

Sunday, September 4, 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Sept. 5 No Mass
Tue. Sept. 6 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Sept. 7 8:05 am Raymond,
Marsclene & Cody
Nix
Thu. Sept. 8 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Sept. 9 No Mass
Sat. Sept. 10 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Robert N. &
Bernadette M.
Kocher family,
Jim Kuenstler
Sun. Sept. 11 8:00 am Ralph Zwilling
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR AUGUST 28

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$4,326.50 (76) Loose: \$252
Guatemala: \$46 (2)

~ Kudos ~

◆ To Mary Jo Zuber, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 10th. Happy birthday!

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

• The Parish Office is closed.

Wednesday, September 7

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

- 7 PM, High School Religion at Holy Cross-Wendelin. "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist." Adults are welcome to attend as well.

Friday, September 9

- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council Meeting.
- 6 PM, Married Catholics 4 Christ (M.C.4.C.)

Tuesday, September 13

- 6 PM, Finance Council at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Wednesday, September 14

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 12 PM (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 7 PM, High School Religion at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- CYM meeting, at Holy Cross Hall directly after high school religion.

St. Joseph School Notes

Monday, September 5

- No School – Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 7

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (6th).
- First Stewardship of Treasure Collection for Catholic Relief Services.
- We welcome Deacon John from CRS!

Thursday, September 8

- K of C Soccer Shoot-Out - thank you to Hank Ginder!
- Buster the Bus visits Preschool and Kindergarten classes.

Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18

- First Grade Red Plate presentation for all parish first graders.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

August 22: Amy & Justin Stevens (#253)
August 23: Levi Volk (#475)
August 24: Gary Fehrenbacher (#541)
August 25: Luke Peavler (#430)
August 26: Shane Howard (#301)

Let Us Pray For: Janet David, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder; Justin, Ember, Olivia Faith and Sophia Hope Kabbes; Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch, Debbie Rauch, Kay Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Brenda Summers, Jim Wattles, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow, Ed and Mary Jo Zuber, and Jim Zwilling.

Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.

FROM FR. MARK: A Labor Day Reflection

Christ Himself took up the tools of a carpenter, working with human hands for most of His life on earth. Work is, in the words of John Paul II, "a fundamental dimension of Man's existence on earth" ("Laborem Exercens," No. 4). The Church, in reflecting on the dignity and purpose of human work, offers the faithful a rich vein of social teaching. Among the teachings the Church commends for reflection, criteria for judgment and action, I would offer the following taken from our bishops' conference statement "A Catholic Framework for Economic Life:"

— The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.

— A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.

— All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life (e.g., food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment, economic security).

— All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and

benefit, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.

These seem especially appropriate for our reflection on Labor Day. Therefore, Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work: among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. Workers today, like my parents in their time, know the value of what they do in order to provide for themselves and their families and to contribute to the development of society. Yet they also know the difficulties and challenges their work can bring, especially the need to balance time spent at work with time spent at home with their families.

These challenges are similar to those my own parents faced. Yet amidst all of the difficulties, my parents lived with hope. They were not alone. The Lord was with them. They drew near to the Lord every Sunday in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

This Labor Day, let us reflect on the value of work and on how we recognize and respect the dignity of all workers, including those who have immigrated to our country. Undoubtedly, we can do more. I pray that we are first and foremost a people of charity. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:31).

Please welcome Fr. Elvis Mwamba OMI, a Missionary Oblate Priest from Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. He will be presiding at the masses while I am away this weekend.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

One cannot journey this life in any way - physically - emotionally - mentally - spiritually - without carrying something. During our day we are typically asked to help someone carry something - groceries - boxes - babies - etc.... Sometimes, the items are heavier and more challenging to maneuver like a piano, or a sofa. No matter the size or task, we accept to help

and lighten the load for the other! Did you realize that there is something each one of us carries everyday - *knowingly or unknowingly* - a cross. The cross that we carry bears our own sins, sufferings, sacrifices, trials, and when we unite our little cross with the cross that Jesus bore, we become transformed. We are transformed by Love - in Love - and for Love - because the cross is the symbol of Love. The very Love that the Son of God took upon himself in order to redeem humankind. The cross is the pathway to a Life of Love - a life that leads to the Father. Pick up your cross, help others carry theirs and journey onward to the Kingdom. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

We are now accepting mass intentions through December 31, 2022. Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for All Souls Day or Christmas. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

Attention Noodle Makers: Noodle-making will be held for the St. Joseph Smorgasbord on Saturday, September 10 from 7 AM to 1 PM-ish in the cafeteria, with set-up on Friday, September 9 at 3:30 PM until completed. All volunteers are welcome, experienced and new! For more information, please contact: Vicki Stuckey (618-393-7556) or Julie Hearing (618-562-9655).

Card Shower: The family of Mary Jo Zuber is requesting a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on September 10. Please send cards and birthday wishes to Mary Jo at: Brookstone Estates, 1110 N East St. Apt. 8, Olney, IL 62450.

The 185th Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic at St. Mary's in Ste. Marie will be held on Sunday, September 4. Sainte Marie style chicken, potato salad, baked beans and water will be served from 3 PM - 7 PM or sold out. Food and games from 3 PM - 7 PM: pork burgers, chips, and pop, Dairy Dee ice cream, Big Ticket Raffle, hand-made quilt raffle, bingo, kids' games, basket raffle, and Beer Garden (open to 9 PM). Everyone is welcome!

Show Your Gratitude to Our Priests - Retired Diocesan Priests Collection September 10-11. On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us.... at baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmation, at times of sickness and sorrow...dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. *Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.*

Respect Life Corner: "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."
- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
"Another Look at Abortion"

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Thursday, September 8: K of C Soccer Kick, 3rd - 8th grade PE classes at St. Joseph School. Wear old tennis shoes and preferably not trendy shoes.
Thursday, September 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Friday, September 9 / Saturday, September 10: Tootsie Roll Days at IGA.
Thursday, September 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

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208 South Elliott St.
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~ Mission Statement ~
St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts, we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

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~ Sacraments ~
Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.
Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ Welcome, New Parishioners ~
Please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (392-8181) to receive a new member packet.
(If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

~ St. Joseph School ~
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