

Collection Total for April 30, 2023

Envelopes: \$1250.00
Loose: \$48.00
Total: \$1298.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$5.00 (1)
Cemetery: \$100.00 (1)
Catholic Home Missions: \$107.00 (8)

May Bulletins: Rick Ginder Family

May Missalettes: For the Parish

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

PARISH NEWS:

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjeholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Joseph Schneider will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Friday, May 12. Birthday wishes may be sent to him at 6770 N. Stringtown Road Olney.

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 7, 10:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

-Closing PSR Mass

THANK YOU TO FR. BILL SPENCER, OFM, who assisted with our weekend masses while Fr. Felix was away.

Tuesday, May 8, 9:30am, ASAP Prayer Group St. Joseph-Stringtown

6:00pm Mother Daughter Banquet, at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, May 12, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance Council at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 13, 6:00pm Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, May 15, 1:30pm, Personnel Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00pm School Graduation

PICNIC NEWS:

We are looking for donations to buy meat and other meal related items. Please contact Carli, Ross, or Paige Ginder with any questions

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

Mother Daughter Banquet on Monday May 8th at 6pm in the St. Joseph Church Parish Center. If you are a member and would like to attend, Contact persons are Mary Zwilling 618-562-8433 or Mary Ochs 618-837-0111.

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, May 10th - Join us to recognize our students' academic successes and staff milestones! We will also recognize 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.

Wednesday, May 17th - Graduation Mass 8:15 am and Preschool Promotion 11 am

Thursday, May 18th - Last Day K-8 - Field Day 11 am dismissal and Field Day (no lunch or bus at 11 am)

Congratulations to our Wildcat track teams! Both the girls' and the boys' teams are regional champs! Thanks to Mike & 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 Stallad, Sophia Ranes, 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, May 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, May 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

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.

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 & games day plus a Free family Christmas Dinner!



Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, May 6, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Kathy Zuber+, Barbara Ochs+, Carolyn Zuber+”

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, May 8, NO MASS

Tuesday, May 9, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 11, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, May 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 13, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For all our deceased mothers”

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

05/07/2023

Servers:

Grayson Sterchi

Jared Weidner

Lector:

Joselyn Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Beth Kocher

Gifts:

Jim & Thelma Muhs

Ushers:

Werner Kocher

Tom Kocher

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

05/14/2023

Servers:

Natalie Zwilling

Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

Eucharist Minister:

Mary Ochs

Gifts:

Gary & Dorothy Zwilling

Ushers:

Gary Kocher

Owen Kocher

Greeters:

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