

**Sunday April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Monday, May 1, NO MASS

Tuesday, May 2, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 4 NO MASS

Friday, May 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, May 6, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
“Kevin W. Frohning+, Robert Staser+”**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

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

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Harold Rauch+, Dorothy Kuhl+”

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. April 23, 2023

(57) Envelopes \$2,165 Loose \$241, (6) Building \$290 (1) Home Mission \$25

TOTAL: \$2721.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

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

THANK YOU:

To CYM and all who helped with putting up Easter Decorations!!

Thank you for all the kind words, cards and phone calls. They were really appreciated, Thank you and God bless each of you----Victor Kuhl

The Kevin Frohning Family would like to thank our parish family and community for the outpouring of love, honor, and caring support we have received. We are expressly appreciative to Father Mark for the beautiful funeral mass and his comforting homily. The music created by Linda, Rhonda, Kiley, Clinton, and the entire choir overflowed with faith and love, and could not have been more perfect. The meal of fellowship provided by the Ladies of Sodality and all volunteers was comforting and delicious. All acts of condolence are greatly appreciated and will continue to give us strength in the days to come. Signed, Rose, Kelley, Jessica (Herdes), Kaitlin, and Kim Frohning.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To the Lelia Volk family. “May she rest in the peace and love of our Lord.”

May Liturgical Ministers	
Saturday	Sunday
Open/Lock/Greet: Tammy Rudolphi	Open/Lock/Greet: Kevin & Heather Blank
Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Weidner	Eucharistic Ministers: Missy Buerster
Lectors: Jennifer Rudolphi	Lectors: Jennifer Maxon
Money Counters: Kevin & Heather Blank	
Ushers: Mark Rudolphi	Ushers: Tony Buerster
James Rudolphi	Tyler Buerster

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. April 29 Clara & Hank Weidner

Sun. April 30 Grace & Stella Warfel

Sat. May 6 Briley Wilson, Levi Rudolphi

Sun. May 7 Ian Kessler, Cora Warfel

CRMH COMMUNION:

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

Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225 July 9th

Lynn Weidner (618) 723-2426 July 16th

Jason Warfel (618) 562-5822 July 30th

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, May 1, 7:00pm, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, May 5, 9:00am, First Friday Communion calls

Saturday, May 6, 5:00pm, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

Closing PSR Mass

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

FIRE UPDATE:

At the time of this writing, we are waiting reports from a structural engineer as to the integrity of the walls and roof due to the fire and the subsequent extinguishing. Then with the help of a general contractor we will have a better idea of the scope of the work involved and a time line in which we will be able to return. The reredos and altar survived and will continue to grace our sanctuary.

Through the Diocese of Belleville, we have insurance through Catholic Mutual for the replacement cost of the damage minus a \$5,000 deductible. I have met with our Diocesan Facility manager, an independent insurance adjuster and our insurance claim manager, to begin the process rebuilding/repairing which may take up to a year to complete. Mass will be held in our parish hall which unfortunately will not allow us to rent out the hall for any private events.

Bishop McGovern, Bishop Braxton assures us of their prayers as well as many priests and many other people.
Fr. Mark Stec

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.

“Luck of the Draw” stand- Please remember items for this stand. (Used to be “Instant Winner”)

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15. A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven’t had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on “Giving”. Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today.

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

“I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.” These words are the from the Gospel of John this weekend. Jesus is the good shepherd, who laid down his life for each one of us. We are the sheep in the world, that Jesus continues to seek -to care for -to lead -to bring home. We will either be sheep that obey and follow- or we will become lost and lose life eternal. Do you hear the voice of the shepherd? Or the voice of the prince of darkness? Let our hearts be crying out: Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants,

beyond my fears, from death into life. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Live a life of Eucharistic Discipleship- be a sheep and live a Life of Love. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK

Today's Gospel reading speaks of Jesus as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name and leads them out to pasture. He is also the gate of the sheepfold. All who enter through him will "have life and have it more abundantly." Our relationship with Jesus allows us a place of refuge, a place where we will always find nourishment and safety. Jesus has called us by name, so we are able then to recognize his voice.

What does that mean in terms of our daily living? Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows us by name, and he wants us to know him in the same way that he knows his Father, and his Father knows him. He knows and loves us intimately, and he gives us the grace to know and love him in the same way.

We learn to do this by taking the time each day to listen to his voice. He speaks to us in the Scriptures, in our worship, in our personal prayer, and in the people and events that are part of our daily lives. St. Francis de Sales calls this process learning to let Jesus live in us. As we let ourselves be led by the voice of Jesus,

Jesus lives in us more and more - and the new life that he shares with us becomes the source from which we live each day. The power that flows from his death and rising transforms our self-centeredness into out-reaching love for one another. More and more, we become the love of God incarnated in our world.

Because we hear Jesus' voice, we are able to be more patient in our suffering. We are able to look at Jesus' own experience of suffering and learn from him how to accept our own. He left us an example. He trusted in his Father's love for him and knew that his Father was with him no matter what

he was doing. He listened for his Father's voice and found refuge in his love.

In the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus called us by name and made us part of his flock. What a wonderful gift we have been given in our baptism! May we learn to take hold of that gift each day and nurture its growth through prayer and generous love. Let us take joy in the fact that Jesus is leading us to abundance of life with him - an abundance that will be complete in eternity.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to the tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign. All donations received by May 1st will be recognized in our printer proof letter. Gifts made after May 1st will be recognized in the fall Parish Newsletter.

Congratulations to our students who received their Confirmation Saturday morning!

Friday, May 5th - Early Dismissal 10:50 am
Author's Corner - 3rd Grade in the church at 9:30 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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!

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The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.



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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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