

Sunday, May 29, 2022
Ascension of the Lord

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. May 30 8:00 am (at the Cemetery)
For All Deceased

Tue. May 31 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)

Wed. June 1 8:00 am Special Intention

Thu. June 2 No Mass

Fri. June 3 8:00 am In Thanksgiving

Sat. June 4 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Linda Gumble;
Francis & Hermina
Zuber

Sun. June 5 8:00 am Lesko family;
Ralph Zwilling

8:00 am (at Stringtown)

10:00 am (at Wendelin)

10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler family

Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR MAY 22

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$5,530.50 (91) Loose: \$188

Guatemala: \$55 (4)

Seminarian Education: \$930 (22)

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

- **Parish Office closed**
- **8 AM, Mass at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery**

Wednesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 2

- **7 AM, CYM Holiday World Outing**

Friday, June 3 - First Friday

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to the sick will meet after Mass in Room B. Plans will be made for visits to the sick and shut-ins of the parish.**

Saturday, June 4

- 10:30 am, Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Thomas Luge at Cathedral of St. Peter-Belleville. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. In the days ahead, please pray for Deacon Luge, soon to be Father Thomas Luge, by the Grace of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Please also continue to pray that young men and women from our parishes will hear and answer God's call to vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

Monday, June 6

- 7 PM, CYM Softball at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Wednesday, June 8

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

Friday, June 10

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**

St. Joseph School Notes

* To help a family afford a full-time Catholic education, you can give through Empower Illinois for a 75% tax benefit. For more information, simply go to empowerillinois.org/donate.

* Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2021-22 school year a success. We are grateful for your support.

* School Office Hours for the summer: Mondays and Thursday 9 AM - 2 PM.

* We still run our shopwithscrip program in the summer. Order by 9 AM on Mondays and pick up cards on Thursdays.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

May 16: Terry Fleming (#471)

May 17: Neal & Barbie Rosenberg (#369)

May 18: Syllas Burns (#703)

May 19: Ron & Eleanor Steber (#780)

May 20: Jim Bunn (#054)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Mike Dowty, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder; Justin, Ember, Olivia Faith and Sophia Hope Kabbes; Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch, Kay Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Brenda Summers, Rose (Blank) Wilkinson, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow and Ed 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.

FROM FR. MARK:

School is out, the weather is warm, Summer is here! For many summertime means a relaxed schedule with no school, shorter workdays, and vacations. It is a joy-filled season and a time to make memories.

However, it can also be a time that many will take a vacation from their spiritual life. We should not take a break from God. With more time on your hands, summer can be a wonderful time to challenge yourself and grow closer to Christ.

Each week, I will offer you a challenge, a scripture verse and a prayer. 12 suggestions on how to "soak up the sun" this summer.

Challenge 2: #SquadGoals

Whether we like to admit or not, the people we surround ourselves with have an impact on how we live our lives. Choose to be around others that help you in your faith walk and push you towards holiness. Look for people that can find the joy in life no matter what their circumstances may be.

"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter: he that has found one has found a treasure. There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend, and no scales can measure his excellence. A faithful friend is an elixir of life; and those who fear the Lord will find him." *Sirach 6:14-16*

Sun's Embrace

The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons,
of new birth,
death and recreation.

All these speak so clearly of your love,
your power
and your beauty.

All are expressions of your creativity,
and more importantly of yourself.

As an artist might share his personality
within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colors of a butterfly's wing
you share the exuberance of your love.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

"I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain!" I will rise – I will rise - I will rise! Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, suffered, died, and ascended into heaven, and reigns forever and ever. Our King defeated the throngs of death and darkness and opened the heavens for us to enter. However, the process of being transformed does not just wait for us at the end of our life but happens with every breath we take. This transformation is either more of HIM and less of me, or more of the world with more of me! One cannot serve two masters; either the prince of this world is your taskmaster and holds you *bound*, or The King of Kings is God and sets you *free!* The choice is yours! Choose the prince of this world and Live a life of love - and you too will rise! *I will rise when he calls my name - to the heights of heaven! Keep to the J.O.Y.S*

We are now accepting mass intentions through September 30, 2022. With the mass schedule spread across the four 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.

Walmart Stores are no longer accepting plastic bags. **St. Joseph Church/School therefore will discontinue accepting plastic bags** since we will only have to dispose of them in our trash.

~ **Welcome New Members to Our Parish** ~
Garry and Mary Maris

2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Go and do likewise... - Luke 10:37

On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2022, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes. - *Bishop Michael McGovern and Agencies and Ministries supported By The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal*

Respect Life Corner: Scripture tells us that, following the Annunciation, Mary set out *in haste* to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant (*LK 1:39*). Despite being pregnant herself, Mary undertakes the long and likely difficult journey to be at Elizabeth's side. The Blessed Mother's example demonstrates supporting and accompanying mothers, especially those who may be experiencing challenging or difficult circumstances. Let us

follow Mary's example through generous stewardship of the gifts God has entrusted to us of prayer, time, talent, and treasure to help meet the needs of mothers.

*Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9.
Ephesians 1:17-23.*

Befriending God. Saint Luke addresses Theophilus at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. "Friend of God" is an apt translation of this Greek name. In addressing him, he is addressing each of us. We are called to witness to God in Christ as only a friend can do.

- * How, as a friend, will I witness to Christ?
- * How, as a friend, will I live the Christian life?
- * How, as a friend, will I "teach" others, perhaps more by what I do than by what I say?

FROM BISHOP MCGOVERN:

"This coming Tuesday, May 31, is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The account of the Visitation in Luke's gospel is a rich source for reflection on the truth that God is the Author of Life. The scene of the Virgin Mary, carrying the child Jesus in her womb, encountering Elizabeth, who was thought too old to have a child yet is six months pregnant with John the Baptist, is a powerful reminder to us that "nothing is impossible with God."

I will be at St. Francis Xavier Church in Carbondale for Mass on the Visitation at 12:15PM. This Eucharist is a special opportunity to draw together many people who are grateful to God for the gift of human life and for each of us to be renewed in our commitment to the protection of all human life from conception until natural death.

Sadly, there are many brothers and sisters, both born and waiting to be born, whose lives are not respected or cherished. I hope that as we are refreshed spiritually by the mysteries of the Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost, we may seek out the ways we can foster greater respect for human life, especially for those who are most vulnerable."

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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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