

**Sunday April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, April 24, NO MASS**

**Tuesday, April 25, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, April 26, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, April 27, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Leo Volk+"

**Friday, April 28, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, April 29, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, April 30, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald Blank+, Kenneth & Pauline Kistner+"

**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 16, 2023**

(53) Envelopes \$2025, Loose \$200, (4) Building \$1500 (4) Easter Offering \$395 (3) Holy Land Good Friday \$140, (1) Home Mission \$55, (1) CSMA \$700  
**TOTAL: \$5015.00**

**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)

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:** to the Kevin Frohning family-his wife, Rosemary, daughters, sister, and all family. "May Kevin rest in the peace and love of our Lord"

**THANK YOU:**

A big thank you to all who helped us celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. We appreciated every card, greeting and your kind thoughts. May God bless each of you. -Ralph & Georgianna Weber

**BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:**

Jan Kistner will celebrate her birthday, Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send her wishes to Carle Richland Memorial Hospital-800 E. Locust St. Olney, IL 62450

<b>*April Liturgical Ministers*</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>	<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>
Kelly & Sherry Geier	Jason Warfel
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
Maria Rudolphi	Kathy Kuenstler
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>
Victoria Rudolphi	Austin Zwilling
<b>Money Counters:</b>	
Anthony & Penni Kuenstler	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>
Toby Hall	Dustin Smithenry
Kelly & Sherry Geier	Henry Kessler

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. April 22** Victoria & Noah Rudolphi  
**Sun. April 23** Martin Stephens, Mattux Hart  
**Sat. April 29** Clara & Hank Weidner  
**Sun. April 30** Grace & Stella 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:**

**Saturday, April 22, 4:00pm, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Monday, April 24, 1:30pm, Personal Board meeting** at Chancery Office-Belleville

**Wednesday, April 26, 1:00pm, Spring Farm Blessing** at St. Patrick-Enfield

**Thursday, April 27, 7:00pm, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Saturday, April 29, 10:00am, Confirmation** at St. Joseph-Olney

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

**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**

*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.

**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.

#### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

##### **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

**Friday, April 28th** - 4th Grade State Fair Presentations in the MPR & Music Shoppe Instrument Trials

**Saturday, April 29th** - Confirmation

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Saturday, April 29:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard at 10AM Olney Confirmation.

**Sunday, April 30:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ministry at Olney 8AM Mass. Fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant following Mass.

++ K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM.

**Congratulations** to Briley Wilson and Leah Kuenstler for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and Leo Tompson 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6188433016 or email Hank at [hnginder76@hotmail.com](mailto:hnginder76@hotmail.com) for more information.

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

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:**

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish Center, there were 24 presenting donors with 25 productive units collected. **Special thanks** to all the donors for making our blood drive a success! **The next drive is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023.** Other drives scheduled for 2023 are as follows – July 31, September 25, December 4.

**(4) gave power red donations: Ian Stevenson, Eric Phillips, Alan Buerster, and Carl Weidner.**

Michael Phillips

Donna Buerster

Eric Phillips

Denise Geier

Delbert Hinterscher

Alan Buerster

Michael Frohning

Kelly Geier

Joe Rudolphi

Amy Sandschafer

Mark Richardson

Rita Buerster

Rebecca Will

Ian Stevenson

Ted Weber

Billy Geier

Fred Kuhl

Carl Weidner

Robert Fehrenbacher

Wayne Weber

Sarah Egleston

Carl Will

Brad Rudolphi

Makayla Weidner

#### **ST. THOMAS NEWTON:**

Gigantic garage sale April 27, 28, and 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 618-783-3517.

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**  
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**Mass Schedule:** Thurs., 6:30pm  
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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**\*\* Savannah Leneer Administrative Assistant**

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**Pastoral Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin**

**Blank-Vice-Chair; Heather Blank-Secretary;**

**Cindy Blank, Gregg Weber, Sheryl Klingler**