

Sunday, September 24, 2023  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sept. 25 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
Tue. Sept. 26 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Sept. 27 8:05 am Special Intention**  
Thu. Sept. 28 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. Sept. 29 8:00 am For the Parish**  
**Sat. Sept. 30 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Fr. Jerry Wirth;**  
**Cathy McDowell;**  
**Katie Shuster**  
**Sun. Oct. 1 8:00 am Helen Hoffman**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

#### OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich  
Missalettes: A Parishioner

#### OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 17

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$12,670 (84) Loose: \$396  
Guatemala: \$40 (2) Retired Priests: \$335 (6)

#### \* AROUND OUR PARISHES \*

##### Sunday, September 24

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.
- Wednesday, September 27
- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9:15 AM, 'The Eucharist', Room B.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 7 PM, 'The Eucharist', Room B.

##### Sunday, October 1

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

##### Tuesday, October 3

- 6 PM, Smorgasbord Committee meeting.

##### Wednesday, October 4

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9:15 AM, 'The Eucharist', Room B.

- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 6 PM, Soup Supper in the MPR. We encourage you to bring a soup, snack, or dessert to share, but it is not required. All are welcome.
- 7 PM, 'The Eucharist', Room B.

##### Friday, October 6 - First Friday

- 8 AM, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 AM.

##### Saturday, October 7 - First Saturday

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

#### 🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

##### Tuesday, September 26

- 6 PM, Mandatory Basketball Parent Meeting in the gymnasium.

##### Wednesday, September 27

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (4th-Stallard).
- Fall Sports pictures. Team photo first followed by individual photos for those who wish to order. 3:00- Softball Pictures, 3:40- Baseball Pictures, 4:20- Cross Country Pictures.

##### Thursday, Sept. 28 and Friday, Sept. 29

- Book Fair in the MPR.

##### Friday, September 29

- 2:40 PM, Pet Blessing in the grassy lot across from the gymnasium.

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\* Thanks to everyone who supported our mum sales!! Thanks especially to Andrea Kuenstler and Sara Peavler for running this important fundraiser.

\* If you know of any St. Joseph School alumni who would like to receive our annual newsletter, please send us their addresses. You can email [office@stjoeolney.com](mailto:office@stjoeolney.com) or [principal@stjoeolney.com](mailto:principal@stjoeolney.com). You can also call the school office (618-395-3081) with the information.

#### CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sept. 11: Heather Colwell (#024)  
Sept. 12: Rose Beyers (#296)  
Sept. 13: Robin Thornton (#494)  
Sept. 14: Donna Buerster (#722)  
Sept. 15: Abby Kuhlig (#774)

**Let Us Pray For:** Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Sarah Kocher, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Baby Violet Powless and family, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway and Dan Zuber.  
*Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.*

#### Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

##### Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

*Amen, Amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." John 1:51*

Yes, angels are real. And they are mighty glorious, beautiful, and magnificent in every way. We honor the three Archangels - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael - September 29th. These 'holy angels' are found throughout the Old and New Testament helping, healing, warning, and guarding. They continue today to offer the same touch of God to our lives too. How does one seek their assistance you might ask? The *St. Michael* prayer is one avenue to enlist the mighty angelic warrior for his assistance in our lives from the snares and temptations of Satan. We can ask *St. Gabriel* to proclaim the wonders of God in us. *St. Raphael* is God's remedy- he brings healing to the afflicted, and he can help bring healing in our lives, too.

October 2nd is the feast day of the *Guardian Angels*. God has given each of us a guardian angel by our side to aid us and give comfort. This is a Powerhouse of Holy Assistance - one just needs to ask for their assistance:

*O' Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, O' My Dear Guardian Angel, come into my life, fight, and protect me from all evil, open my eyes, ears, and heart to the words of Life of God, and heal all the areas on my being that is not of God. St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, help me. My Dear Guardian Angel, I love you and thank you for your protection over me! Amen!*

*A Life of Love awaits - a life where the angels tread and peace on earth reigns to all those of good will! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.*

**Marian Moment:** "Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

- St. Padre Pio

**The 2023 St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar** will be held on Sunday, October 15 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$12, Children (8 and under): \$8. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, salad bar, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call or text Amanda Nelson (217-621-5884) or Kim Kocher at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on the west side of the cafeteria. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawn at 1:30PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

**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.

**Quilt Raffle Tickets:** You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked 'Quilt Raffle' and place them in the collection.

