

Sunday May 21, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, May 22, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, May 23, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 25, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

Friday, May 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 27, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Harold & RoseMarie Buerster+, Robert N. & Bernadette Kocher+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ivan & Mary Weber+, J.V. Frohning+"

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. May 14, 2023

(52) Envelopes \$2044 Loose \$252 (10) Building Fund \$540 (1) Catholic Communication \$10 (3) Cemetery \$325 (2) Seminarian Edu. \$35

TOTAL: \$3206.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Wyatt Hayes (Grandson of Herb & Martha Deimel), Tim Schnautz, Doug Frichtl, Sam & Hermena Medernach, Dorothy Weber (Sr. Florian), Judy A. (Fehrenbacher) Kocher

MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
Saturday	Sunday
Open/Lock/Greet: Tammy Rudolphi	Open/Lock/Greet: Kevin & Heather Blank
Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Weidner	Eucharistic Ministers: Missy Buerster
Lectors: Jennifer Rudolphi	Lectors: *Jennifer Maxon
Money Counters: Kevin & Heather Blank	
Ushers: Mark Rudolphi	Ushers: Tony Buerster
James Rudolphi	Tyler Buerster

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. May 20 Clara & Hank Weidner

Sun. May 21 Brooke & Brayden Bergbower

Sat. May 27 Mattux Hart, *Karly Deckard

Sun. May 28 Grace & Stella Warfel

CRMH COMMUNION:

Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 May 21st

Marge Kessler (618) 752-6841 June 11th

Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275 June 18th

Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225 July 9th

Lynn Weidner (618) 723-2426 July 16th

Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799 July 30th

FAMILY LIFE CENTER'S BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

The Baby Bottle Project (BBP) is a fundraising effort the whole family can enjoy! Simply take a bottle home provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting local pro-life efforts. YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 21, 11:00am, Family Life Center Effingham/Newton/Shelbyville will be present at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

11:00am Family Life Committee Coffee and Donuts at Holy Cross-Wendelin

4:00pm, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon

Saturday/Sunday, May27/28 Graduation Recognition Mass:

Sunday, May 28, 11:00am, Recognition of Deacon Steve Andrews' 10 year anniversary of his Diaconate Ordination at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, May 28, MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER AND CEMETERY BLESSING, at each of our Catholic Cemeteries. 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 at 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.

Monday, May 29, MEMORIAL DAY-PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, June 1, 7:00pm, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, June 3, 1:00pm, Frohning/Bergbower Wedding at Holy Cross-Wendelin

PICNIC NEWS:

2023 PICNIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Breanne Buerster, **Vice-Chair:** Taylor Hall, **Secretary:** Mareah Rauch, **Treasure:** Rachel Frichtl, **Co-Treasure:** Tim Weidner, **Raffle:** Amy Sandschafer, Clinton Rauch, Tyler Buerster
Inventory: Seth Meinhart, Reese Blank, Garrett Hall, and Kyle Amerman

REMINDER - If you need to change your job at picnic for any reason please contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Kim Correll 618-676-5789,

Marty Klingler 618-843-4305 or Christine Hall 618-554-2019 by May 28th 2023.

Please Note-----After the workers list is out if you need to change jobs or unable to work that day, please find your own replacements.

"Luck of the Draw" stand- Please remember items for this stand. (Used to be "Instant Winner")

FROM FR. MARK

Today we celebrate the conclusion of Jesus' mission from his Father. We see Jesus stand before his chosen eleven as the Christ, Lord of the universe. With full authority for the salvation of the world, Jesus sends the Eleven forth to make disciples of all the nations. They are to baptize in the name of the Trinity and teach all they have been commanded by Jesus. Then Jesus returns to his Father, leaving the earth in his bodily form. His leaving emphasizes the importance that faith will play in their mission. They are to put their trust in the Spirit he will leave with them, and they are to act on all they have been taught to believe. They will have doubts and fears as they go, so they are to remember his final words to them: "I am with you always." Jesus' abiding presence with them through the Spirit will give them strength and courage when they need it to continue their efforts.

Over the past few weeks, you and I have been renewed in our faith by our celebration of Jesus' death and rising. Today, as we celebrate his return to his Father, Jesus speaks to us, his disciples in 2023, with the full authority of the Christ: I send you forth to make new disciples. Announce the truth of what I have taught you by living it every day. When you feel the insecurities of the journey, recall my promise to you: "I am with you always."

My Spirit will provide the strength you need to continue. As we carry out our mission each day, we are not to waste time trying to judge our success or failure. Jesus asks us to place our faith in him and give the best effort we can each day. St. Francis de Sales reminds us to begin each day anew,

trying to be faithful today to letting Jesus live in us and love through us.

As we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, let us renew our faith in all that Jesus has taught us. With confidence, let us set about living today with grace and enthusiasm. Remember: Jesus is with us always!

May Jesus draw others to himself by the way we live.

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS **CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

"I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain!" I will rise – I will rise - I will rise! Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, suffered, died, and ascended into heaven, and reigns forever and ever. Our King defeated the throngs of death and darkness and opened the heavens for us to enter. However, the process of being transformed does not just wait for us at the end of our life but happens with every breath we take. This transformation is either more of HIM and less of me, or more of the world with more of me! One cannot serve two masters; either the prince of this world is your taskmaster and holds you *bound*, or The King of Kings is God and sets you *free*! Live a life of Love - and you too will rise! *I will rise when he calls my name* - to the heights of heaven! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Catholic Talk n' Treats with Caroline Wed. May 24 & 31 8:30 am-12:00 pm Stop by the office and say Hello, grab a drink and treat, sit and chat for a while. There are many upcoming events that will begin over summer. Watch the Bulletin and Flocknote to stay current.

Sisters in Christ NEW STUDY begins on May 31
Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli and See How SHE LOVES US by Joan Carroll Cruz
Join us for the Message of Hope from our Blessed Mother. This will be an 8-week study.
The books will be available at our meeting on Wed. May 24 and the cost is \$25.00.

Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble to reserve a book or reply through Flocknote.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

-Congratulations to our graduates and thank you to the families who chose a full-time faith-based education.

-Congratulations to our many alumni who graduate this year - high school, college, and graduate school
** you continue to make us proud.

-Thank you to these staff members retiring or making changes in their lives:

Marcia Horstmeyer - 38 years

Beth Kinkade - 21 years

Cindy Peters - 11 years

Casey Hemrich - 9 years

We are grateful for the love and commitment they have shown during their time with us.

-Thanks to the staff who share so much of themselves - time, talent, and treasure - to ensure our collective children learn and grow in God's love. The school office will be closed on Fridays during the summer.

-Our Raise Right program continues to run during the summer - place your orders on Mondays by 9 am and pick up Thursdays after 1 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, May 28: Memorial Day prayer service at Wendelin, Olney and Stringtown Cemeteries following Mass. Two to three Knights carrying the Flag in procession to the cemetery.

Welcome Ray Schneider as a 2nd and 3rd Degree Knight!

--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.

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**You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
praise the Lord, who ascends above the
highest heavens; his majesty and might
are in the skies, alleluia.**



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin
5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448
Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com
Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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