

Sunday, March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar 7 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Mar 8 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar 9 8:05 am Lesko family
Thu. Mar 10 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)

Sat. Mar 12 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM For the Parish
Sun. Mar 13 8:00 am Rita Hann;
Clorine Kistner
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Bill and Judy Spitz family
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 27

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$4,988.50 (76) Loose: \$102
Guatemala: \$40 (3)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Monday, March 7

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at St. Joseph-Stringtown (Chapter 1)

Tuesday, March 8

- 5 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville (Chapter 1)
- 6 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 9

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9 AM, Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 1)**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 6:30 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation/Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, March 10

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at Holy Cross-Wendelin (Chapter 1)

Friday, March 11

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- **6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross**

Sunday, March 13

- Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 7 AM, Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- **7 PM, Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Joseph Oganda**

Monday, March 14

- **7 PM, Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Joseph Oganda**

Tuesday, March 15

- **8:05 AM, School Mass (note date change)**
- **Rosary, after Mass**
- **9 AM, Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 2)**
- 5 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville (Chapter 2)

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion at Holy Cross-Wendelin (Chapter 2)

Friday, March 18

- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Saturday, March 19

- **Solemnity of St. Joseph**
- 7 PM, CYM Lock-In at St. Joseph-Stringtown

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Monday, March 7

- Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee for our 5th - 8th grade students during school

Wednesday, March 9

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (2nd-Kessler)

Friday, March 11

- No School - Spring Break

Monday, March 14

- No School - Spring Break

Tuesday, March 15

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (1st). Fr. Joseph will preside. (Please note that the School mass will be on Tuesday, March 15 instead of Wednesday, March 16.)

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 21: Mark & Becky Steber (#133)

Feb. 22: Paul Wirth (#073)

Feb. 23: Brian McVaigh Family (#088)

Feb. 24: Daniel Deimel (#174)

Feb. 25: Kim Fehrenbacher (#581)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Mike Dowty, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Kay Rowark, 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.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ **J.O.Y.S.+**

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

How might you enrich your Lenten journey? Make **Prayer**- a priority every morning-during the day - and night! Pick up those rosary beads- Pray the Stations of the Cross- Talk to God and make your home a place where He can be found! **Fast**- give up certain Likes - but take on some serious mortifications. Possibly, add in another day for fasting - this can be more than just food-try giving up your favorite entertainment- social media- put away the cellphone earlier than usual. Then give **Alms**-- make "giving" something you do daily. This can be achieved in numerous ways but essentially be a blessing! **Pray + Fast + Give Alms** and embrace your crosses this Lenten journey. Live a Life of Love and Serviam! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

*** Parish Mission ***

A Testimony, Witness, and Story of Transformative Love

"Come and see", the star of hope and our friend, Christ Jesus.

March 13-14 at 7 PM at St. Joseph-Olney with Fr. Joseph Oganda

On-Site PSR March 9th -Holy Cross-with First Reconciliation and PSR led Stations of the Cross.

M.C.4.C.-Married Catholics 4 Christ

Thank you to all who participated in the LOVE IS journey... and for those who attended the Mardi Gras party. (It was awesome!) The LOVE IS... journey continues even in LENT- pray together- sacrifice for each other and love God all the more! You have a main obligation- "To help each other get to Heaven!" More M.C.4.C. forthcoming after Lent.

Thank you to all the parishioners and St. Joseph School students that took time to volunteer at Good Samaritan last week. Special thanks to the 8th Grade class that brought donations to the center from their recent food drive! Our next volunteer opportunity is May 11/13.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Ann (Helregel) Kuenstler. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

Today our parish will take up the **138th Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Your support of this collection helps build the Church in African-American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including in our own Belleville Diocese which received funding from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help fund their unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE:

We want to continue to stress that **we must always keep the most vulnerable in mind** and, that when in doubt, parishes should always err on the side of caution. Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, masks will be optional at Mass and all liturgical celebrations.

- Churches may be at 100% capacity.
- Liturgical Ministers – greeters, ushers, gift bearers and servers – may resume their regular roles.
- Congregational singing, choirs and instrumentalists are allowed.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may assist with the distribution of Communion. **Ministers of Holy Communion are required to wear masks** during the distribution of Communion and to sanitize hands (before and after distribution).
- Holy Communion: For the foreseeable future, Holy Communion will remain only under the form of the consecrated HOST. Communion on the tongue will be permitted, but those wishing to receive in this manner are asked to present themselves at the end of the Communion procession.

Concerning Funeral Lunches, Meetings, Social Events, Fish Frys, Parish Festivals

- Capacity may be 100% of area/building space.
- If serving food, food safety precautions must continue to be maintained per the local county health department.
- Staff and volunteers serving food are to wear masks and gloves.

The past two years have been an extremely challenging time for everyone – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We have appreciated your patience, understanding and hard work as we navigated the waters of the unknown with the pandemic.

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13.

Reflecting on Baptism and Temptations. Luke’s gospel recounts that Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit at Jordan’s baptism, is led by that same Spirit into the desert – a place for reflection and prayer. And hunger. And temptations by *diabolos*, the false accuser. What happens? Strengthened by baptism at which he is called “beloved”, temptations are resisted – not easily, but resisted nonetheless. Food for our thoughtful reflections this Lent.

- * How does my Baptism strengthen me for Christian living?
- * How can I face temptations of eating, of power, of vain glory this Lent?
- * How will I pray for and support the elect throughout the diocese called this day to Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist at the coming Easter Vigil?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Monday, March 7: St. Joseph School Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Council winners advance to Petersburg for the State Championship on Saturday, April 2.

Thursday, March 10: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, March 11: Fish Fry Night to benefit the Mentor Richland County program, serving from 5PM - 7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Kudos to last week’s volunteer workers: Dan Zwilling, Tony & Stacey Steber, Kim Harrell, Carl Sager Family- Carl, Jacob, Kari & Kaci; Steve & Austin Tibbs.

Thursday, March 17: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw is at Breese on Sunday March 13. Presently, 10 have qualified to begin competing at 1 PM at Mater Dei High School.

2022 Knights of Columbus High School \$250 Senior Scholarship Applications are available in the back of church. The deadline is April 13.

The Baby Crib will be in church for donations to WIC (Women, Infants and Children) for the K of C Baby Crib Charity Drive.

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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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- Pastoral Council: Kurt Ginder, Jane Kocher, Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Vicki Stuckey, Matthew Zuber

~ 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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