

**Sunday April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Sunday, April 16, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For First Communicants”

Monday, April 17, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, April 18, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 20, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Fr. David Braun+”

Friday, April 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Raymond & Thresa Kessler+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “M. Joann (Cooper) Burton+, Jerry Kessler+”

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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. April 9, 2023

(54) Envelopes \$2598, Loose \$383, (4) Building \$1010 (15) Easter Offering \$3725, (15) Holy Land Good Friday \$350, (2) Cemetery \$1500, (1) Catholic Mission \$5.00

TOTAL: \$9571.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Wyatt Hayes (Grandson of Herb & Martha Deimel), Tim Schnautz, Doug Frichtl, Sam & Hermena Medernach

DEACON STEVE ANDREWS celebrated his birthday this weekend (Saturday, April 15). If you see him at mass, wish him a Happy Birthday.

90th Birthday & Card Shower:

Ralph was 90 on March 30 & Georgianna will be 90 on May 9. Send cards to their address 7588 N. Wakefield Rd., Newton, IL 62448.

90th Birthday Card Shower:

Vic Kuhl will be 90 on April 19. Please send birthday wishes to: 6955 N. Amber Road Dundas, IL 62425.

Thank you to the CYM youth that volunteered to be a part of the Living Stations on Good Friday at Wendelin. It was very touching to witness! Thanks to: Isaac Street, Isaac Zwilling, Peter Rudolphi, Ben Street, Luke Seiler, Caden Kocher, Owen Kocher, Victoria Rudolphi, Kylie Kocher, Grace Warfel, Jocelyn Kocher, Natalie Zwilling, Morgan Buerster, Claire Steber, and Natalie Kistner.

----The Easter Egg Hunt was a success! Thanks to the CYM youth that helped with this.

ST. JOSEPH STRINGTOWN

St. Joseph Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 16th at 1:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about the Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. April 15 Levi Rudolphi, Karly Deckard

Sun. April 16 Cora Warfel, Briley Wilson*

Sat. April 22 Victoria & Noah Rudolphi

Sun. April 23 Martin Stephens, Mattux Hart

CRMH COMMUNION:

Lynn Weidner (618) 723-2426 April 16th

Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799 April 30th

Jason Warfel (618) 562-5822 May 14th

Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 May 21st

Marge Kessler (618) 752-6841 June 11th

Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275 June 18th

<u>*April Liturgical Ministers*</u>	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Kelly & Sherry Geier	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Jason Warfel
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Maria Rudolphi	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Kathy Kuenstler
<u>Lectors:</u> Victoria Rudolphi	<u>Lectors:</u> Austin Zwilling
<u>Money Counters:</u> Anthony & Penni Kuenstler	
<u>Ushers:</u> Toby Hall	<u>Ushers:</u> Dustin Smithenry
Kelly & Sherry Geier	Henry Kessler

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, April 15, 5:00pm, First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am, First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am, First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

10:00am, First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin

1:00pm, Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, April 17, 7:00pm, School Board Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00pm, Finance Council Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 19, 9:00am THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney 11:00am, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Friday, April 21, 6:00pm-10:30pm Wendelin Wine Tasting at the Holy Cross Parish Center Admission \$10.00 (includes glass and tasting). Domestic beer available for purchase. Food trucks and Live music by Corey Evitts! Wineries include Alto Vineyards, The Pour Vineyard, West of Wise Winery and Wyldwood Winery Illinois. (No admittance to anyone under the age of 21)

Saturday, April 22, 4:00pm, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, April 24, 1:30pm, Personal Board meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Thursday, April 27, 7:00pm, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, April 29, 10:00am, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney

PICNIC NEWS:

2023 PICNIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Breanne Buerster, **Vice-Chair:** Taylor Hall, **Secretary:** Mareah Rauch, **Treasure:** Rachel Frichtl, **Co-Treasure:** Tim Weidner, **Raffle:** Amy Sandschafer, Clinton Rauch, Tyler Buerster **Inventory:** Seth Meinhart, Reese Blank, Garrett Hall, and Kyle Amerman If you need to change your job at picnic for any reason please contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Kim Correll 618-676-5789, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305 or Christine Hall 618-554-2019 by May 28th 2023.

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Divine Mercy Sunday The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a very simple but a powerful prayer. All of us are in constant need of God’s unfathomable mercy. St. Faustina received these words from our Lord: I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily and say throughout the day, Jesus, I trust in You- Jesus, I trust in You -Jesus, I trust in You! Conclude your chaplet with this prayer! Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult

moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Journey onward in Love and Mercy!

FROM FR. MARK

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love":

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

Today, as our children receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal. What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

Why a Child's First Communion is a Big Deal? Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted!

This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! Relatives are invited. Parents take pictures. We celebrate. And the very act of celebrating reveals our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. What makes one's first Communion a truly blessed event is not the adjective but the substantive: not the 'first' but the 'communion.' Because of whom we receive, the second, third, next, and last Communion should always be as special. Why a Child's First Communion is a Big Deal? First Holy Communion is, without question, a time of great joy. The saints in heaven, who are

delighted to intercede for us, are celebrating along with your family. "You come to me," says Saint Maximilian Kolbe to Jesus, speaking for all of us, "and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. . . . What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!" St. Mother Teresa also has words for you and your family: "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist..." Yes, the celebration of a child's First Holy Communion IS a big deal. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

-The school welcomes Carl Sager as our new head of maintenance. We are grateful to Carl for his commitment.

-Congratulations to our second graders who receive their First Communion this weekend!

-Thursday, April 20th - The Olney Arts Council presents Robert Ridgeway for our K-8 students.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, April 20: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

-Deadline for the Olney Council Knights of Columbus Senior \$250 scholarships at K of C, Post Office Box 172, Olney Il. 62450.

Saturday, April 29: 4th Degree Honor Guard at Olney Confirmation.

Sunday, April 30: K of C Mass Ministry at Olney, 8AM Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

-K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM.

ST. THOMAS NEWTON:

Gigantic garage sale April 27, 28, and 29th. For more information call 618-783-3517.

PARISH CENTER WALKING----will resume in late fall. Thanks to all walkers for coming during the cold months.

Sunday April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.



First Communion Sunday

Averie Graves
Collin Kistner
Audrey Smith
Evestyn Smithenry
Lane Smithenry

Holy Cross Church-Wendelin
5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448
Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com
Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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