

Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

Mon. Dec. 2 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Dec. 3 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Dec. 4 8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Dec. 5 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Dec. 6 8:00 am Special Intention

Sat. Dec. 7
9:00 am at Wendelin
4:00 PM at Wendelin
**5:00 PM Edmond, Anna, & Linda Volk
Herman, Ethel, & Kathy Zwilling
Richard & Glenda Dallmier**

Sun. Dec. 8
**8:00 am George Harper
Mary Ann Kuenstler
Herman Zwilling**
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR DECEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Illini Builders
Missalettes: Kistler-Patterson Funeral Home

OUR TITHES FOR NOV. 24th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,630.97 (87) Loose: \$275
Guatemala: \$45 (2) C.C.H.D.: \$110 (3) Building
Fund: \$220 (6) Cemetery: \$20 (1)

Let Us Pray For: 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, Deloris Nix, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the Prayer List.*

~ Kudos ~

- Congrats to recently baptized *Kate Marie Wollin*, daughter of Josh & Leah Wollin.
- Congrats to recently baptized *Tyler Corinne Shan*, daughter of Brian & Andria Shan.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Sunday, December 1st

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.
- 1st reconciliation for 2nd grade students at 1 PM. Reconciliation is open for parishioners after the 2nd graders have finished.
- Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner at 5 PM in the Multipurpose Room. All knights and their families are welcome to attend. Santa will be there around 5:45.

Monday, December 2nd

- First Reconciliation at Stringtown 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 3rd and 7th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- OCIA will be meeting on Tuesday evenings in conference room B at 6 PM.

Wednesday, December 4th

- Rosary, after mass.
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B: Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. John's Gospel centers on announcing the ministry of John the Baptist and we'll learn about his message to repent. He proclaimed forgiveness of sins and, basically, how we should be willing to seek and to ask for forgiveness of sins. This will be an important Bible Study.

- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- **Family Catechesis** - Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. {Family Topic: Advent practices and Jesse Tree} -St. Nick party!!! Confirmation Sacrament Check-In. Bring Gift of Love package!

Thursday, December 5th

- First Reconciliation at Wendelin 6:00 PM.

Friday, December 6th - First Friday

- 8:00 am, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 am.
- The feast day of St. Nicholas.

Saturday, December 7th - First Saturday

- 9:00 am, First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, with confession at 8:15 am.

Sunday, December 8th

- **Gift of Love:** A token of love offered in memory of a Loved one who died this past year. A gift will be shared on December 8, at all the Masses. The Family Catechesis families have provided this token of love for your family to share during the Advent and Christmas season. If you are unable to be there to receive your Gift of Love, you can pick it up at the parish office. Our continued prayers for you and your families during this time of year.

Monday, December 9th

- Mass at 8:05 am, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (No mass Dec. 11)

Saturday, December 14th

- 4 PM - 6 PM, Annual Cookie Walk in the multi-purpose room.

Sunday, December 15th

- 8 am - 10 am, Annual Cookie Walk in the multi-purpose room.
- 9:00 - 10:30 am, Cookies with Santa, sponsored by the St. Joseph School enrollment committee. Children from birth to kindergarten are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa!

During Advent we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses, beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 30, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 21. We will begin a half hour before each Mass. For anyone wishing to lead the Rosary during those times, there will be a sign-up sheet by the door at the back of the church. Thank you.

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

- Monday, December 9- School Mass- Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (No school Mass on Wednesday, December 11)

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Nov. 18: Jack & Marge Fye (#670)
Nov. 19: Carole Wirth (#130)
Nov. 20: Ashlee Hatten (#372)
Nov. 21: Corey & Emily Steber (#109)
Nov. 22: Claire & Jared Dehner (#498)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Thank you** to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2025 calendars. The calendars are available at the doors.
- **Thank you** to everyone who donated shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We collected **24** boxes that will be sent to children around the world. Thank you for bringing joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children this Christmas.
- **Advent/Christmas books:** Be sure to grab your Little Blue Book this weekend in the back of church. This Little Book will help you devote some minutes to prayer during the Advent and Christmas season.
- **Volunteer Now!** Lectors, servers, cross-bearers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), greeters, ushers and gift-bearers are needed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help at the Mass you plan to attend.
- **Opportunities for gift giving this Christmas:**
 - **Adopt -a-Family:** This year St. Joseph Church will adopt 2 local families. The gift labels reflect the requests from the families. To participate: 1. Select an ornament from one of the baskets by the doors of the church. 2. Purchase and wrap the gift - put the label on the wrapped package. 3. Place your gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree in the church foyer.

Household cleaning supplies, toiletries and grooming products, as well as food(staples and Christmas dinner items) are always appreciated. The gifts will be delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 15, for a volunteer from Adopt - a Family to deliver to the families. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in sharing the spirit of Christmas this season with others in Richland County.

➤ **Catholic Relief Services:**

One way to support our brothers and sisters around the world is to participate in the CRS gift tag program - providing resources to help those in need build a better life. You can choose an ornament that reflects the resource you want to

provide (farm animals, back to school kit, fertilizer, etc.), write out your check to Catholic Relief Services, and place it in the collection at the next mass you attend. Directions are also on the ornaments.

- **We are now accepting mass intentions through March 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.
- **Christmas Flower Memorials:** Please use the envelope labeled 'Christmas Flower Offering' included in your December packet. Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase the flowers to decorate our church. On the reverse side of the envelope, please print clearly the person the memorial is for. A list of the memorials will be published at a later date.
- **The annual Cookie Walk** will be held on December 14 and 15 after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. You can either pick your own homemade cookies or purchase a tray pre-packaged with homemade cookies. We will be requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 13 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 14 between 8 AM and 10 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).
- **Cookies with Santa**, sponsored by the St. Joseph School enrollment committee, will be held in conjunction with the Cookie Walk this year on Sunday, December 15 from 9:00-10:30 am. Children from birth to kindergarten are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa!

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **December 1st:** Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner at 5 PM in the multipurpose room. All knights and their families are welcome to attend. Santa will be there around 5:45.
- **December 12th:** 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM.
- **December 19th:** 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.

* **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** *

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

* 4 PM at St. Joseph-Olney

* 4 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

* 12 AM at St. Joseph-Stringtown

* 8 AM at St. Joseph-Olney

* 8 AM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Be Watchful! Be Alert! This is the first Sunday of Advent and we must be watchful and alert to the signal graces of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. The season of Advent offers the opportunity to spiritually renew, enjoy the simpler things, and awaken the wonder and awe of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Strive to begin and end your day in prayer, pick up an Advent devotional, listen to a Catholic podcast, sit in silence, extend kindness and share the beauty of the season. Say a prayer and light one purple candle on your Advent wreath for *Hope!* Let us live this new liturgical year, a Jubilee year, embracing the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

~ **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS** ~

Respect Life Bulletin Corner:
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ASSISTED SUICIDE INCENTIVIZES DENYING TREATMENT. Insurance companies have turned down coverage for cancer treatment but offered to pay for suicide drugs instead. Furthermore, the disabled community already faces demoralization and oppression in seeking adequate medical care. Assisted suicide encourages this kind of prejudice. Access Living, Progress Center for Independent Living and the National Council on Disability oppose assisted suicide. People need quality medical care and treatment, not assisted suicide. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499- assisted suicide.

Memorial Mass for Archbishop Keleher:

The Diocese of Belleville will host a Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher who died on November 9. Bishop McGovern will offer Mass at 12:10 PM on Wednesday, December 11, in the Cathedral of St. Peter.

St. Joseph Church
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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