

Collection Total for May 7, 2023

Envelopes: \$966.00
Loose: \$44.00
Total: \$1010.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)
Seminarian Edu: \$122.00 (8)
Religious Edu: \$58.00 (6)

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 stjeholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER AND CEMETERY

BLESSING, at each of our Catholic Cemeteries on Sunday May 28. 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 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.

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 14, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

Monday, May 15, 1:30pm, Personnel Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 9:30am, at St. Joseph-Stringtown ASAP Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00pm School Graduation

Saturday/Sunday, May 27/28 Graduation

Recognition Mass: A graduation list of 2023 graduates will include graduates from 8th grade, high school and colleges. Graduates from any of these levels of accomplishments must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, bring to the Parish Office or drop into the collection. The deadline to turn in names is Sunday,

May 21 The insert will be included in our May 27 and 28 bulletin, and we will recognize our graduates at all the masses on May 27 and 28

PICNIC NEWS:

We have placed envelopes in the back of church containing this year's raffle list as well as some raffle tickets for everyone to attempt to sell, the price for tickets are \$1 for a single ticket or \$5 for a book of six tickets. The envelopes are all unmarked this year, but all have the same contents. If anyone needs extra raffle tickets, please contact one of the committee members and we will be more than happy to supply you with more. A big thank you to everyone who donated towards this year's raffle, we have another large, exciting list this and that wouldn't be possible without your generous donations. We also want to thank everyone who has made a donation toward the purchase of this year's meat and or other general donations, as we all know groceries and other supplies are quite expensive and your contributions help to put a big dent in those bills. The picnic workers list is also being worked on currently and we will be putting that out on the last Sunday in May. If you are unable to work this year's picnic (July 16th) we would very much appreciate if you would let us know now so that we can adjust the works list accordingly and save ourselves at least one headache on that very stressful day, Thank you."

The 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 value \$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.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Here is a simple question to ask and ponder: *If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there?* This month offers so many *extra* moments to show our gratitude and love for one another. We honor Mothers, Graduates, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and numerous other moments. These moments are often filled with the people we love and cherish with sharing of food, bursts of laughter, and love filling the air. *How grateful are you for these moments? People? God?*

We are graced with this moment- *this present moment-* but we are not promised tomorrow. Embrace the moments and live a life of love with *your words, thoughts, actions, and prayers.* A life of love is a life that is of God and with God. *If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there?* Be Grateful! Be Blessed! Love one another! Pray for one another! And Keep to the J.O.Y.S *Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!*

FROM FR. MARK:

We have just heard Jesus preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer walk with them. He promises: "I will not leave you orphans." The Father will send them and us another Advocate (the Spirit) who will be with us always. When the Spirit comes to us, we will realize that we have a most intimate relationship with our God: Jesus is in the Father, and we are in Jesus and he is in us. We are loved to the point of sharing in the life and love of God through Jesus' death and resurrection

and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is telling us such good news!

We heard Jesus ask us to learn from him that love and obedience are one. The person who loves Jesus is the person who observes the commandments given by the Father. Knowing that we are loved so greatly leads us to trust in the one who commands us to love.

Peter tells us: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." Let Jesus live in us and fill us with his love. Jesus is the foundation of our hope. Knowing who lives in us makes us ready to explain the reason for our hope with gentleness and reverence.

Sometimes we may be misunderstood and have to suffer for our trust in Jesus – suffer for doing good. When that happens, we must willingly join our suffering to that of Jesus who suffered for our sins so that he could lead us to our God.

As we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and look forward to celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us remember how closely we are united to Jesus. Let us renew our commitment to letting Jesus live more fully in us. Then let us gently and reverently share with others the reason for our hope.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Kudos...

- Jeffrey Rosenberg for organizing our honors and awards for the students and staff
 - Cindy Peters for 11 years of service
 - Beth Kinkade for 21 years of service
 - Marcia Horstmeyer for 38 years of service
 - Bobbi Ginder and Mandie Bower for organizing Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Mike & Sarah Stevens for coaching a very successful track season
 - Carl Sager for joining us at St Joseph School
 - Wayne Kocher for sharing his sound system equipment with us
 - Jennifer Cummins-Zuber and Samantha Foust for creating a beautiful quilt for Mrs. Horstmeyer
- Last week of School: May 16 - 18

Tuesday, May 16th - Last Day for Tu/Th preschoolers

Wednesday, May 17th -

- Graduation Mass 8:15 am
- Preschool Promotion 11 am
- Last day for preschoolers

Thursday, May 18th - Last Day Dismissal 11 am - Field Day Activities (no bus service at 11 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 Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



**Sunday May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

- Sunday, May 14,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For all Mothers Living & Deceased"
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Monday, May 15, NO MASS
Tuesday, May 16, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, May 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, May 18, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, May 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
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 & Lewis Volk+"
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

<u>05/14/2023</u>	<u>05/21/2023</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Natalie Zwilling Nathaniel Zwilling	<u>Servers:</u> Ian Kocher Kaitlyn Kocher
<u>Lector:</u> Gary Zwilling	<u>Lector:</u> Beth Kocher
<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Mary Ochs	<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Elmer Ochs
<u>Gifts:</u> Gary & Dorothy Zwilling	<u>Gifts:</u> Lester & Janice Zuber
<u>Ushers:</u> Gary Kocher Owen Kocher	<u>Ushers:</u> Brian Ochs Lester Zuber
<u>Greeters:</u> Jean, Mona, & Gary Kocher	<u>Greeters:</u> Natalie Zwilling

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