

<p align="center"><i>Sunday, March 2, 2025</i> 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p align="center">✠ <i>Eucharistic Celebrations</i> ✠</p>	
Mon. Mar. 3	6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Mar. 4	5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday 8:05 am for the Parish 8:00 am at Lawrenceville 6:30 PM at Wendelin 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Thu. Mar. 6	6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Mar. 7	8:00 am First Friday 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar. 8	4:00 PM at Wendelin 5:00 PM Kathleen & John Vaughn <i>living and deceased</i>
Sun. Mar. 9	8:00 am Dudley Chamberlin Elmer & Dorothy Stark Stephen Stark & Mary Stark 8:00 am at Stringtown 10:00 am at Wendelin 10:00 am at Lawrenceville
<p align="center">OUR MARCH SPONSORS</p> <p>Bulletins: Marie Beal Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA</p>	
<p align="center">OUR TITHES FOR FEB. 23rd</p> <p>Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00 Envelopes: \$6,275 (96) Loose: \$229.01 Guatemala: \$20 (1) Building Fund: \$1,135 (7)</p>	
<p>Let Us Pray For: Clara Rose Wilson, 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. <i>Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.</i></p>	

Happy Birthday to *Betty Tipton* who celebrates her 92nd birthday on March 6th.

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.

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Saturday, March 1st
• Mass for Judy, Jan, and Mike Kocher.

Sunday, March 2nd
• Mass for Jim & Mary Steber and Mary Ann Kuenstler.
• Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass on Sundays.

Monday, March 3rd
• 8:15 am, Burning of the blessed palms in the courtyard.

Tuesday, March 4th
• 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 Blesses Sacrament.

• OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.
• Starting March 4 there will Eucharistic adoration every Tuesday after the 5 pm mass at St. Lawerence in Lawrenceville.

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday
• Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
• 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the First Sunday of Lent. As a child of God, you will encounter temptations this Lent. Bible Study will help you learn how Jesus knows exactly how to overcome the devil. Go to Jesus for help. And go to Bible Study to learn all about it.
• 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
• 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis - Holy Cross.

Friday, March 7th - First Friday
• 8:00 am, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 am.
• 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Olney. Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of church to volunteer to help with stations in March.

Saturday, March 8th
• During Lent we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses, beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 8, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 6. 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.
• **The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash** Fundraiser at the Stringtown Parish Center. Tickets are SOLD OUT. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and bingo begins at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 9th
• Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don’t miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

• Join us Monday, March 3 at 8:15 am for burning of the palms in the courtyard!

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

• **CSMA:** This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available in the pews. Our parish financial target is \$ 21, 855. These donations also benefit our school through grants. Please be as generous as you are able.

• **Parish & Family Life Committee:**
The committee is sponsoring **“Blessings in a Bag”** for a Parish Lenten outreach project. We will be collecting small items from Parish members to be shared with people in our community that are needing a special Blessing or just a little extra help with basic living essentials. We will begin the collection process on the first Saturday of Lent, March 8th and the deadline for collections will be Wednesday, April 9th.
➤ **Suggested items are:** Lip Balm, Kleenexes (pocket size), socks (men, women or children’s), gum, hard candy, tooth paste & brushes, comb, brush, deodorant, lotions (pocket size), snack crackers & cookies, band aids, apple sauce (snack size), pudding cups, trail mix or dried fruit, gift cards to local fast foods (\$5 - \$10), pens & notepads, & nail files. Items can be dropped off in the basket placed at the entrance doors of church or with the church office. Monetary donations can be dropped off to church office and tagged as Blessings in a Bag. If any Parish Member has someone in mind from our community that could use a helping hand, please contact the church office with their information. Thank you all for your support.
➤ **Let us remember Matthew 25:40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"**

• **Reminder** to bring your Blessed Palms to church over the next two weekends. There will be a basket in the vestibule.

• **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, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

- ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**
- 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 free throw competition!!***
- Winners;** Gavin Ochs and Finley Kuhn are ages 8 and competed for fun. *Jackson Prosser, Cruz Padilla, Bryar Meadows, Kolton McLaren, Grayson Sterchi, Mattux Hart, Vella Kuenstler, Meira Cotterell, Ella Fitch, Brilyn Brinkley, Leah Kuenstler, and Piper Mann.* Winners received wooded plaques, winner and participation certificates and Leather Free Throw patches.
- Winners of the Olney Council Free Throw Competition for PE classes in 3rd through 8th grade at St Joe School now qualify if they are ages 9 through 14 for the Regional at Mater Dei High School in Breese on Saturday, March 8th. Doors open at 10AM for practice, and competition begins at 11AM.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 24: Jaclyn Landrum (#268)
Feb. 25: Emily Gartner (#133)
Feb. 26: Kyle Heimann (#359)
Feb. 27: Herman Zuber (#115)
Feb. 28: Dorothy Zwilling (#030)

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM!

The season of Lent begins in just a few days so how might you enrich your Lenten journey? Here are some simple and yet fruitful suggestions:

Prayer- *make this be a priority every morning-throughout the day - and night! Pick up those rosary beads- Pray the Stations of the Cross- Talk to God and make your home a place where He can be found!*

Fast- *give up certain Likes – but take on some serious mortifications. Possibly, add in another day for fasting – this can be more than just food- try giving up your favorite entertainment- social media- put away the cellphone earlier than usual.*

Alms-- *make “giving” something you do daily. This can be achieved in numerous ways, smile, be kind, speak to others, extend Christian charity, and essentially be a blessing!*

Pray + Fast + Give Alms and embrace your crosses this Lenten journey. Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

Respect Life Corner: Sunday, March 2nd

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” *(The Gospel of Life 5).*

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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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