

Sunday, September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Sept. 21 6:30PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Sept. 22 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Sept. 23 8:00am Don Blank,
Brenda Kocher
6:30PM Rose Ellen Hahn,
Julia (Judy) Walker
Thu. Sept. 24 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. Sept. 26 4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM Jim & Mary Steber,
Hermine B. Zuber,
Ralph Zwilling
Sun. Sept. 27 8:00am Herman Ginder,
Patricia Gassmann
8:00am (at Stringtown)
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 13

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,710.50 (54) Loose: \$13
Guatemala: \$150 (6) Retired Priests: \$210 (8)

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross** to **84576** to get connected.

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Wednesday, September 23

- Bulletin deadline, 3:00 PM. Write, type or email all announcements

St. Joseph School Notes

Wednesday, September 23

- School Mass, 8:00 AM (8th & 7th). Use the Sign-Up Genius on the church website or live stream with us!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sept. 14: Spencer Brock (#439)
Sept. 15: Theresa Ochs (#127)
Sept. 16: Bill Hartrich (#255)
Sept. 17: Donnie Watson (#564)
Sept. 18: Madeline McKinney (#866)

Let Us Pray For: Cindy Foerster, Esther Jones, June Kuentler, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Emery Oesch, Dr. Steve Reid, Bessie Rossiano, and Anita D. Scott-Hataway.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners **+ J.O.Y.S.+**

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Charity is clarity! When charity is extended then clarity becomes obvious. Sadly, so often we embark throughout the day with agendas, causes, grudges, and miss the chance to be charitable. Our Loving Father want us to Love Him first and then Love our neighbor. Tell your Heavenly Father you Love Him! Amid this pandemic with so much confusion- let us put forth Charity - Let us be Charitable! Let us Love God- Love our neighbor! Then we will- Live a Life of Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

On each of the individual parish websites, there is a link to sign up for Mass. At the top of the website, click on: **Mass Sign-Up You Must Register to Attend.** This will take you to ‘Sign-Up Genius’. Then scroll down to choose the Mass you wish to attend. Click on a box to **“Sign Up”** and then scroll all the way down to the bottom of the screen and click on **“Submit and Sign Up”**. This will take you to another screen where you can enter your name and the number of people coming. Then click on **“Sign Up Now”**. It is really very simple!

Remember: All the faithful of the Diocese of Belleville continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice.

Communion will be distributed outside for 30 minutes after each scheduled Mass at each parish. Drive to the parish parking lot following its scheduled Mass and someone will assist you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment or at 6:00 PM Monday through Thursday at the individual parish that has the scheduled weekday mass at 6:30 PM.

Mass will continue to be Live Stream at St. Joseph-Olney at 5:00 PM on Saturday, 8:00AM on Sunday and at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM on Wednesday.

Annual Baby Bottle Project: We will not have the baby bottles to hand out this year, due to the virus. If you would like to give a donation to the Family Life Center, you may still do so. You can put a donation in an envelope marked ‘Baby Bottle Project’. The proceeds will be donated to the Family Life Center in Effingham for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. Please send in your donation by the end of October.

A New Women’s Study *Opening Your Heart* will begin on Wednesday evenings from 5:00PM - 6:00 PM at Holy Cross starting on October 14! *Opening Your Heart* will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the love and peace that is there in His Open Heart of Love. Join us as we explore the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. Register and reserve a copy {cost is \$20.00} Contact Kristy Sandschafer and Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate-Facilitators.

Saint Andrew Dinners: The Vocations Office is excited to launch a new initiative in promoting opportunities for young men to learn more about the priesthood. The events are known as St. Andrew Dinners and they give young men of high school and college age, along with their parents, a chance to gather with Bishop McGovern, Vocation Director Father Nick Junker, and some of the parish priests for a low-key evening of supper and conversation about priesthood.

If you are interested in attending one of the St. Andrew Dinners, or have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Stec or Fr. Junker at njunker08@ hotmail.com or call him at 618-722-5035. St. Andrew Dinners are scheduled for: October 4 at 4:00 PM at St. Mary Parish, Mt. Carmel.

High School Religion Class will be held on Wednesday, September 23. We will gather at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Hall from 7:00PM to 8:30 PM. We will discuss how a Catholic forms his/her conscience to make decisions concerning politics/elections, medical decisions and life issues.

St. Joseph-Olney is now accepting mass intentions through November 1, 2020. With the mass schedule spread across the three parishes of our partnership, it is important that we follow Canon Law and Diocesan Policy concerning mass intentions: Only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: 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.

Respect Life Corner- “Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ”—In the Second Reading from a Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:27a), Paul is writing from prison where the possibility of his death prompts these introspective writings. Paul’s trust in Christ is unshakeable, he is ready to live or die in His name. He realizes though, that it is better for those who live in the city of Philippi if he continues to live and preach the Gospel of Life as the example to follow. He is subtly reminding them not to only follow the laws of the Greek city, but to follow the laws of Christ that will lead to heaven. The Gospel is their standard of life.

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray- Just because something is legal, does not make it moral. Take for example abortion and how available on demand it is in our state. Connect with organizations, such as Coalition for Life in Fairview Heights, Il and other organizations to stand for life. Respect Life Month is coming up next month, watch for many ways to participate in supporting life in our diocese!

How Things Work in the Kingdom of Heaven. This parable about kingdom living may rile us up. God is as generous to the late-comers to kingdom work as to those who labored longer and, perhaps, harder. Really? It is true. God is so generous, so loving, so good – with ways above our ways and thoughts above our thoughts (reread Isaiah).

- * What work will I do to help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven?
- * How will I pour myself into Christian living without grumbling?
- * How can I be generous to a fault like God this week?

Handstitched Quilt Raffle for COVID and Hunger Relief sponsored by our Diocese for Catholic Relief Services and its life saving work in over 120 countries during the Covid crisis. While we are really inconvenienced, many are desperate for food and health care. Just take a chance or two or three on a beautiful navy, white, blue, and gray queen sized (92 x 110) quilt!

----- Please return with your check -----

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail your check made out to “Catholic Relief Services” to: St. Rose Catholic Church, 18010 St Rose Road, St Rose, IL 62230 by October 10. The Quilt will be raffled on October 15. Every \$5 will receive a raffle entry.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
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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 4:00 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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