

Sunday January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, January 9, NO MASS

Tuesday, January 10, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 12, 6:30pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Mildred Drewes+"

Friday, January 13, NO MASS

Saturday, January 14,

4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Francis Zuber+"
5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday January 15,

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Don & Arlene Volk+, & Christine Adams+"

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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. Jan 1, 2022

(60) Envelopes \$5297.00 Loose \$166.00

(31) Building \$2550.00 Retirement for Religious \$100.00 (13) Christmas Offering \$3165.00 (5) For the Needy \$153.00 (31) First Offering \$230.00

TOTAL: \$11,661.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the Garry Butler Family. Gary was the brother of Marilyn Frohning.

THANK YOU:

Holy Cross thanks Martha Deimel for her years of service as the caretaker of the Parish Hall. Martha has held this position for five years. Before Covid, the Parish Hall was a busy place! Lots of weddings, reunions, parish activities, and of course the annual Holy Cross Picnic kept her busy, not to mention the week-to-week maintenance needs. We wish Herb and Martha many years of "less to do" and time spent with family, especially grandkids!

<u>*January Liturgical Ministers*</u>	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Marty Klingler Marge Kessler	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Rusty & Tonya Hall
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Travis & Erica Weber	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> David Rauch
<u>Lectors:</u> Melissa Weidner	<u>Lectors:</u> Tony Kuenstler
<u>Money Counters:</u> David & Kylie Rauch	
<u>Ushers:</u> Dustin Smithenry Gary D. Fehrenbacher	<u>Ushers:</u> Greg Sandschafer Victor Sandschafer

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Jan. 14 Karly Deckard, Ian Kessler

Sun. Jan. 15 Lily & Bella Stevens

Sat. Jan. 21 Briley Wilson & Mattux Hart

Sun. Jan. 22 Brooke Bergbower & Ben Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, January 9, 10:00am, College of Consultor Meeting in Belleville

11:00am, Presbyterial Council Meeting-Belleville

Tuesday, January 10, 5:30pm, Finance Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:00pm, Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30pm, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, January 12, 7:15pm, Finance

Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 13, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

7:00pm, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, January 15, 10:00am, CYM assisting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Mass

10:00am, Baptism at Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin

11:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, January 16, PARISH OFFICES CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30pm, Adult Faith

Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT ST. LAWRENCE-LAWRENCEVILLE

begins on Tuesday, January 10 following the 5:00pm mass: For many Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. But the truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls, is far more strange and beautiful.

CYM: Meeting on January 15th at 8:30am at Holy Cross. After their meeting, CYM youth will assist with the duties of the 10am mass (usher, serving, reading, etc). (Will still need regularly monthly assigned Eucharistic Minister).

CYM: Spaghetti Lunch is set for Sunday, February 19th from 10:30-12:30 at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. Also will have a basket/dessert raffle. EVERYONE WELCOME!

"LUCK OF THE DRAW" PICNIC STAND:

Remember to start collecting one-of-a-kind items for the "Luck of the Draw" picnic stand. We no longer need multiples of small/filler types of items. Contact Karla Volk or Bonne Volk with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS HOLY CROSS PARISH

CENTER, Sponsored by Family Life of Holy Cross.

*Card playing begins on time. \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.

Free popcorn, soda/water available for purchase.

Public Welcome to Attend! Jan. 13th 7pm, Jan. 22nd

6pm, Feb. 10th 7pm, Feb 19th 6pm, March 10th

7pm, March 19th, 6pm. (you may bring your

favorite adult beverage.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

A Star guided the Magi to the King of Kings, and

Lord of Lords. What Star is guiding you this New

Year? What will you find once you reach the Star?