**Please review** the workers list. If your name is not listed or if you would like to fill an empty spot, call Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268).

**Please complete** the donation form for pies and cakes, etc. Mark what you would like to bring and return form by October 13. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

**Country Store:** Many items are needed for the Country Store. These include canned produce, baked goods, cookies, bread, sweet rolls, etc. Call Mischelle Doll (618-843-4925) with any questions.

**Cake Stand:** We will need many varieties of cakes! Example: Bundt cakes, cupcakes, decorated fun cakes and more. Please put these cakes on/in disposable containers.

**Chance Stand:** Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of \$35) for this stand. When possible, please secure multiple small items together to display. Drop off items by 9 AM on Smorgasbord day or earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423).

**OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** - *previously known as RCIA*. Interested in joining the Catholic Church or just want more information? We are always excited to welcome new members/families. For more information, contact Fr. Steven Beatty ([frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)) (618-697-2632) or Caroline Trimble ([ctrimblePA@gmail.com](mailto:ctrimblePA@gmail.com)) (618-263-7106).

**In honor of the Blessed Mother**, throughout the month of October we will pray the Rosary before the weekend Masses beginning at 4:30 PM on Saturdays and 7:30 AM on Sundays. If anyone or any families would like to volunteer to take a turn leading the rosary, please call Regina Shuster (575-973-7007). Materials will be provided.

**- CYM News -**

\* **Sunday, October 1:** St. Joseph-Stringtown CYM Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM -11 AM. Youth should bring one dozen breakfast dessert items each. Anyone going on the mission trip (8th graders included) should bring a basket raffle item for fundraising.

\* **Sunday, October 8:** CYM meeting after 8AM mass at St. Joseph-Olney.

**\* October Family Catechesis Schedule \***

1- St. Lawrence 9:00 AM & First Reconciliation Parent meeting at 9:45 AM

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins at St. Lawrence

4- Holy Cross 6:30 PM - with the CYM

First Reconciliation Parent meeting and Confirmation Check-In afterwards

14/15- Confirmation Commitment weekend

21/22- Cup for 2nd graders

**Sisters In Christ** New Study beginning Wednesday, October 4 at Holy Cross at 5:30 PM. Come and join this study and learn about the True Meaning of Christmas! *The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season*, biblical scholar Dr. Michael Patrick Barber offers an inspiring look at the Bible's accounts of Jesus' birth and the development of the Christmas season. If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

**John and Norma Weidner** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. A come and go reception will be held in the multi-purpose room at St. Joseph-Olney on Sunday, September 24 between 2PM-5 PM. All family and friends are welcome to attend. No gifts necessary.

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

**Thursday, October 12:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.

**Thursday, October 19:** 4th Degree meeting, 7 PM.

**Knight of the Month:** Brad Doll – Pork Burger Chef at Membership/Family Picnic.

**Kudos** to St. Joseph School 3rd-8th grade students, teachers and staff, for all their cooperation in Olney Council Knights of Columbus 15 kick of seven PE classes on Friday, September 22.

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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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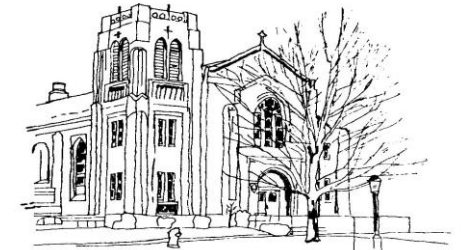
**~ Sacraments ~**

Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 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.)

**~ St. Joseph School ~**

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