

Collection Total for May 21, 2023

Envelopes: \$950.00
Loose: \$69.00
Total: \$1019.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$400.00 (7)
Catholic Home Missions: \$85.00 (5)
Religious Edu: \$100.00 (1)
Seminarian Edu: \$100.00 (1)

May Bulletins: Rick Ginder Family

May Missalettes: For the Parish

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

PARISH NEWS:

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjoholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all my family and friends for the birthday wishes. They were very much appreciated. Joseph Schneider

PARISH EVENTS:

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.

FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER & BLESSING THERE WILL BE COFFEE & DONUTS IN THE PARISH CENTER AT ST. JOSEPH-STRINGTOWN

Monday, May 29, MEMORIAL DAY-PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, May 30, 9:30am ASAP Prayer Group St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, May 31, 8:30am-12:00pm CATHOLIC TALK N' TREATS with Caroline. Stop by the Holy Cross Wendelin Parish House and say Hello, grab a drink and treat, sit and chat for a while.

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

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

An invitation from Bishop McGovern: With great joy, I announce that on Saturday, June 3, 2023, I will ordain 14 men of our Diocese to the Order of Deacon (Permanent Diaconate). The Liturgy will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for ordination.

Monday, June 5, 10:00am, Meeting of Diocesan Consultors at Chancery Office

11:00am, Presbyterial Council Meeting at Chancery Office

1:00pm, Blessing of Diocesan Jansen Office Center

4:00pm, Priest Jubilee of Ordination Anniversary at St. Peter Cathedral

Wednesday, June 7, 12:00pm (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting in Piopolis

Saturday, June 10, 2:00pm, Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

PICNIC NEWS:

Envelopes are in the back of church containing this year's raffle list and raffle tickets. The envelopes are all unmarked this year, but all have the same contents. The picnic workers' list is also being worked on. The list will be out on the last Sunday in May. If you are unable to work this year's picnic (July 16th) please let us know now so that we can adjust the workers list accordingly

PICNIC BASKET STAND COMMITTEE:

needs your help! We are asking each parish family to donate one basket OR a donation of \$15- \$20 so we can put a basket together for you. If you choose to donate a filled basket, there is an idea list in the back of church. The contents should be valued at \$15 and should be ready by July 2nd. You may put your filled baskets in the back of church for pick up. If you're donating money, please put the donation in an envelope and place in the donation can in the vestibule as soon as possible so we have time to shop for items. Donations may also be given to any committee member listed at the end of this announcement. If you or several families would like to go together and make a larger basket for the individual basket raffle, contact Mona. We appreciate everyone's time and effort in helping the basket stand be a success. Questions? Contact Mona Kocher @ 618-843-6662 or 618-869-2498, Janette Kocher @618-843-1650, Mary Zwilling @ 618-562-8433, or Kathy Zuber (Justin) @ 618-869-2306.

THE WINE PULL STAND

is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year's Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to

make arrangements for drop off. Please have all donations dropped off or contact Janice by Monday, July 10th.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Receive the Holy Spirit

Peace be with you! What does this mean when we say - Peace be with you? Are we asking for quiet – stillness – simplicity? Yes! Can this be achieved - not on our own! Peace is inner (we decide who we listen to you - God or Satan) and outer (what we allow to enter - God or Satan). The peace that God gives is not from this world - the joyous peace that God longs to give us is an inner and outer peace - a peace that overshadows - envelops your whole being! We acquire this peace when - HE is More and we are Less- this is done through prayer - receiving the Sacraments - reading and living the Word of God - seeking the Holy Spirit!

St. Augustine said, our hearts are restless God until they rest in you - only in God - with God - does one find True Peace! The absence of peace is chaos - we will find no inner or outer peace here. Let us remember to ask God to - Breathe on me O' breath of God -Breathe the gift of your Holy Spirit upon me - upon my life - upon us all! Journey onward asking the Holy Spirit to Work – then True Peace will be with you! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK:

We have just heard Jesus announce the new creation. Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. And then he announces that mutual forgiveness will be the mark by which his community will be recognized. As God has forgiven us in Jesus, we are to forgive one another as a sign of the new life we share.

St. Luke describes the coming of the Spirit in more dramatic fashion. As the Spirit descends on the disciples as tongues of fire, they begin to make bold proclamation of the Good News in an astounding way.

The same Spirit is given to each of us at our Baptism, and his presence has been strengthened in

Confirmation. St. Paul points that that we are one in the Body of Christ because we all share the one Holy Spirit.

Each of us has special gifts which have been given to us as a way of manifesting the Spirit's presence in us. Our gifts are given, not for our own good, but for the good of others; when we use our gifts for others, we witness to our oneness in Christ. No one's gift or ministry or work is more important than anyone else's; all are needed for the unity of the community of the Church.

Each of us is important because we bring a gift or talent or way of working that no one else can bring to the group. We all lose something when an individual person's gifts are not welcomed or used in the community. We need one another in order to experience the full wonder of God's love for us.

This morning, we have prayed, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!" This is a bold request on our part. Are we really open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that God wants to give us? Are we willing to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to be drawn more deeply into the Mystery of God's love? Can we find new ways to use these gifts in our efforts to love one another during the day? May this feast of Pentecost be a rebirthing in each of us of all the spiritual gifts that help us stay centered in the Holy Spirit.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Weekend of May 27/28

Thanks to everyone who made our successful school year possible! We could not do it without supportive families, active parishes, and a strong staff.

Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm *Please call first. There will be times we cannot be in the office (carpet cleaning, banking, etc.).

We will continue to order our Scrip/Raise Right cards all summer. Please place your orders by 9 am on Monday. Pick-up on Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm. We also keep a large number of local cards on hand.

***Week of June 3/4: Summer Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm

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Welcome to our newly hired staff for 2023-24:

- Preschool: Ashley Williams, class of 2000
- 2nd Grade: Conner Zuber, class of 2014
- 4th Grade: Kye Stallard, class of 2014
- Lisa Cummins, paraprofessional, class of 1980
- Laura Matthews, paraprofessional, class of 1996
- Paige Abell, paraprofessional

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!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, June 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers. 2022-2023 meeting attendance \$75 drawing.

Thursday, June 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers.

Kudos to Knights of Columbus Flag carriers for Memorial Day Ceremonies, Olney-Dan, Steve, & Preston Kuenstler; Wendelin- Neal Weber & Dale Weidner; and Stringtown-Dan Zwilling and Scott Seiler.



Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

**Sunday May 28, 2023
Solemnity of Pentecost
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Saturday, May 27, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "George Ochs+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, May 29, No Mass

Tuesday, May 30, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 31, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, June 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, June 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, June 3, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, June 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

05/28/2023

Servers:

Kylie Kocher
Mallory Kocher

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Lisa Boehl

Gifts:

Jim & Thelma Muhs

Ushers:

Tom Kocher
Werner Kocher

Greeters:

Jean, Mona, & Gary
Kocher

06/04/2023

Servers:

Mitchell Ochs
Natalie Ochs

Lector:

Joselyn Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Janette Kocher

Gifts:

Brian & Amy Ochs

Ushers:

Harold Boehl
Jared Boehl

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

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