

Collection Total for January 1, 2023

Envelopes: \$742.00
Loose: \$1036.24
Total: \$1778.24

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Edu: \$75.00 (6)
For the Needy: \$5.00 (5)
First Offering: \$153.00 (18)
Christmas Offering: \$170.00 (5)

January Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber Attorney at Law

January 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

St. Joseph Stringtown Mass Intention book for 2023, January through June, will be open beginning Thursday, Dec. 22. (Requests for mass intentions will be accepted for first 6 months). A Mass may be offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, on the occasion of an anniversary, or some special need.

ASAP Prayer Group will continue meeting every Tuesday at 9:30am to say the rosary and have fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate. Questions call Janette Kocher 843-1650

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, January 9, 10:00am, College of Consultor Meeting in Belleville

11:00am, Presbyterial Council Meeting-Belleville

Tuesday, January 10, 5:30pm, Finance Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:00pm, Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30pm, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, January 12, 7:15pm, Finance Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 13, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

7:00pm, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, January 15, 10:00am, CYM assisting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Mass

10:00am, Baptism at Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin

11:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, January 16, PARISH OFFICES CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT ST. LAWRENCE-LAWRENCEVILLE

begins on Tuesday, January 10 following the 5:00pm mass: For many Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. But the truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls, is far more strange and beautiful.

CYM SPAGHETTI LUNCH

Sunday, February 19th from 10:30-12:30 at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. Also will have a basket/ dessert raffle. EVERYONE WELCOME!

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

A Star guided the Magi to the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. What Star is guiding you this New Year? What will you find once you reach the Star? Will it be life-giving, fruitful and “of God” or prideful and

“of the world”? The moment of your Epiphany is closer than you might think! Seek to be guided by the One True Star for it is there where you will find your *life of love!* Journey onward this New Year, being guided by the Star to Peace and Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK

Fr. Felix has returned home to spend the next 6 weeks with his family and friends and to reconnect with his Bishop and the clergy of his home Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria. While Fr. Felix is away, our parishes are blessed to have the assistance of our Saturday/Sunday masses of Fr. William Spencer, OFM. Here is a Franciscan priest of the Sacred Heart Province (St. Louis, Missouri). Please welcome Fr. William.

Our Christmas Season has drawn to a close. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Traditionally celebrated on Jan. 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas, the feast is transferred to the Sunday between Jan. 2-8 in the United States, however. In commemoration of Christ’s manifestation to the Magi — who represent how Christ came to save all mankind, not just the Jews — this feast celebrates how Christ’s identity is revealed, as is summed up in the gifts the Three Kings presented him. The gold and frankincense they gave Christ represent his status as king of the universe, the deity worthy of our true worship. And the myrrh tells of the bitter reality that the babe in the manger was born to die.

Tomorrow, Monday, January, The Christmas season ends with the Feast Lord’s Baptism, which falls on the Sunday after the Epiphany. (That is, unless the Epiphany falls on Jan. 7 or 8, when it then is celebrated on the following day, a Monday, which is the case this year of 2023.) This feast commemorates the day on which Christ formally accepts his mission as the redeemer when he receives St. John the Baptist’s baptism of conversion and repentance. He sets out from the waters of the Jordan, identified as God’s own son by the Father’s voice that resounded from the opened sky, and inaugurates his saving work as the long-awaited Messiah who will free us of our sins.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, January 11th - Freshman Orientation for our 8th grade students 5:30 - 7 pm

Friday, January 13th - Camp Ondessonk Presentations for grades 2 - 8

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS AND YOU CAN SPECIFY WHICH NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL YOU WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE. (i.e St. Joseph School in Olney, or St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton)

If you want to reduce your IL state tax burden and support the school, you can learn more about Empower IL to provide much-needed scholarships.

Tax credits for 2023 can be reserved today by following these easy steps:

1. Log on to mytax.illinois.gov.
2. Click on “View More Account Options.”
3. Click on “Contribute to Invest in Kids” under Account Options.
4. Click the checkbox to certify you are taking a state tax credit and click “Next.”
5. Check "Invest in Kids Region" and click the blue “Next” button in the bottom right corner.
6. Complete the requested information, including selecting Empower Illinois as your Scholarship Granting Organization, and click “Submit”
7. Check your inbox for an email from the Illinois Department of Revenue with a PDF of your tax credit.

8. Visit the [Empower Illinois website](#) where our donation wizard will help you through the remaining steps.

Families who want to apply for Empower IL scholarships to attend St. Joseph School or St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton can go to empowerillinois.org to reserve a scholarship - starting January 18th at 7 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, January 12: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
 Thursday, January 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
 Sunday, January 29: Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Mass, St. Joe, Olney followed by a fellowship family breakfast at a local restaurant.
 + K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before Mass.

Parishioners and K of C members: Do you know a male Practical Catholic aged 18 and over interested in joining as a Knights of Columbus member? The membership video is 26 minutes. Contact Hank Ginder for more information; 6188433016 or email hnginder76@hotmail.com

Remember in our prayers...

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie

Sunday January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, January 8, Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling+, Kathy Zuber+

Monday, January 9, NO MASS

Tuesday, January 10, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 12, 6:30pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 13, NO MASS

Saturday, January 14, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday January 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Raymond & Alberta Zuber"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

01/08/2023 **01/15/2023**

Servers:

Annabelle Seiler
Sadie Seiler

Lector:

Hank Ginder

Eucharist Minister:

Scott Seiler

Gifts:

Tom & Kathy Kocher

Ushers:

Gary Kocher
Tom Kocher

Greeters:

Werner & Janette Kocher

Servers:

Grayson Sterchi
Jared Weidner

Lector:

Beth Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Lisa Boehl

Gifts:

Paul & Ellen Steber Family

Ushers:

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Brian Ochs

Greeters:

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