

*Sunday, February 16, 2025*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 17 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Feb. 18 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Feb. 19 8:05 am Alvin Zuber**  
Thu. Feb. 20 6:30 PM at Wendelin

**Sat. Feb. 22**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Deceased & Living members of  
Hermina & Frances Zuber Family;  
Deborah Rauch**

**Sun. Feb. 23**  
**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. 9<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$13,979 (104) Loose: \$97  
Guatemala: \$215 (10) First Offering: \$50 (4)

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**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.*

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*Deepest Sympathy, to the families of John McDowell. May he rest in the peace of God's love.*

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**Happy Birthday** to Nancy Hahn who celebrates her **98<sup>th</sup>** birthday on February 18<sup>th</sup>!

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 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.

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Parish office closed

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 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 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. With God all things are possible. His love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness for overcoming evil with good? Don't miss Bible Study.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 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** 🔔

- **Monday, February 17-** No school, Presidents' Day.
- Thank you to everyone who supported our Boosters and PTO fundraiser last weekend!

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~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

**Live Streaming**

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://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.

- **The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash** Fundraiser will be **March 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

- **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.

~ *Adopt-A Family* ~

Dear members of St. Joseph Parish, Thank you for adopting 2 families for Christmas this year! Members of St. Joseph Parish were so generous to these families! 84 families were adopted, so 376 people in these families received gifts, clothing and household items from volunteers like you through Adopt-A-Family.

Sincerely, Jean Weber, Coordinator

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~ *CYM NEWS* ~

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

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~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- February 20<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at 7 PM.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>: The Knights lead the rosary at 7:40 am.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Feb. 10: Lea & Scott Daigle #602  
Feb. 11: Cindy & Bruce Peters #047  
Feb. 12: Brian & Sara Peavler #080  
Feb. 13: Joey & Rachel Kuenstler #208  
Feb. 14: Michelle Burgener #422

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

Blessed or Woe! Do you live Blessed? Or do you live in Woe? The difference is the one who is Blessed seeks God, the one who is in Woe, seeks self. These extraordinary days of ordinary time offer us this important opportunity to examine "to whom we belong". Do we belong to God and trust HIM alone, or do we belong to the world and seek all its empty

promises? The one who is Blessed knows and lives Faith, Hope and Love. The one who lives in Woe, knows, and lives with evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly. Our God is calling us for More- the more that is Blessed-Trusting- Hopeful- Loving - Faithful. Let us journey onward to rejoice and leap for joy for the Kingdom of God will be ours. Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

~ **DIocese OF BELLEVILLE NEWS** ~

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**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Respect Life Corner**

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk

with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"  
[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

***Vocation Corner***

"I was born in El Salvador and came to the United States when I was 12. My family faced many challenges: civil war, immigration, a new language, and culture. Our faith held us together and provided solace during the hard times. After I was confirmed in 2011, I felt a deeper call to be active in the Church, and I began to teach catechism at my parish. One evening, I went out to measure a building for my job with an insurance company...and I got lost. Turning into another building, I went inside, where a receptionist welcomed me to Holy Trinity Seminary. I knew I couldn't keep running from my desire to give more. I ... entered seminary that summer. Being embraced by divine providence in my call to priesthood and through all the challenges of my life allows me to cry out with confidence: Viva Cristo Rey!

**Fr. Elmer Herrerea-Guzman**, Diocese of Dallas;  
*Columbia Magazine, March 2023*

***TEC***

- Do you remember the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Catholic retreat program?
- Are you a teenager or young adult (age 17 or older) who is looking for an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Have you ever experienced a TEC retreat and would like one of your loved ones to have the same opportunity?
- Are you a youth leader who is looking for a retreat program to offer to your Christian youth community?
- Are you just looking for an opportunity to help share your faith with the young people of the Belleville Diocese?

**If you answered yes** to any of these questions, please contact the Belleville Diocesan TEC board for additional information about upcoming retreat weekends. Contact us at [Belleville.tec@gmail.com](mailto:Belleville.tec@gmail.com) or contact [bellevilletec.org](http://bellevilletec.org) to apply.

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208 South Elliott St.  
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'Renewing the Vision'  
Sunday, February 16, 2025  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

~ **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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Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ **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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