

Sunday, April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

Mon. Apr. 17 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Apr. 18 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Apr. 19 8:05 am Sara Kelley;
Fr. Gary
Gummersheimer
Thu. Apr. 20 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Apr. 21 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Apr. 22 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Linda Gumble;
Francis & Hermina
Zuber
Sun. Apr. 23 8:00 am Katie Hahn
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 9

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Easter: \$9,343 (106) Envelopes: \$5,015 (17)
Loose: \$543 Guatemala: \$135 (8)
Flowers: \$210 (8) Holy Land: \$400 (19)
Catholic Relief Services: \$50 (1)
Home Missions: \$20 (1)

~ **Kudos** ~

♦ To newly baptized *Vivian Mae Kuentler*, child of Jonathan and Brianne (Anderson) Kuentler.

* **AROUND OUR PARISHES** *

Saturday, April 15

• **5 PM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney**

Sunday, April 16

• 8 AM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown

- 10 AM, First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 10 AM, First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin

• **1 PM, Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney**

Monday, April 17

• **7 PM, School Board Meeting**

Tuesday, April 18

• 6 PM, Finance Council Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 19

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9:15 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack**
- 11 AM, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Friday, April 21

• 6 PM-10:30 PM, Wine Tasting at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center. Admission \$10 (includes glass and tasting). Domestic beer available for purchase. Food trucks and live music by Corey Evitts! Wineries include Alto Vineyards, The Pour Vineyard, West of Wise Winery and Wyldewood Winery Illinois. (No admittance to anyone under the age of 21)

Saturday, April 22

• 4 PM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, April 24

• 1:30 PM, Personnel Board meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Thursday, April 27

• 7 PM, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, April 29

• **10 AM, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney**

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Wednesday, April 19

• School Mass, 8:05 AM (7th).

Thursday, April 20

• The Olney Arts Council presents Robert Ridgeway for our K-8 students.

Saturday, April 29

• Confirmation, 10 AM.

Looking ahead...

- Honors Mass, May 10 at 8:05 AM
- Graduation Mass, May 17 at 8:15 AM

* The school welcomes Carl Sager as our new head of maintenance. We are grateful to Carl for his commitment.

* Congratulations to our second graders who receive their First Communion this weekend!

* Thanks to our many families who helped with Triduum and Easter mass ministries!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 3: Donnie Steber & Debbie (#394)

April 4: Quinn Nuss (#590)

April 5: Michelle & Tyler Cowman (#161)

April 6: Josie Goff (#105)

April 7: Sarah Whittler (#480)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.

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.

FROM FR. MARK: As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love":

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness."

Today, as our children receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal. What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

Why a Child's First Communion is a Big Deal? Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted!

This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion; it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! Relatives are invited. Parents take pictures. We celebrate. And the very act of celebrating reveals our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

What makes one's first Communion a truly blessed event is not the adjective but the substantive: not the 'first' but the 'communion.' Because of whom we receive, the second, third, next, and last Communion should always be as special.

Why a Child's First Communion is a Big Deal? First Holy Communion is, without question, a time of great joy. The saints in heaven, who are delighted to intercede for us, are celebrating along with your family.

"You come to me," says Saint Maximilian Kolbe to Jesus, speaking for all of us, "and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. . . . What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"

St. Mother Teresa also has words for you and your family: "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist..."

Yes, the celebration of a child's First Holy Communion IS a big deal. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a very simple but a powerful prayer. All of us are in constant need of God's unfathomable mercy. St. Faustina received these words from our Lord:

I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily and say throughout the day, *Jesus, I trust in You- Jesus, I trust in You -Jesus, I trust in You!* Conclude your chaplet with this prayer! *Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.* Journey onward in Love and Mercy!

Deepest sympathy to the family of Helen Powless. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

Deacon Steve Andrews celebrated his birthday on Saturday, April 15. If you see him at mass, wish him a Happy Birthday.

Attention Liturgical Ministers: The deadline is today (Sunday, April 16) to make any changes for the May and June schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled,

or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. We still need your help! Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.

St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us today (Sunday, April 16) at 1 PM in the church as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion followed by reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Thursday, April 20: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

* Deadline at the Olney Post Office for K of C Senior Scholarship Applications.

Saturday, April 29: 4th Degree Honor Guard at St. Joseph-Olney Confirmation.

Sunday, April 30: K of C led Rosary at 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

* 4th Degree Ministry volunteer at the 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney. Fellowship breakfast following Mass at an Olney local restaurant.

Thank You St. Joseph School for a successful Baby Wipe Program for WIC: 379 packages of baby wipes totaling 22,866, 4 boxes of diapers, 4 Gerber Puffs, 2 soothing gels and 2 shampoo bottles. Winning classes were: Frye, Horstmeyer, Crane, Kessler, Hough, Jensen and Sterchi!

St. Joseph-Olney Crib donations: 4,006 baby wipes, 434 diapers, 14 sippy cups, 8 teethingers, ointment rash cream, 13 onesies, 3 baby blankets, 4 wash cloths, 2 toys and 2 sleepers.

+ First Communion Class +

April 15, 2023

Peyton Decker	Hazel Fehrenbacher
Opel Fehrenbacher	Adam Kessler
Vella Kuenstler	Harrison Marshall
Olivia McLaughlin	Hazel Morris
Cruz Padilla	Liam Sorensen
Diezel Steele	

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 208 South Elliott St.
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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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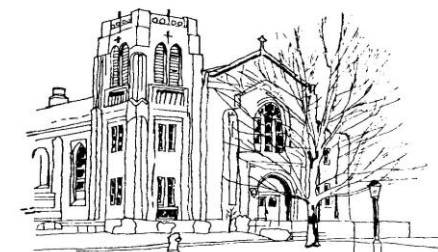
~ Sacraments ~

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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