

**Collection Total for May 28, 2023**

Envelopes: \$1181.00  
Loose: \$87.00  
**Total: \$1268.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Cemetery Fund: \$235.00 (13)  
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**June Bulletins:** Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

**June Missalettes:** For the Parish  
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**-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 stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected.

**BULLETIN NEWS:** Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

**Thank you,** Knights of Columbus, for assisting at our Memorial Day Cemetery Prayer Services in our Parish Catholic Cemeteries.

“Congratulations to Bluestem Academy Graduate: Victoria Zwilling”

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, June 3,** 5:00pm, Eucharistic Training at Holy Cross-Wendelin

6:00pm, Eucharistic Training at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, June 4, 9:00am, Eucharistic Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

9:00am, Eucharistic Training at St. Joseph-Olney

11:00am, Eucharistic Training at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

11:00am, Eucharistic Training at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, June 5,** 10:00am, Meeting of Diocesan Consultors at Chancery Office

11:00am, Presbyterial Council Meeting at Chancery Office

1:00pm, Blessing of Diocesan Jansen Office Center

4:00pm, Priest Jubilee of Ordination Anniversary at St. Peter Cathedral

**Wednesday, June 7,** 12:00pm (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting in Piopolis

**Saturday, June 10, 2:00pm, Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Saturday, June 17,** 2:00pm, Woodrow/Pace Holy Cross Wedding at St. Stephen Flora

**Sunday, June 18, FATHER’S DAY**

**PICNIC NEWS:**

Envelopes are in the back of church containing this year’s raffle list and raffle tickets. The envelopes are all unmarked this year, but all have the same contents. The picnic workers’ list is also being worked on. The list will be out on the last Sunday in May. If you are unable to work this year’s picnic (July 16th) please let us know now so that we can adjust the workers list accordingly

**PICNIC BASKET STAND COMMITTEE:** needs your help! We are asking each parish family to donate one basket OR a donation of \$15- \$20 so we can put a basket together for you. If you choose to donate a filled basket, there is an idea list in the back of church. The contents should be valued at \$15 and should be ready by July 2nd. You may put your filled baskets in the back of church for pick up. If you’re donating money, please put the donation in an envelope and place in the donation can in the vestibule as soon as possible so we have time to shop for items. Donations may also be given to any committee member listed at the end of this announcement. If you or several families would like to go together and make a larger basket for the

individual basket raffle, contact Mona. We appreciate everyone’s time and effort in helping the basket stand be a success. Questions? Contact Mona Kocher @ 618-843-6662 or 618-869-2498, Janette Kocher @618-843-1650, Mary Zwilling @ 618-562-8433, or Kathy Zuber (Justin) @ 618-869-2306.

**THE WINE PULL STAND** is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year’s Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Please have all donations dropped off or contact Janice by Monday, July 10th.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER’S BABY BOTTLE PROJECT**

The Baby Bottle Project (BBP) is a fundraising effort the whole family can enjoy! Simply take a bottle home provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting local pro-life efforts. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

**FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE**

A small group has been formed to provide some family gatherings throughout the year for our parish family. If you have any suggestions or want to help with any events, please see a committee member. Let's get our parish family active together!

**Please mark your calendars for the following events:**

**Ice cream social on July 23rd:**

We will be hosting an ice-cream social @ 2 pm-???. Ice-cream, cookies/brownies, and topping will be provided. Please bring your own drinks if you want something other than water. There is plenty

of space to get some games started, so feel free to bring outdoor games and lawn-chairs.

Donut Sundays: June 18th, July 23, August 27th  
-----Mary Zwilling will be putting together a list for watering flowers. Please watch Facebook for more information on this. If you are not on Facebook, let Mary know if you are interested in helping. It would be very helpful if those who water flowers also check the weeds. Thank you to Carol Hahn for working on cleaning out the weeds.

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

**Receive the Holy Spirit**

The Most Holy Trinity honors the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—belief in the Holy Trinity. The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided. There are many prayers to honor the Divine Trinity, and here is one from Fatima:

The Angel of Peace appeared to the Fatima children one year prior to the Our Lady’s apparitions and taught them five prayers. Here is one of those prayers. The prayer should be recited three times:

**The Pardon Prayer**

**“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!**

**Glory Be**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. +** Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**FROM FR. MARK:**

Today we celebrate the Trinity, the three Persons in One God. St. Francis de Sales notes:

The love of the Three Persons in the Trinity overflows into creation and especially the human family. Humanity was united to the person of God the Son so that humanity might eternally enjoy the

treasures of His infinite glory. Only in and through Christ are we able to participate in the Trinity's union of pure love.

Our Savior does not call us to the identical union of the Three Persons, but we ought to be united together as purely and perfectly as possible. When we respond to His call, our Redeemer so completely transforms us into His image. It almost seems as if there is no longer any difference between Him and us. He repairs us all equally. Without exception He makes us like Himself. Through the strength of His sacred love, He succeeded in forgetting Himself but not His creatures. How great was the flame of love that burned in the heart of our gentle Savior! We too are capable of such heart-felt love.

Jesus spoke of our union of hearts in daring terms. The quality of our love for one another must be similar to that of the love of the Three Persons. This seems too good to be true. Yet, it is impossible to love God and not love the image of God in our neighbor. Our Savior loves us so dearly that He makes us His adopted children. We too must show that we are truly His children, by loving one another dearly in all goodness of heart.

The children of this culture, who live only for their material treasures, are all separated from one another because their hearts are in different places. But the children of God, have their hearts 'where their treasure is'. Having but one treasure that is the same God, they are always joined and united together. How much at peace and free we will be if our love for one another reflects the overflowing love of the Trinity!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, June 8:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers. Annual monthly attendance \$75 drawing.

**Thursday, June 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers.

**Thanks to Knights of Columbus flag carriers,** Dan and Preston Kuentler, Dale Weidner, Neal Weber, Scott Seiler and Dan Zwilling.

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

There will be a Quit Raffle to help end Dementia & Alzheimer's. The quilt will be on display in the window at the First National Bank in Olney, during the month of June. \$1.00 per ticket. After June, please call Kathy Zuber at (618) 869-2306 for tickets or information about the Mattoon/Charleston walk on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a summer project so the drawing will be September 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Remember in our prayers...**

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

**Sunday June 4, 2023  
Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity  
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Saturday, June 3,** 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, June 4,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+"**  
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Monday, June 5, No Mass**  
**Tuesday, June 6,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, June 7,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, June 8,** 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Friday, June 9,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
Saturday, June 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, June 11,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Hermina Zuber+, Bill & Catherine Zwilling+"**  
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**MINISTERS LIST**

<b><u>06/04/2023</u></b>	<b><u>06/11/2023</u></b>
<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Mitchell Ochs Natalie Ochs	<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Owen Kocher Alex Schneider
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<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Brian & Amy Ochs	<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Paul & Ellen Steber Family
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Harold Boehl Jared Boehl	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Ray Schneider Doug Kocher
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