

*Sunday, January 28, 2024*  
*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 29 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
Tue. Jan. 30 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Jan. 31 8:05 am Rev. Jose Mathai**  
Thu. Feb. 1 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. Feb. 2 8:00 am Special Intention**  
**Sat. Feb. 3 9:00 am (at Wendelin)**  
4:00 PM (at Wendelin)  
**5:00 PM Tony & Alice**  
**Schneider family**  
**Sun. Feb. 4 8:00 am James Mark Weiler**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

#### **OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dale and Mary Jane Tibbs  
Missalettes: Mike and Lori Uhl

#### **OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 21**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$5,316 (76) Loose: \$170  
1st Offering: \$15 (2)

~ **Kudos** ~

◆ To newly baptized *Austin Eli Amerman*, child of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Kuentler) Amerman.

#### **\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

##### **Sunday, January 28**

• 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

##### **Tuesday, January 30**

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.
- 7 PM, OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (*previously known as RCIA*).

##### **Wednesday, January 31**

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

##### **Friday, February 2 - First Friday**

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

##### **Saturday, February 3 - First Saturday**

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

#### **St. Joseph School Notes**

Help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

##### **Wednesday, January 31**

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (8th). Join us for our alumni mass. Call the school office with your name and graduation year.

##### **Thursday, February 1**

- 11 AM – Noon, Saints Wax Museum in the gymnasium.
- Winter Sports Photos.

##### **Mark your calendars:**

##### **Saturday, February 24**

- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival.

##### **Saturday, March 9**

- Bingo Bash and Auction (tables are going fast - call to reserve your table today). We are accepting donations for items to auction, prize money, and wine. Contact the school office if you want to participate.

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**Thanks** to everyone who helped with our VFW Spaghetti Dinner - thanks to the VFW and the 5th and 6th grade families! We appreciate all of the parishioners who attended to eat and support the school!

**Let Us Pray For:** Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.  
*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*

St. Paul tells us; *I should like you to be free of all anxieties*. St. Paul is on to something here- we all need to be free of all anxieties. How about you- would you like to be free of all anxieties? Where does one begin? The first place to begin is God First! Begin- Live- End- your day with God. Take a few more steps and limit the time you spend watching TV- following social media platforms-keeping up with all the noise of this world. Open your Bible everyday- say your prayers- pray the Rosary- Read a Spiritual book about the Saints- immerse yourself in God alone. There is Joy in the journey with God. Keep your eyes focused on HIM and not on this world- *I should like you to be free of all anxieties*. Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us! J.O.Y.S*

#### **Family Catechesis:**

January: Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

*Live Your Catholic Faith:*

- \* Place a picture of Jesus at your Home Altar
- \* Discover the richness of Sanctifying time-by living the month and daily devotions

*Family Prayer:*

#### *Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus*

*Lord Jesus, we humbly pray to You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name. Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain, or without due respect.*

*Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.*

*Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men. You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.*

*We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us and our work, and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 3-4.** Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click subscribe. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. **Please make checks payable to 'The Messenger'.**

**Thank You Note:** "Thank you for all of your prayers and concern following the death of my father."  
*- from Roger Waters*

**Healing Blankets** are intended to comfort the recipients by knowing that they are being prayed for, for whatever the case: illness, grief, loss or loneliness. The blanket is a reminder of the love and prayers of our parish community. Our prayer that is ironed on to the blanket says it all: *“This blanket was sewn with love and blessed. Know that you are covered by the prayers and love of St. Joseph’s members. In Jesus’ name we pray that you will be healed.”* With each blanket, a person receives a booklet called "You are Covered in Prayer" and a letter that explains what the blanket is all about. To request a blanket, come to the Parish Office. There is no cost, but a donation would be accepted to help offset the expense of this ministry.

**Respect Life Corner:** Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”: <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>  
 - *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Thursday, February 8:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.  
**Thursday, February 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.  
**Friday, February 16:** Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Mentor Richland County. Only six Fish Fry Nights this year. The public is invited. Carry-outs are available. The meal price is the same as the last two years.

**Free Throw Competition** for grades 3rd-8th will be scheduled soon.

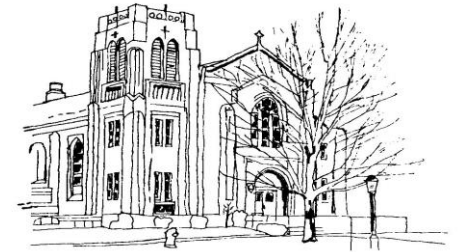
**Spelling Bee:** It’s recommended to practice for the Spelling Bee, grades 6th, 7th and 8th, which will also be in February. There is a separate fun school Spelling Bee also for 5th grade.

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 208 South Elliott St.  
 Olney, Illinois 62450  
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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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