously abused. It is obvious in the disrespectfulness of authority, and in the personal agendas that are engaged. When the approach to “take matters in our own hands” is sought with fervent diligence. I ask you, “Where is the seeking of God in these times?” “Where is prayer, sacrifice, and dare, I ask, love for one another?” When did “we the people” become God? If you were asked, “Why are here,” or “What is your purpose?” How would you respond? Who is first God or you? **The answer should be, “God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.”** Does your life emulate these words, or the words of the world? Be like the poor widow and give and live out of love-for Love! Because she is the one who is truly rich- in the only way that will forever count-she knew her purpose, and she was not God! Can you live trusting God’s plan? Can you let God lead your life? Will you seek prayer or agendas? Let us live a Life of Love that is one of genuineness, consideration, and Godly respect. Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

~ **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS**~

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024
Respect Life Bulletin Corner

“Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross...The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“*The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice*”

DOES EVERYBODY GO TO HEAVEN?

A Reflection on “the life of the World to Come”
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.

2:00 PM Sunday, November 17, 2024

The Cathedral of St. Peter
(In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
200 W. Harrison St., Belleville

Bishop Braxton will explain the teachings of the Catholic Church about Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, and Limbo, as presented in The Catechism of the Catholic Church. He will also examine the prevailing secular, scientific world view that rejects the possibility of “life after death.” He will clarify the difference between “the immortality of the human soul” and “the resurrection of the body” and explain why the Catholic Funeral Mass is correctly called “The Liturgy of Christian Burial” and not “The Mass of the Resurrection.” The presentation will conclude with time for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for family members and friends who have died. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through **your gift** to this year’s Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

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208 South Elliott St.
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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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