

Sunday November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, November 28, 6:30pm, at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, November 29, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, November 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

Friday, December 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, December 3, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Marge, J.V. & Florine Weidner+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 4,

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Mildred Drewes+"

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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. Nov. 20, 2022

(48) Envelopes \$1857.00 Loose \$187.00

(3) Building \$750.00 (15) Catholic Campaign

Human Dev. \$345.00 (4) Christmas Flower Offering

\$145.00 (1) CYM Donations \$50.00

TOTAL: 3334.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Patricia (Gib) Volk, Wyatt Hayes (Grandson of Herb & Martha Deimel), Tim Schnautz, Norma Weidner

December Liturgical Ministers

Saturday

Sunday

Open/Lock/Greet:

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Brent, Sharon Edwards

Chris, Melanie Waller

Eucharistic Ministers:

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Jennifer Rudolphi

Penni Kuenstler

Lectors:

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Robin Deckard

Weidner

CRMH COMMUNION

December 11-Diane Schackmann @217-343-8799

December 18-Sheryl Klingler @618-843-3083

January 8-Diane Herdes @618-723-2506

We are still requesting help with this ministry.

Please contact the Parish Office to answer this calling.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Claire Juliette Kessler daughter of Anderson C. & Emily J. (Sims) Kessler who was baptized on November 20th at Holy Cross Wendelin.

Dennis and Diane (Buerster) Herdes celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, November 27, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon

Wednesday, November 30, 12:00pm (Noon) East Vicariate Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 1:00pm, Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph-Olney

MASS

SERVERS:

Sat. Dec. 3:

Brayden & Brooke

Bergbower

Sun. Dec. 4:

Lily & Beau

Stevens

Sat. Dec. 10:

Mattux

Hart, Levi

Rudolphi

Sun. Dec.

11: Hank &

Clara

Wednesday, December 7, VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30pm, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

6:30pm, Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin (with Family Catechesis)

7:15pm, Family Life Meet & Greet Santa

Thursday, December 8, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00am, Mass at St. Joseph-Olney (with school children)

5:00pm, Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, December 9, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve 4:00pm (with the School Children.)

at St. Joseph-Olney and 4:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville;

6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin;

8:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney and 10:00pm at St.

Joseph-Stringtown. **On Christmas Day**, 8:00am at

St. Joseph-Stringtown and St. Joseph-Olney as well

as 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and

Holy Cross-Wendelin.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The Church celebrates Advent as a time of *preparation – anticipation – waiting-* for the birth of Jesus. What are you preparing, anticipating, or waiting on? Does your “to-do and to-buy” list overshadow your thoughts and time? Intentionally take time each day to reflect upon the **Hope – Love - Joy - Peace** of the Advent season. If we took the *preparation – anticipation -waiting-* of Advent more seriously, it would radically transform our experience of Christmas. The word “Christmas” literally means “**Christ**” and “**Mass**” -the celebration of God’s selfless gift of his son to mankind. Live a life of Love seeking to receive the best gift (*JESUS*) this Christmas by keeping Advent!

A great guide for these royal days of journeying is *Meditations for Advent* by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK:

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term the coming includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast; Then We Feast

Advent has been called a "little Lent," because it traditionally has included a period of increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Although the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Unfortunately, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by the time Christmas Day comes, many people no longer enjoy the feast or even specially mark the next 12 days of the Christmas season, which lasts until Epiphany (or, technically, the Sunday after Epiphany, being that the next season, called ordinary time, starts on the following Monday).

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of

Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom that originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple or blue and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs. the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple or blue candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.

Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays or not eating at all between meals is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate customs such as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, and they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, November 20 and Sunday, December 4. The St.

Andrew Dinner will be held at St. Mary Parish in Chester on November 20 and at Holy Childhood in Mascoutah on December 4. Each event will begin at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Patti Warner in the Vocations Office at (618) 722-5043, or email to: pwarner@diobelle.org.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, November 29th - Hearing Screenings
Saturday, December 3rd 10 am - Noon Cookies with Santa for children birth - second grade in the MPR

Sunday, December 4th - First Reconciliation 2nd graders St. Joseph, Olney

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

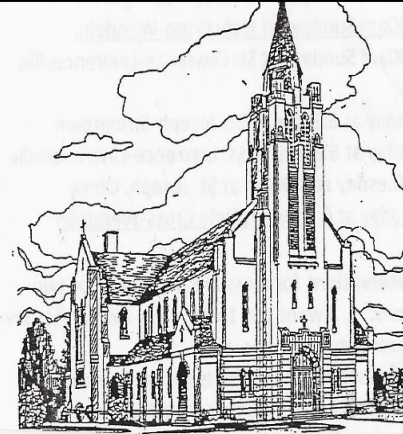
Sunday, November 27: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before the Olney St. Joe Mass.

Sunday, December 4: Free Olney, Wendelin, Stringtown Council 1352 Member and Family Christmas Dinner, Olney St. Joe Multi Center, 5PM. Santa arrives after the meal.

Parishoners and K of C members do you know a male Practical (attending Mass) Catholic aged 18 and over interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? The dues are free for the remainder of this year. Contact Hank Ginder for more information at 6188433016 or email at hnginder76@hotmail.com.

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**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put
to shame. Nor let my enemies exult
over me; and let none who hope in you
be put to shame.**



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Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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