

Sunday, May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. May 8	No Mass
Tue. May 9	5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. May 10	8:05 am Eulalia Kocher; Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
Thu. May 11	6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. May 12	8:00 am James Mark Weiler
Sat. May 13	4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM Francis & Hermina Zuber; Delbert & Cleone Gumble; Ed & Mary Jo Zuber
Sun. May 14	8:00 am For All Deceased Mothers
	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 APRIL 30

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,358 (77) Loose: \$134
Guatemala: \$55 (5) Easter: \$130 (2)
Holy Land: \$5 (1) Home Missions: \$180 (10)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, May 7

- 10 AM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- Closing PSR Mass

Wednesday, May 10

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

Friday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 13

- **6 PM, Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney**

Monday, May 15

- 1:30 PM, Personnel Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

- 7 PM, School Graduation

Thursday, May 25

- **2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, May 10

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (4th). Join us to recognize our students' academic successes and staff milestones! We will also recognize Mrs. Marcia Horstmeyer for her 38 years of loving service. She is hanging up her teaching hat at the end of this school year. We will recognize Mrs. Beth Kinkade and Mrs. Cindy Peters for their faithful service as well.

Friday, May 12

- 1st Grade Razzle Dazzle Reading presentation in the church, 2 PM.

Wednesday, May 17

- Graduation Mass, 8:15 AM.
- Preschool Promotion, 11 AM.
- Graduation Ceremony, 7 PM, in the courtyard.

Thursday, May 18

- Last Day for K-7.
- Field Day, 11 AM dismissal. No lunch or bus service at 11 AM.

* **Eighth Graders** will have their science fair projects showcased in the MPR this weekend. Students may not be present due to the Diocesan track meet, but parishioners are welcome to check them out after masses. There will also be a public viewing after the honors mass on Wednesday, May 10.

* **Congratulations** to our Wildcat track teams! Both the girls' and the boys' teams are regional champs! Thanks to Mike and Sarah Stevens, our coaches, and the many parents and volunteers who assist with track this year.

* **Congratulations** to our 17 alumni recognized for the Honor Society at Richland County High School! Well done - Abigail Atwood, Talon Stallard, Sophia Raney, Mallory Miller, Amelia Ginder, Reese Klier, Jarrett Doll, Tatum David, Evan Uhl, Danielle Clodfelter, Caleb Rudolphi, Luke Colwell, Chloe McKinney, Maddox Dorn, Emery Spieth, Cody Fulk and Krish Patel!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 24: Emily Patridge (#428)
April 25: Rachel Miller (#310)
April 26: Laura Kocher (#026)
April 27: Kelsey Grimes (#279)
April 28: Stacy Kessler (#362)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.

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: Today's Scripture readings tell us much about the new life we have received in baptism. Peter tells us: we are chosen by our God to be a royal priesthood, to be God's holy people.

We are living stones built on Jesus our cornerstone. As a community, we are to be a spiritual house in which we share in the priesthood of Jesus. With Jesus, we are to offer spiritual sacrifices to praise our God who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. We are carrying out one of our priestly

duties here this morning as we offer our Father this memorial of Jesus' death and rising.

We heard Jesus tell us: don't be anxious about anything. We are to put our faith and trust in him; he is the way and the truth and the life. He is leading us home to his Father's house where he has prepared a place to us.

The words of Scripture are the living word of God. God is telling us the truth about ourselves, as he created us and redeemed us in Jesus. God's word is also gracing us to live out that truth, as an expression of our thanks.

Today's Scriptures also remind us that Jesus can be a stumbling block for us at times. The truth Jesus tells us will call us to move beyond our self-interest and concern and reach out in love to everyone who crosses the path of our life. It isn't always easy to see the people we meet each day as opportunities to love as Jesus loves us. The difficult people we meet offer us a graced opportunity to welcome them into our spiritual house where they can experience God's loving compassion and mercy through us.

We have been given wonderful gifts by our baptism. Our mission is to use our gifts to do the work of Jesus: to bring our Father's love to every corner of our world.

Let us be renewed in this Eucharist today, for Jesus comes to fill us more deeply with his life and love. Then he will bless us and send us forth to carry out his mission this week.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

Jesus said, I am the way and the truth and the life. A common line of scripture we often hear and see quoted. Yet do we ever stop and think what does it mean?

Jesus is the Way- indicates the path of life we walk must be with Jesus. This is something we must do every day, every week- for always. After all, No one comes to the Father except

through me [Jesus], if you know me [Jesus], then you will also know my Father.

Jesus is the Truth- indicates all the many parables, stories, I AM statements, that show us who is Truth. This truth is wisdom, mercy, grace, kindness, empathy, love- endless love... Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Jesus is the Life- indicates only He offers Joy-Peace-Love-Eternal Life! Jesus was born to die for our sins- he endured death upon a cross to save us-He offers us Himself- which is Life- the very life we receive in the Holy Eucharist. Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places...And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. The promise of Life Eternal. Live a Life that reflects that *Jesus is the Way-the Truth-the Life*. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Thank you to Fr. Bill Spencer, OFM, who assisted with our weekend masses while Fr. Felix was away.

We are now accepting mass intentions through September 27, 2023. 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.

Graduation List: The list of 2023 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph Preschool, 8th grade, high school and colleges. We have the names of preschoolers, St. Joseph School 8th graders and high school

seniors in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. Please no phone calls. The deadline to turn in names is Wednesday, May 17. The insert will be included in our May 27 and 28 bulletin, and we will recognize our graduates at all the masses on May 27 and 28.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Thursday, May 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.
Thursday, May 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Sunday, May 28: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

Congratulations to the \$250 Olney Council Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship winners: Anna Weidner, Brett Kocher, Victoria Zwilling and Evan Uhl!

Knights of the Month: Dan, Steve and Kyle Kuenstler- clearing brush around the Rectory.

Thanks to seven Honor Guard members for being at Confirmation!

Men 18 years and older and a Practical Catholic, are you considering being a Knights of Columbus member? This calendar year new members in the Olney Council can join with free dues. Contact Hank Ginder at 618-843-3016 or email Hank at hnginder76@hotmail.com for more information. There is a monthly Catholic magazine and the Olney Council has an August free family picnic and games day, plus a free family Christmas Dinner!

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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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