

**Sunday May 7, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**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 “Henry & Mary Volk+, and deceased family members”

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

**Saturday, May 13, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Donald T. Geier+”  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, May 14, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For all Mothers”

**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 30, 2023**

(56) Envelopes \$2,477 Loose \$146, (7) Building \$610 (9) Home Mission \$225

**TOTAL: \$3458.00**

**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)

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

To Calvin Gilbert Volk (parents Greg & Chelsea) and Abigail Rose Buerster (parents Andy & Emma) who were baptized this past weekend.

**\*MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS\***

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

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. May 6** Briley Wilson, Levi Rudolphi

**Sun. May 7** Ian Kessler, Cora Warfel

**Sat. May 13** Noah & Victoria Rudolphi

**Sun. May 14** Blaine & Brayden Bergbower

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

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:**

**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.

**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

**HOLY CROSS FIRE UPDATE:**

Sherry Geier and I met this past week with officials with Catholic Mutual (Insurance representative from Omaha Nebraska) The independent insurance adjustor (out of Vincennes Indiana) contracted by Catholic Mutual, another cost adjustor from Mobile Alabama (also connected to Catholic Mutual) and the onsite manager from Servpro. A forensic fire cause and point of origin inspector was also on site today. The exact cause of the fire will remain unknown, however, it appears to be in wiring that brought power to the organ console. This was located under the flooring in the choir loft. There would be no way for us to know the condition of the wire due to its location. We are still waiting for a structural engineer to perform an inspection to determine if there is loss of integrity to the walls, ceiling and roof of the church.

Servpro will continue its fire and smoke mitigation. Step one will begin tomorrow when Servpro will begin an inventory of all the items in the church and will begin to remove them for cleaning, repairs and storage. Step two (a start time has not been yet determined) will be the cleaning and repairs and any rebuilding of the church. PLEASE DO NOT ASK TO ENTER THE CHURCH FOR VIEWING. I will keep you informed as progress is made.

St. Florian, pray for us

(Patron saint of fire and firefighters)

**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”)

**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.

**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 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Thursday, May 18:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

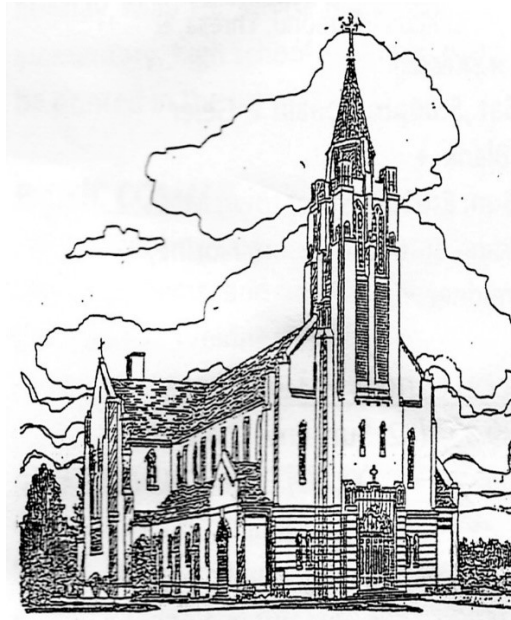
**Knights of the Month:** Dan, Steve and Kyle Kuenstler- clearing brush around the Rectory.

**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](mailto: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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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance,**



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**  
**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**  
**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**  
**Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm**  
**Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

**\*\* Very Rev. Fr. Mark D. Stec, V.F., Pastor**  
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