

Collection Total for May 14, 2023

Envelopes: \$2167.00
Loose: \$85.00
Total: \$2252.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$90.00 (3)
Catholic Home Missions: \$15.00 (1)
Religious Edu: \$80.00 (3)
Seminarian Edu: \$275.00 (5)
Cemetery: \$250.00 (3)

May Bulletins: Rick Ginder Family

May Missalettes: For the Parish

-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 stjoholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

Anyone in the parish is welcome to take Easter lilies homes this weekend after church. (Lilies will be in the back of church.)

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 21, 11:00am, Family Life Center Effingham/Newton/Shelbyville will be present at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

11:00am Family Life Committee Coffee and Donuts at Holy Cross-Wendelin

4:00pm, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon

Tuesday, May 22, 9:30am at St. Joseph-Stringtown ASAP Prayer Group-all welcome to attend.

Saturday/Sunday, May 27/28 Graduation

Recognition Mass:

Sunday, May 28, 11:00am, Recognition of Deacon Steve Andrews' 10-year Anniversary of his Diaconate Ordination at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, May 28, MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER AND CEMETERY BLESSING, at each of our Catholic Cemeteries. The priest, deacons and ministers will be present to honor not only our deceased military service men and women, but all our dead. Join us at one of our Catholic Cemeteries after our Sunday mass. **St. Joseph-Stringtown** and St. Joseph-Olney **at 9:15am;** Holy Cross-Wendelin at 11:15am; and at 12:30pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in St. Francisville and Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Bridgeport. These short services will occur rain or shine.

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FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER & BLESSING, (Sunday May 28) THERE WILL BE COFFEE & DONUTS IN THE PARISH CENTER AT ST. JOSEPH-STRINGTOWN

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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.

CATHOLIC TALK N' TREATS with Caroline Wed. May 24 & 31 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Stop by the Holy Cross Wendelin Parish House and say Hello, grab a drink and treat, sit and chat for a while. There are many upcoming events that will begin over summer. Watch the Bulletin and Flocknote to stay current.

SISTERS IN CHRIST NEW STUDY begins on May 31 Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli and See How SHE LOVES US by Joan Carroll Cruz ----Join us for the Message of Hope from our Blessed Mother. This will be an 8-week study. The books will be available at our meeting on Wed. May 24 and the cost is \$25.00. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble to reserve a book or reply through Flocknote.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

"I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain!" I will rise – I will rise - I will rise! Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, suffered, died,

and ascended into heaven, and reigns forever and ever. Our King defeated the throngs of death and darkness and opened the heavens for us to enter. However, the process of being transformed does not just wait for us at the end of our life but happens with every breath we take. This transformation is either more of HIM and less of me, or more of the world with more of me! One cannot serve two masters; either the prince of this world is your taskmaster and holds you *bound*, or The King of Kings is God and sets you *free*! Live a life of Love - and you too will rise! *I will rise when he calls my name* - to the heights of heaven! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK:

Today we celebrate the conclusion of Jesus' mission from his Father. We see Jesus stand before his chosen eleven as the Christ, Lord of the universe. With full authority for the salvation of the world, Jesus sends the Eleven forth to make disciples of all the nations. They are to baptize in the name of the Trinity and teach all they have been commanded by Jesus.

Then Jesus returns to his Father, leaving the earth in his bodily form. His leaving emphasizes the importance that faith will play in their mission. They are to put their trust in the Spirit he will leave with them, and they are to act on all they have been taught to believe. They will have doubts and fears as they go, so they are to remember his final words to them: "I am with you always." Jesus' abiding presence with them through the Spirit will give them strength and courage when they need it to continue their efforts.

Over the past few weeks, you and I have been renewed in our faith by our celebration of Jesus' death and rising. Today, as we celebrate his return to his Father, Jesus speaks to us, his disciples in 2023, with the full authority of the Christ: I send you forth to make new disciples. Announce the truth of what I have taught you by living it every day. When you feel the insecurities of the journey, recall my

promise to you: "I am with you always." My Spirit will provide the strength you need to continue.

As we carry out our mission each day, we are not to waste time trying to judge our success or failure. Jesus asks us to place our faith in him and give the best effort we can each day. St. Francis de Sales reminds us to begin each day anew, trying to be faithful today to letting Jesus live in us and love through us.

As we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, let us renew our faith in all that Jesus has taught us. With confidence, let us set about living today with grace and enthusiasm. Remember: Jesus is with us always! May Jesus draw others to himself by the way we live.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to our graduates and thank you to the families who chose a full-time faith-based education.

Congratulations to our many alumni who graduate this year - high school, college, and graduate school - you continue to make us proud.

Thanks to the staff who share so much of themselves - time, talent, and treasure - to ensure our collective children learn and grow in God's love.

Thank you to these staff members retiring or making changes in their lives:

Marcia Horstmeyer - 38 years

Beth Kinkade - 21 years

Cindy Peters - 11 years

Casey Hemrich - 9 years

We are grateful for the love and commitment they have shown during their time with us.

The school office will be closed on Fridays during the summer.

Our Raise Right program continues to run during the summer - place your orders on Mondays by 9 am and pick up Thursdays after 1 pm.

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!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, May 28: Memorial Day prayer service at Wendelin, Olney and Stringtown Cemeteries following Mass. Two to three Knights carrying the Flag in procession to the cemetery.

Welcome Ray Schneider as a 2nd and 3rd Degree Knight!

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!



Remember in our prayers...
Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday May 21, 2023
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, May 20, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Kathy Zuber+,
Hermina Zuber+, Lelia & Louis Volk+"**

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, May 22, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
"Sr. Antoinette Volk, PHJC+, Brenda Kocher+"

Tuesday, May 23, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 25, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, May 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 27, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "George Ochs+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

05/21/2023

Servers:

Ian Kocher

Kaitlyn Kocher

Lector:

Beth Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Elmer Ochs

Gifts:

Lester & Janice Zuber

Ushers:

Brian Ochs

Lester Zuber

Greeters:

Natalie Zwilling

05/28/2023

Servers:

Kylie Kocher

Mallory Kocher

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Lisa Boehl

Gifts:

Jim & Thelma Muhs

Ushers:

Tom Kocher

Werner Kocher

Greeters:

Jean, Mona, & Gary Kocher

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