Will it be life-giving, fruitful and "of God" or prideful

and "of the world"? The moment of your Epiphany

is closer than you might think! Seek to be guided by

the One True Star for it is there where you will find

your *life of love!* Journey onward this New Year,

being guided by the Star to Peace and Love! Keep

to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK:

Fr. Felix has returned home to spend the next 6

weeks with his family and friends and to reconnect

with his Bishop and the clergy of his home

Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria. While Fr. Felix is

away, our parishes are blessed to have the

assistance of our Saturday/Sunday masses of Fr.

William Spencer, OFM. He is a Franciscan priest of

the Sacred Heart Province (St. Louis, Missouri).

Please welcome Fr. William.

Our Christmas Season has drawn to a close. This

weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the

Epiphany. Traditionally celebrated on Jan. 6, the

Twelfth Day of Christmas, the feast is transferred to

the Sunday between Jan. 2-8 in the United States,

however. In commemoration of Christ's

manifestation to the Magi — who represent how

Christ came to save all mankind, not just the Jews

— this feast celebrates how Christ's identity is

revealed, as is summed up in the gifts the Three

Kings presented him. The gold and frankincense

they gave Christ represent his status as king of the universe, the deity worthy of our true worship. And the myrrh tells of the bitter reality that the babe in the manger was born to die.

Tomorrow, Monday, January, The Christmas season ends with the Feast Lord's Baptism, which falls on the Sunday after the Epiphany. (That is, unless the Epiphany falls on Jan. 7 or 8, when it then is celebrated on the following day, a Monday, which is the case this year of 2023.) This feast commemorates the day on which Christ formally accepts his mission as the redeemer when he receives St. John the Baptist's baptism of conversion and repentance. He sets out from the waters of the Jordan, identified as God's own son by the Father's voice that resounded from the opened sky, and inaugurates his saving work as the long-awaited Messiah who will free us of our sins.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, January 11th - Freshman Orientation for our 8th grade students 5:30 - 7 pm

Friday, January 13th - Camp Ondessonk Presentations for grades 2 - 8

THESE STATE OF ILLINOIS PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS AND YOU CAN SPECIFY WHICH NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL YOU WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE. (i.e. St. Joseph School in Olney, or St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton)

If you want to reduce your IL state tax burden and support the school, you can learn more about Empower IL to provide much-needed scholarships.

Tax credits for 2023 can be reserved today by following these easy steps:

1. Log on to mytax.illinois.gov.
2. Click on "View More Account Options."
3. Click on "Contribute to Invest in Kids" under Account Options.

4. Click the checkbox to certify you are taking a state tax credit and click "Next."
5. Check "Invest in Kids Region" and click the blue "Next" button in the bottom right corner.
6. Complete the requested information, including selecting Empower Illinois And your Scholarship Granting Organization, and click "Submit"
7. Check your inbox for an email from the Illinois Department of Revenue with a PDF of your tax credit.
8. Visit the [Empower Illinois website](https://empowerillinois.org) where our donation wizard will help you through the remaining steps.

Families who want to apply for Empower IL scholarships to attend St. Joseph School or St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton can go to empowerillinois.org to reserve a scholarship - starting January 18th at 7 pm.

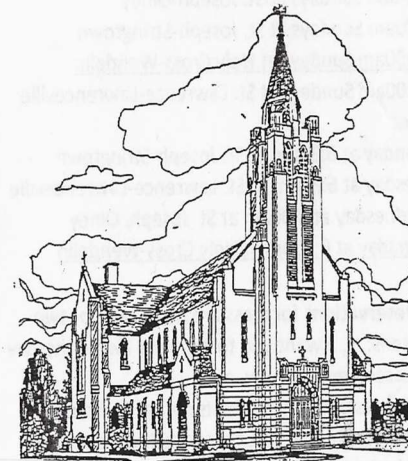
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, January 12: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, January 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Sunday, January 29: Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Mass, St. Joe, Olney followed by a fellowship family breakfast at a local restaurant.
K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before Mass.

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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The Epiphany of the Lord
Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

HOLY CROSS PARISH WENDELIN



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin
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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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