

Sunday December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, December 5, 6:30pm, at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 6, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

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

5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, December 9, NO MASS

Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Robert N. & Bernadette Kocher+, Harold & Rose Marie Buerster+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Sharon Correll+, Jerry Kessler+"

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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. Nov. 27, 2022

(48) Envelopes \$1857.00 Loose \$187.00

(3) Building \$750.00 (4) Christmas Flower

Offering \$145.00 (1) CYM Donation \$50.00 (15)

Human Development \$345.00

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

<u>*December Liturgical Ministers*</u>	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Brent, Sharon Edwards	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Chris, Melanie Waller
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Jennifer Rudolphi	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Penni Kuentler
<u>Lectors:</u> Robin Deckard	<u>Lectors:</u> Paul Kocher
<u>Money Counters:</u> Kelly & Sherry Geier	
<u>Ushers:</u> Carl Weidner	<u>Ushers:</u> Kelly Geier
Henry Kessler	Greg Sandschafer
Gary Fehrenbacher	Gregg Weber

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Dec. 10: Brayden & Brooke Bergbower

Sun. Dec. 11: Lily & Beau Stevens

Sat. Dec. 17: Hank & Clara Weidner

Sun. Dec. 18: Grace Ochs, Karly Deckard

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.

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, December 5, 1:00pm to 5:00pm, Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30pm Family Catechesis/Refreshments with Santa at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm to 6:30pm, Cookie Walk at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 11, 7:00am to 10:00am, Cookie Walk at St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, December 12, 6:30pm Mass and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 13, 8:30am to 11:00am, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney

Wednesday, December 14, 8:30am to 11:00am, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney

6:00pm to 8:00pm, Advent Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 15, 5:00pm to 6:30pm, Advent Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Tuesday, December 20, 5:30pm to 7:00pm, Advent Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

(Reconciliation is available every Saturday prior to mass: 3:15 to 3:45pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin and 4:15 to 4:45pm 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

Prepare the way of the Lord! The second week of Advent finds us in the midst of planning, preparing, and purchasing. When we hear the words, Prepare the way of the Lord, the planning, preparing, and purchasing, must be different from the seasonal festivities. The *Planning* is to set aside time to share conversation with the Lord, to give him time in the day and to keep welcoming him into your life more and more. The *Preparing* begins by spending time with God using his Sacred Word, praying your rosary, novena prayers, and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The *Purchasing*, that was done for you long ago at Mount Calvary by Jesus' death upon a cross; you only need to open your heart and receive! Life a life of Love this

Advent preparing your heart and soul for the Lord!
Prepare the way of the Lord! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK:

Thursday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. In 1858, a fourteen-year-old miller's daughter from a small Pyrenees town came upon a vision of Mary, who declared, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The apparition, later known as Our Lady of Lourdes, wasn't simply legitimizing a papal declaration from four years before. The event confirmed a belief that had evolved over centuries of prayer and reflection: the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived and born without sin. The term is often confused with the Virgin Birth of Jesus, which is quite understandable: the Immaculate Conception has a lot to do with the Virgin Birth, but the two aren't the same thing. The doctrine directly refers to Mary's conception and birth, her purpose and identity. It was God's way of preparing Mary to give birth to Jesus the Son of God and Savior of the world.

First, "conception." Straightforward but vitally important. As used doctrinally, the word does literally mean her conception, the moment her parents (traditionally named Joachim and Anna) biologically conceived her as their offspring, exactly the same way every other human being has been conceived—except for Jesus. Mary is fully, truly, naturally human. She's one of us in every possible way. **"Immaculate"** is the trickier part, but also the reason why we celebrate her conception at all. That Mary was conceived and born is obvious enough from scripture, but you can't quote the chapter and verse that spells out plainly that she was conceived without sin, much less a precise description of what that means or entails. The closest we get is the angel Gabriel's "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28) and "Blessed are you among women" from Mary's cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:42) A good start, but needs a lot more explaining. Mary of Nazareth was conceived, she was born, just like everyone else. She is one of us in every possible

way. This means that the basics of the gospel are true for Mary as much as for anyone else. She needs God to “knit her together in her mother’s womb” (Psalm 139:13), to make her life happen and to give it meaning. She also needs God to turn her from going “against God” to going “toward God”: she needs her Son’s sacrifice and death to destroy sin and His resurrection and ascension to bring her before our Creator. And she needs to be included in that work of salvation for her life to find meaning.

