February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>+Eucharistic Celebrations+</u>

Monday, February 5, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 6, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 7, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 8, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Smithenry & Weber Families"

Friday, February 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Saturday, February 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ralph & Colette Bahl & Deceased Bahl Family+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 11, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Magdalene Zwilling+" "Glen & Alberta Smithenry+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. January 28, 2024

(61) Envelope Collection: \$2,218.25 Loose \$261.00 Total: \$2,479.25

(6) Building Fund: \$500.00
(3) Christmas Offering: \$125.00
(4) First Offering: \$35.00
(1) Cemetery: \$20.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, January 31st - \$85,816.74 has been received from 79 donations – Thanks to all that have donated so far!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, Kamdyn Jones

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Gregg & Milissa	Eric & Kristi
Weber	Sandschafer
Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:	
Emma Rudolphi	Ellen Weber
Josy Hart	Marcia Street
Jeannie Nix	Jason Warfel
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
Money Counters:	
Delbert & Anne Hinterscher	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Michael Kuenstler	Aaron Eggers
Daniel Baker	Dusty Smithenry

CRMH COMMUNION:

Feb. 11 – Lynn Weidner (618)-752-2426 Feb. 18 – Diane Schackmann (217)-343-8799 Mar. 10 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083 Mar. 17 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Feb. 3 – Clara & Boyd Weidner Sun. Feb 4 – Grace & Stella Warfel Sat. Feb 10 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi Sun. Feb 11 – Brayden Bergbower, Martin Stephens

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, February 3 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am Tuesday, February 6 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm Wednesday, February 7 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross, 5:30pm Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with First Eucharist Parent Meeting and Confirmation Check-in Following Thursday, February 8 – Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross, 7pm

Sunday, February 11 – CYM Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

There is nothing like a gentle touch of a person's hand, the warm presence of someone being close, prayers shared and offered which bring sweet comfort to our daily life. This beautiful touch is missing in so many ways in our lives and our world. We go throughout our day - *doing all the* things that are so important - and guite possibly unrealizing we are pushing away the Hand of the God! You might think, I do not! Yet, when our words are uncharitable, our actions selfish, our attitudes rude and condescending towards otherswe lack Love-we lack God! Do you recognizerealize the places in your own - heart- home - lifewhere your actions are not God-like? Our world needs us All to be the extension of the Master's Hand - to everyone - not just those in your - clickpod-tribe-class-family....everyone! The one who can bring Peace-Healing-Love by his Touch-Presence- has his Hand extended- how will you respond? Let us pray for one another that each and every one of us will- reach out and arasp- the Master's Hand- and never Let Go! Let us touch and build the Kingdom of God with Peace and Love that comes from God alone! Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if you are interested in joining.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family." St. John Paul II – Come and join this 5-part study on "The Mission of the Family" Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

February - Eucharistic Adoration

On February 7, 2024, at 6:30pm at Holy Cross Wendelin, join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the recitation of the Litany of the Eucharist, music by the Holy Cross Choir, and much more. There is a Confirmation Check-In and a First Eucharist parent meeting afterwards. Live Your Catholic Faith Say out loud everyday No one will **Rise from the dead** who has not **First Died with Jesus**! Ask yourself this daily What do I need to have die within me? so that I will **rise** with Jesus! Our Family Lord, bless our family. All of us now together, those who are far away, all who are gone back to you. May we know joy! May we bear our sorrows in patience. Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other. Let us be grateful to each other. We have all made each other what we are. O Family of Jesus, watch over our family! Amen. **Confirmation**: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Catholic Schools Week a tremendous success!

Thanks to Deacon Steve for training our fourth and fifth grade servers!

Thursday, February 1 - Winter Sports Photos Tuesday, February 6 - Boosters 7pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, February 8 - Band Festival 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 yours today). We are accepting donations for items to auction, prize money, and wine. Contact the school office if you want to participate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, February 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Monday, February 12:** 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spelling Bee, St. Joseph School. Cash prizes. Winners qualify to advance to Regional and State Competition.

Thursday, February 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. Friday, February 16: Friday, February 16: Fish Fry Night, 5-7PM, Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Richland Mentor Program. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available. Sunday, February 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40am, before St. Joseph-Olney Mass. Monday, February 26: 5th Grade Spelling Bee. Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th: Free Throw Competition, St. Joseph School PE Classes. Winners qualify to advance to the Regional and State Competitions.

High School Seniors information will soon be in the Guidance Office for Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarships.

During Lent Baby Cribs will be in Stringtown and Olney Churches to benefit young mothers and babies through the Jasper County Health Department, Richland Clinic in Olney.

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for **1** final person to join our team. This is a 3-year commitment that meets at least monthly through August. Preferably, we are seeking individuals who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If interested or have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch (618-553-6839). Thank you!

SPIRTUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate to set up an appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th at 2pm and Sunday, March 3rd at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournaments. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

The February cake/craft drawing will be held this weekend on Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th.

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 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 <u>www.bellevillemessenger.org</u> 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**.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

From The Pastor's Desk. . .

Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that will be available. Please be as generous as you are able.

NOTICE:

No parishioner should be contacted via phone, email, text, or home visit to request or pressure anyone for a donation to the rebuilding project for Holy Cross.

Please note you will also not be asked for gift cards via any method from Fr. Steven, Fr. Felix, or any parish employee.

Sunday, February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.



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