

Sunday, April 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Apr. 24 No Mass
Tue. Apr. 25 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Apr. 26 8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Apr. 27 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Apr. 28 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Apr. 29 10:00 am Confirmation
4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Cathy McDowell;
Ed & Mary Jo
Zuber
Sun. Apr. 30 8:00 am Ed Weiler, Mr. &
Mrs. Ves Weiler;
Mr. & Mrs. Wm.
Faller
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 16

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,378 (90) Loose: \$243
Guatemala: \$155 (6) Easter: \$2,365.50 (14)
Flowers: \$2 (1) Holy Land: \$70 (4)
Catholic Relief Services: \$20 (1)
Home Missions: \$20 (1)

~ *Kudos* ~

◆ To *Jean Steber*, who will celebrate her 91st birthday on April 24. Happy birthday!

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Monday, April 24

• 1:30 PM, Personnel Board meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Wednesday, April 26

• **Rosary, after Mass.**

- **9:15 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack**
- 1 PM, Spring Farm Blessing at St. Patrick-Enfield
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Thursday, April 27

- 7 PM, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, April 29

- **10 AM, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney**

Monday, May 1

- 7 PM, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, May 5

- **9 AM, First Friday Communion Visitation**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, April 26

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (6th).

Friday, April 28

- 4th Grade State Fair Presentations in the MPR
- Music Shoppe Instrument Trials

Saturday, April 29

- Confirmation, 10 AM.

First Communion thanks to....

- * Lori Kilpatrick for sewing our First Communion altar cloth.
- * Carol Zuber for baking each child and catechist an individual cake.
- * Casey Hemrich for preparing our school children for First Holy Communion.
- * Jeffrey Rosenberg for preparing the gifts and the church.
- * Kim Kocher for preparing the parish materials.
- * Parents and families for sharing their children with us and placing faith first in their lives.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 9: Tiffany Trupiano (#691) **\$500**
April 10: Travis Park (#597)
April 11: Charity Wagner (#416)
April 12: Janice Zwilling (#421)
April 13: Michelle Burgener (#808)
April 14: Cheryl Dill (#185)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, 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: In today's Gospel Luke gives us a feel for the disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus. He also gives us the essentials for a Christian liturgy. Once the Scriptures have been opened and the bread has been broken and shared, the eyes of the disciples who have gathered are opened ever wider and once again Jesus is recognized among us. We are so moved in our faith by this encounter that we rush out to share the good news we have come to recognize more clearly as word and sacrament were celebrated.

Notice the disciples' remark: "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" Their words indicate an eagerness and an openness to listening to whatever Jesus was saying to them. That attitude of openness and eagerness to listening to Jesus' words allowed their hearts to be touched by what they heard.

We have to bring that same attitude of openness and eagerness to listen to our celebration. We have to be attentive to the Scriptures readings for they are the living word of God, meant to teach us about our lives and how God is working in them.

We also have to come to each celebration of Eucharist with an active faith, believing that Jesus is present, offering himself to the Father for our sins and feeding us with his Body and Blood to strengthen us on our journey.

It's very easy for all of us to come to Eucharist out of routine and forget that we encounter our God in the celebration. The more alive our faith is as we celebrate, the deeper the word of God can speak to us and the more fully we are nourished. We will be able to experience what the disciples on the road experienced - our hearts burning within us as Jesus speaks to us and nourishes us.

Perhaps, then, we will feel a greater urgency to share the good news we have experienced in faith-filled, Jesus-filled living.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners *Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

If the tomb was full then our lives would be empty but because the tomb was empty our lives are full and with purpose. I heard this recently and found it very fitting with the Gospel reading from Luke. The well-known story of the Walk of Emmaus references the empty tomb and our Lord being made present in the Breaking of the Bread. It is interesting to reflect on how just a few weeks ago our Lord walked the Via Dolorosa (the Way of Suffering) and today he walks on the Road to Emmaus. This walk was not one of suffering but *redemption- restoration- resurrection-* our Resurrection of life in Him! The tomb is empty, and we are *Full and with Purpose* because we have Jesus-truly present- Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-in the breaking of the Bread that occurs at every Mass. Do you recognize Jesus on the road you walk? Begin this day walking a more robust and purposeful life- *a Eucharistic Life-* it is a Life of Love! Journey onward my fellow sojourners.

Closing Family Catechesis and Sacrament Recognition will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 10AM at Holy Cross Wendelin. Treats and fellowship in the parish hall after Mass.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which generously supports ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese each year. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,500 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2023 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Saturday, April 29: 4th Degree Honor Guard at St. Joseph-Olney Confirmation, 10 AM.

Sunday, April 30: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

* 4th Degree Ministry volunteer at the 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney. Fellowship breakfast following Mass at an Olney local restaurant.

Congratulations to Briley Wilson and Leah Kuenstler for placing 3rd and Leo Tompson 4th in the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Finals at Effingham St. Anthony High School!

Welcome Fr. Felix as a Knights of Columbus new member!

Men 18 years and older, are you considering being a Knights of Columbus member? This calendar year new members in the Olney Council can join for free dues. Contact Hank at 618-843-3016 or email Hank at hnginder76@hotmail.com for more information.

Knight of the Month: Carl Sager- Wood Monk carver to benefit Olney Council K of C Charities.

St. Joseph Church
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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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