

*Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024*  
*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Sep. 23 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Sep. 24 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Sep. 25 8:05 am For the Parish**  
Thu. Sep. 26 6:30 PM at Wendelin

**Sat. Sep. 28**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM** *Ethel Zwilling*  
*Robert Garrison*  
*Coni Kieffer*

**Sun. Sep. 29**  
**8:00 am** *Fr. Jerry Wirth*  
*James Mark Weiler*  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

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**OUR SEPTEMBER SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich  
Missalettes: Camille Weiler

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**OUR TITHES FOR SEP. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$7,705.50 (105) Loose: \$302.44  
Guatemala: \$100 (2) Retired Priests: \$205 (6)

**Our sister parish, San Josè Obrero, El Rancho** received **\$4,698** from our parish from July-December 2023. With our help they were able to repair their chapel, educate youth, buy church supplies, start a new building project, and pay for health care for priests. Thank you for your continued support for Guatemala.

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**Let Us Pray For:** Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Margaret Burgener, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Ruth Matheny, 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.*

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

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**~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~**

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Happy First Day of Autumn!!
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.
- The Parish and Family Life Committee will be sponsoring an Anniversary Brunch celebration following the 8:00 am mass for those that have made reservations.

**Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade attends Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Rosary, after Mass
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B: Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll learn that leading others astray from Jesus' way or wandering off ourselves have severe consequences. Ever see a millstone? Don't miss this Bible Study. A millstone? Really? Yes, a millstone!
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Married Catholics 4 Christ and Engaged Couples. Fall Gathering September 28 6:00 p.m. at Holy Cross. Food, Fun and Fellowship all provided. Bring a lawn chair if weather permits.

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **In honor of the Month of the Rosary**, we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses during the month of October beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 5, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 27. 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 Notes** 🔔

- IOWA Testing next week, September 23-27, for grades 2-8.

**Basketball Season Passes**

Season passes on sale now in the school office for the A/B Basketball Seasons!

- Boys A/B home games- \$20
- Girls A/B home games- \$30
- Combination Pass (boys and girls home games)- \$50

(Price difference due to the amount of scheduled home games) St. Joseph School students receive free admission to all home games!

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**~ SMORGASBORD & BAZAAR ~**

- **The 2024 St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar** will be held on Sunday, October 20 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$12, Children (8 and under): \$8, Takeout: \$12. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call Casey Hemrich at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawings at 1:30PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!
- **Help is needed** to make this year another success. Please contact Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268) or [smorg@stjoeolney.com](mailto:smorg@stjoeolney.com) to volunteer.
- **Cash Raffle Tickets Available:** The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391) or [jar325@yahoo.com](mailto:jar325@yahoo.com). Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 20.

**Chance Stand:** It is time again to think about your contribution to the annual Smorgasbord. Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of \$35). Chances for those items are sold the day of the Smorgasbord with winners drawn at 1:30 PM. We ask that you secure multiple items together to display. Drop off items at the stand the morning of the Smorgasbord or dropped off earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423). Thank you!

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**~ BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES ~**

- Are you looking to schedule a baptism? You can now find baptismal forms on our website. Go to <https://www.stjosephchurcholney.com/> Click on sacraments, then the baptism tab. Send or drop off completed forms to the parish office.
- Are you engaged and looking for a place to celebrate your wedding day? Any of our 3 parishes would be a beautiful place to celebrate your big day! Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance to reserve your date.

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**~ PARISH NEWS ~**

- **O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So, this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if interested or have questions.
- **The Family Catechesis ministry** is an Award Winner of a prestige grant from Catholic Extension with funding via the Lily Foundation. This is a significant grant award that will benefit our families in our parishes. There will be a "Listening Session" in the near future - most likely early November- with representatives from Catholic Extension attending to meet with our parishioners. There will be more details forth-coming.

• **Family Catechesis begins on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross, Wendelin.** The schedule, workbooks, supplements, etc... will be shared and more information about our Catholic Extension Family Grant. We are required to have a "Listening Session" with our parish families; parents, kids, grandparents, parish family, parish council...etc... This date for this Important and Required session will be **November 2nd, after the 4:00 Mass at Holy Cross.** There will be a catered meal for everyone and lots of fun and fellowship. This will be a banner year for Family Catechesis, so get ready for a fabulous year of Catholic fun, learning, and community.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- Sep. 9: Jeanette Hahn (#657)
- Sep. 10: Wayne & Cash Herdes (#051)
- Sep. 11: Steven Bruce (#604)
- Sep. 12: Abigail Rauch (#152)
- Sep. 13: Janet Will (#100)

**~ YOUNG ADULT NEWS ~**

**Sun, September 29th:** Young Adults Theology on Tap - more details soon.

**~ CYM NEWS ~**

**Sat, September 21st:** Middle School Night @ Olney - after 5 pm Mass (~6 pm).  
**Sun, September 22nd:** High School Youth Group @ Holy Cross - 5:30 pm (Praise and worship music at 7 pm, all are welcome!).

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

**Sun. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>:** K of C led rosary at 7:40 am.  
**Sun. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>:** Mass Ministries led by K of C 4<sup>th</sup> degree, and fellowship breakfast after mass.  
**Thurs. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> degree meeting at 7 PM.

- **Knight of the month:** Brad Doll
- **Annual Tootsie Roll drive,** we will collect in front of IGA (Sept 27 & 28), Big R (Rural King) (Sept 28), and Olney Tiger Home Football Game (Sept. 27). To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAFAF2DA3F4CF8-51129884-kofc> or text Scott Seiler - 618-843-0540.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners  
 Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

Joy! My friends, there is always a Joy in the journey. The journey will not always be smooth- filled with giggles- or serenely peaceful- and can at times be heart- breaking- confusing- even unfathomably difficult. But no matter what the moments of life bring - there is a Joy in the journey because God is with You. One of the best passages of scripture speaking about joy comes from the book of James: Count it All Joy, My Brethren! This doesn't mean you are flamboyant exteriorly 24/7- but you are interiorly joy-filled because you know to Whom you belong! You are a Son or Daughter of God and Our Blessed Mother. So, begin this day with Joy! Live your Life of Love filled with Joy! Live knowing that the Joy of the Lord is my Strength! There is a Joy in the Journey! Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

**~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS ~**

*The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
 Serve the Lord with gladness  
 -Psalm 100*

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – **in any amount** – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

**Respect Life Corner: Sep. 22, 2024**

"The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)."  
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 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Live the Gospel of Life"

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



'Renewing the Vision'  
 Sunday, September 22, 2024  
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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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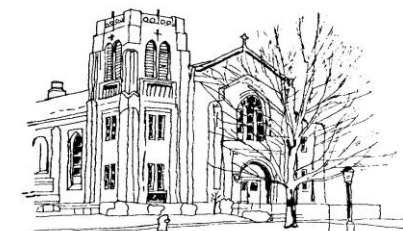
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**~ Sacraments ~**

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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