But she’s the Mother of God: she has a necessary role in the events that make salvation possible for all, including herself. It’s almost a chicken-egg situation: the basics of the gospel are true for everyone because they’re true for Mary first, since she quite literally hatched the Divine egg—Jesus, her son! If the gospel proclaims the Word made Flesh, the Messiah who then suffered and rose again, then that gospel began with Mary as the source of that Word’s very flesh. Jesus gets His humanity from Mary. This insight led Christians to find ways of describing her role as the unique bodily recipient of God’s saving presence. Their point of departure was her place in the story of the People of God, in Israel’s journey with God. They were brought back to the beginning of Israel’s story by Mary herself, who thanked God for remembering “his promise of mercy . . . to Abraham and his children forever” (Luke 1:54–55).

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Please keep our second graders in your prayers as the students from St. Joseph, Olney, will receive their First Reconciliation Sunday, December 4th.

Please note the mass change for school next week - Thursday, December 8th - for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **Thursday, December 8th** - Class Picture Retakes for K-8

2023 Benefit Calendars are here. The price is \$20. Total payout is \$8,500. Calendars are for sale at the School Office, the Parish Office or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391).

The 8th grade class will have an ethical trade sale after masses the weekend of December 10-11 in Meeting Room B of the MPR. Beautiful Christmas

handicrafts from across the world will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale go back to the artisans who created them.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH-OLNEY

The annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 10 from 4 PM – 7 PM and December 11 from 8 AM -10 AM in the multi-purpose room. You can either pick your own homemade cookies or purchase a pre-packaged tray. The cost is \$10 for 1½ dozen (choose your own), \$15 for 3 dozen pre-packaged regular tray, and \$20 for 4 dozen pre-packaged large tray (limited quantity). You can call or text ahead to reserve: (618) 599-5963. We are requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 9 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 10 between 8 AM and 10AM. We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6). If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618) 599-5963.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, TODAY, December 4: Free Christmas Dinner for Olney, Wendelin, Stringtown Council 1352 members and family, 5 PM in the Multi Center at St. Joe Olney. Santa arrives after the meal.

Thursday, December 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, December 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. **Sunday, December 25:** K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM before Olney, St. Joe Mass.

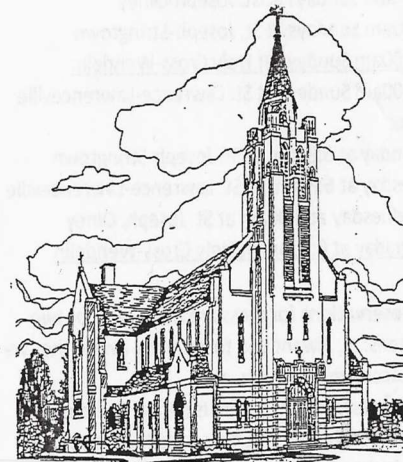
Olney Council winners of Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest with 241 participants! **First Place** \$15 winners; Emma Hefferman, Landree Nelson, Remi Miller, Wakely Miller and Kloe Williams. **Second place** \$7. Winners; Briley Wilson, Kylah Matthews, Ruby Jennings, Gracie Colwell, and Ellison Laughlin. **Third place** two dollar bill winners; Jared Weidner, Leah Kuenstler, Livee Meyers, Brooklyn VanBlaricum, and Arlo Beyers.

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

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O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

HOLY CROSS PARISH WENDELIN



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