

Collection Total for April 23, 2023

Envelopes: \$9710.00
Loose: \$80.00
Total: \$9790.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$40.00 (2)
Holy Land: \$65.00 (2)

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 stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

THANK YOU:

We would like to thank Father Mark, Father Felix, & Father Robert for officiating at the funeral for our mother. We would also like to thank the people of the parish who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon for the family afterwards. We appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.
- the family of Lelia Volk.

PARISH EVENTS:

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

Tuesday, May 2, 9:30am ASAP Prayer Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, May 5, 9:00am, First Friday
Communion calls

Saturday, May 6, 5:00pm, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, May 7, 10:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Closing PSR Mass

Friday, May 12, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance Council at St. Joseph-Olney

FIRE UPDATE:

At the time of this writing, we are waiting reports from a structural engineer as to the integrity of the walls and roof due to the fire and the subsequent extinguishing. Then with the help of a general contractor we will have a better idea of the scope of the work involved and a time line in which we will be able to return. The reredos and altar survived and will continue to grace our sanctuary.

Through the Diocese of Belleville, we have insurance through Catholic Mutual for the replacement cost of the damage minus a \$5,000 deductible. I have met with our Diocesan Facility manager, an independent insurance adjuster and our insurance claim manager, to begin the process rebuilding/repairing which may take up to a year to complete. Mass will be held in our parish hall which unfortunately will not allow us to rent out the hall for any private events.

Bishop McGovern, Bishop Braxton assures us of their prayers as well as many priests and many other people.
Fr. Mark Stec

PICNIC NEWS:

We are looking for donations to buy meat and other meal related items. Please contact Carli, Ross, or Paige Ginder with any questions

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

Mother Daughter Banquet on Monday May 8th at 6pm in the St. Joseph Church Parish Center. If you

are a member and would like to attend, Contact persons are Mary Zwilling 618-562-8433 or Mary Ochs 618-837-0111.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

"I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture." These words are the from the Gospel of John this weekend. Jesus is the good shepherd, who laid down his life for each one of us. We are the sheep in the world, that Jesus continues to seek -to care for -to lead -to bring home. We will either be sheep that obey and follow- or we will become lost and lose life eternal. Do you hear the voice of the shepherd? Or the voice of the prince of darkness? Let our hearts be crying out: Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Live a life of Eucharistic Discipleship- be a sheep and live a Life of Love. Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK:

Today's Gospel reading speaks of Jesus as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name and leads them out to pasture. He is also the gate of the sheepfold. All who enter through him will "have life and have it more abundantly." Our relationship with Jesus allows us a place of refuge, a place where we will always find nourishment and safety. Jesus has called us by name, so we are able then to recognize his voice.

What does that mean in terms of our daily living? Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows us by name, and he wants us to know him in the same way that he knows his Father, and his Father knows him. He knows and loves us intimately, and he gives us the grace to know and love him in the same way.

We learn to do this by taking the time each day to listen to his voice. He speaks to us in the Scriptures, in our worship, in our personal prayer, and in the people and events that are part of our daily lives. St.

Francis de Sales calls this process learning to let Jesus live in us. As we let ourselves be led by the voice of Jesus,

Jesus lives in us more and more - and the new life that he shares with us becomes the source from which we live each day. The power that flows from his death and rising transforms our self-centeredness into out-reaching love for one another. More and more, we become the love of God incarnated in our world.

Because we hear Jesus' voice, we are able to be more patient in our suffering. We are able to look at Jesus' own experience of suffering and learn from him how to accept our own. He left us an example. He trusted in his Father's love for him and knew that his Father was with him no matter what he was doing. He listened for his Father's voice and found refuge in his love.

In the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus called us by name and made us part of his flock. What a wonderful gift we have been given in our baptism! May we learn to take hold of that gift each day and nurture its growth through prayer and generous love. Let us take joy in the fact that Jesus is leading us to abundance of life with him - an abundance that will be complete in eternity.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to the tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign. All donations received by May 1st will be recognized in our printer proof letter. Gifts made after May 1st will be recognized in the fall Parish Newsletter.

Congratulations to our students who received their Confirmation Saturday morning!

Friday, May 5th - Early Dismissal 10:50 am
Author's Corner - 3rd Grade in the church at 9:30 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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 Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, May 1, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
“Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling +”

Tuesday, May 2, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 4, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, May 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 6, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Kathy Zuber+,
Barbara Ochs+, Carolyn Zuber+”

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

04/30/2023

Servers:

Carter Seaman

Julian Seaman

Lector:

Hank Ginder

Eucharist Minister:

Lisa Boehl

Gifts:

Shelly Seaman

Ushers:

Harold Boehl

Jared Boehl

Greeters:

Gary & Beth Kocher
 Family

05/07/2023

Servers:

Grayson Sterchi

Jared Weidner

Lector:

Joselyn Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Beth Kocher

Gifts:

Jim & Thelma Muhs

Ushers:

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