

Sunday, August 1, 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Aug. 2 6:30PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Aug. 3 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Aug. 4 6:30PM Special Intention
Thu. Aug. 5 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. Aug. 7 4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM Deceased members of Raymond & Christina Kocher family; Leona Schafer
Sun. Aug. 8 8:00am Eulalia Kocher; Clarence Bridgeman & family
8:00am (at Stringtown)
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Donald Brian family
Missalettes: Energy Insurance Services

OUR TITHES FOR JULY 25

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$3,182 (59) Loose: \$30
Guatemala: \$100 (2)

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.

~ Kudos ~

◆ To *Betty Kocher*, who will celebrate her 91st birthday on August 5. Happy birthday!

* AROUND OUR PARISH *

Wednesday, August 4

• Bulletin deadline, 3 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, August 6- First Friday

• EMHC's to the Sick will meet in Room B for 1st Friday visits, 8 AM. We have many homebound and nursing home residents that are very thankful for visitors. You could be the one to take Communion to someone that is unable to come to Mass. If you would be interested in this most Christ-like ministry, please call Ann Harper (618-863-1025) or Jerry Harper (618-302-1210).

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Saturday, August 21

• Father Jerry 5K, 8 AM at Musgrove Park in Olney. Register by August 1st to get your t-shirt on the day of the event. The first 125 Richland County youth registrants are free. To register, go to our Annual Father Jerry 5K & Fun Run Facebook page.

Office Hours Week of August 2:
Tuesday – Thursday, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

July 26: Janet Will (#017)
July 27: Austin & Dawn Kocher (#191)
July 28: Kerrie & Jack Weidner (#375)
July 29: Susan Mitchell (#789)
July 30: Amity Zuber (#145)

Let Us Pray for: Cindy Foerster, Peggy Fye, Loren Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer, Tony Tredway and Kurt Wengert.

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.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
+ J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

What do you hunger for? *I am sure your thoughts went many different directions.* Was one of those thoughts God? Or were they more material- self-preserving? The problem with the *wants* of this world is -they are fleeting- never good enough- and we find ourselves constantly reaching-looking for the next big moment. Our Lord told us, *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* There is only One that gives Life Eternal- there is only One where True Peace and Love can be found. Let the hunger you feel be quenched by the God alone. Journey onward and stay true to the journey of living a life of Love. *St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Attention All Parishioners: An evening with Fr. Felix Chukwuma and Fr. Mark Stec to understand what team ministry in solidum means and its impact on the Parishes of St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and St. Joseph-Stringtown. Evenings will begin with 6:30 PM mass in each of the churches with discussions following in the parish halls.

- * Monday, August 2, at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * Wednesday, August 4, at St. Joseph-Olney
- * Tuesday, August 10, at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- * Thursday, August 12, at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

High School Youth Ministry (CYM): Canoe Trip on Sugar Creek at Turkey Run State Park in Indiana. Contact Marcia Street for further information: marciastreet1@gmail.com

High School Religion Class: Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at Holy Cross Parish Hall Wednesday, August 18 through Wednesday, September 29. A look at the Roman Catholic Mass and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist contrasted with other Christian denominations who also gather on Sundays for Praise and Worship Services and may even have Communion Sundays.

Celebration of the Liturgy: We need your help! We are compiling a new list of Liturgical Ministers as we resume full participation in Mass. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries. Please contact the parish office (392-8181) or send an email (stjosephchurcholney@yahoo.com) if you are interested in serving our church family as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter or Gift Bearer. We will offer training.

* There is a minister sign-up sheet for the August Masses in the church foyer. Please volunteer!

Deepest sympathy to the family of Clarence Bridgeman. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

The church is purchasing a new clavino/a piano! Delivery will be after August 1st. So, the old piano needs to go! If interested in the piano for a donation and removal, please call the church office (392-8181). If no one is interested, the piano will be removed by the company that is delivering the new one.

There are many phishing and scams that attempt to separate us from our money. Fr. Felix Chukwuma or myself WILL NEVER ask for money or gift cards for ourselves or others. These scams sound legitimate, using our names, but we will never solicit you.

We are now accepting mass intentions through August 29, 2021. 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.

Healing Blankets are intended to comfort the recipients by knowing that they are being prayed for, for whatever the case: illness, grief, loss or loneliness. The blanket is a reminder of the love and prayers of our parish community. Our prayer that is ironed on to the blanket says it all: *“This blanket was sewn with love and blessed. Know that you are covered by the prayers and love of St. Joseph’s members. In Jesus’ name we pray that you will be healed.”* With each blanket a person receives includes a booklet called "You are covered in Prayer" and a letter that explains what the blanket is all about. To request a blanket, come to the Parish Office. There is no cost, but a donation would be accepted to help offset the expense of this ministry.

2021 marks the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Cross Parish (1871). The annual Parish Picnic will be held today (Sunday, August 1) featuring a chicken dinner with two full serving lines from 11 AM – 5 PM; lunch stand with porkburgers, brats, ice cream, soft drinks and more; live bands; big raffle (with over 130 prizes); and many other stands. Everyone is invited!

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15. Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54. Ephesians 4:17, 20-24. John 6:24-35
More Than Manna, More Than Bread and Fish. During the Exodus, the Lord rained down bread (manna) each day to feed those in flight. Last Sunday, after being filled with bread and fish, the crowd pursued Jesus for more food. Rightly exasperated, Jesus patiently shifts the conversation from bread from heaven to true bread. He ends by saying: “I Am the bread of life.” What looks like bread is more than bread. More than we can imagine!

- * What do I believe Communion to be?
- * Why do I believe this?
- * Why do I come in procession each Sunday to eat this bread, this Communion, this Christ?

Respect Life Corner- *“What can we do to accomplish the works of God?”* This week’s Gospel from John 6:24-35, continues last Sunday’s story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The crowds begin to “seek and to find” Jesus for their next meal, but Jesus tells them to work for the food that leads to eternal life, salvation. Believe in Him, the one God has sent, who is the life of the world, the bread of life. It is the message that we must take out to our brothers and sisters in Christ-everywhere.

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray- As missionary disciples, we are called to encounter Christ in the members of our human family most in need and to share the Good News with others, advocating for justice and common good. This year, the COVID pandemic is estimated to have pushed an 88 million to 115 million more people into extreme poverty around the world. Pope Francis urges us “This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in the pandemic.” Please continue to welcome and pray for those who live on the fringe of society. Ask your representatives to ensure the proper funding to help reduce poverty here and around the world. It is most necessary that the Helms Amendment be in place to prohibit the use of U.S--funded foreign assistance for abortion. Life is a gift to be cherished in all circumstances.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Thursday, August 12: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.
Sunday, August 15: Members and Family Free Meal Cook-out and horseshoe and corn hole game night at Doll’s Cabin, 5 PM.
Thursday, August 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Sunday, August 29: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM. 4th Degree Volunteer Ministry at 8 AM St. Joseph-Olney Mass.
Family Knights of Columbus Recognition: Steve Kuenstler and family for organizing and working the Fish Fry Stand at the Olney City Park for Antique Tractor Days. Also kudos to volunteers Carl Sager and Dan Zwilling.

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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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