

**Sunday February 12, 2023**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, February 13, NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 14, NO MASS**

**Wednesday, February 15, 8:00am** Prayer Service with School Children at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, February 16, NO MASS**

**Friday, February 17, NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 18, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Floyd Carter"**

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, February 19, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ernest & Dorothy Kuhl+"**

**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. Feb 5, 2023**

(53) Envelopes \$2022.00 Loose \$100.00

(27) Building \$1533.00 (2) First Offering \$10.00

(11) Messenger \$325.00 (17) Black & Indian

Mission \$536.00

**TOTAL: \$4526.00**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK**

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Patricia (Gib) Volk,

Wyatt Hayes (Grandson of Herb & Martha

Deimel), Tim Schnautz, Norma Weidner, Doug

Frichtl, Sam & Hermena Medernach, Linda

Rudolphi

**THANK YOU:**

We would like to thank most of all our children and grandchildren for making our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration possible. Also thanks to Fr. Mark Stec

for the Mass and the blessing. A big thank you also to our relatives, friends, neighbors, & fellow parishioners who came to our Open House, sent cards, made phone calls, texts or gave us a gift.

We are so fortunate to be in such a caring and loving community. It was a very memorable day. May God bless each and every one.

-Richard & Margie Weidner

<b>*February Liturgical Ministers*</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>	<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>
Henry & Sandi Kessler	Keith & Pam Blank
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
Gail Niebrugge	Lynn Weidner
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>
Sherry Geier	Evan Rudolphi
<b>Money Counters:</b>	
Mark & Jeannie Nix	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>
Mark Rudolphi	Greg Weber
Ben Niebrugge	Michael Kuentler

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. Feb. 11** Briley Wilson, Clara Weidner

**Sun Feb. 12** Grace & Stella Warfel

**Sat. Feb. 18** Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

**Sun. Feb. 19** Beau Stevens & Ian Kessler

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

Marge Kessler (618) 752-6841 Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 March 12<sup>th</sup>

Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275 March 19<sup>th</sup>

Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225 April 9<sup>th</sup>

Lynn Weidner (618) 723-2426 April 16<sup>th</sup>

Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799 April 30<sup>th</sup>

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, February 19, 8:00am,** Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am, FFA present at Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

11:00am, Mardi Gras Soup Supper at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**11:00am, CYM Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Monday, February 20,** 7:00pm, School Board at St. Joseph-Olney

**Wednesday, February 22, ASH WEDNESDAY**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Free popcorn. Soda/water available for purchase.

Public Welcome to Attend! **Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.** (you may bring your

favorite adult beverage.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

We are having a **Lenten Quad-Parish Renewal on March 5-8, a night at each of our parishes!** Dr. Mark Ginter will be our speaker.

**-Holy Cross March 5** - "Please, may I introduce you to my Friend, the Holy Spirit?"

**-St. Joseph Stringtown March 6** - "How did extraordinary faith at 16 help me to face my brother's sudden death?"

**-St. Lawrence March 7** - "What hope do I have that my children and I will remain Catholic until the end?"

**-St. Joseph Olney March 8** - "How do I love God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength?"

**Franciscan University at Steubenville, Ohio,** has partnered with our Diocese to offer us faith formation from the comforts of home. Sign up today!

\*The mission of our parish is "to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ within the Catholic Church.". To help us in achieving this mission, our parish/school has just subscribed to an extraordinarily effective new outreach from Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute (CI).

\*Thanks to a partnership between our diocese and the CI, we are now able to offer local, mentored, substantive, and engaging formation for every person in ministry. That includes clergy, catechists, school personnel, youth ministers, adult group leaders, volunteers, and even (and especially) parents.

*It is free to all, with unlimited access.* Sign Up at <https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-belleville>

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

*To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek Him the greatest adventure, to find Him the greatest human achievement.* Love is in the air

a tad more so this time of year. It should give one cause to think a moment about who and what we love. Ultimately, we are to love God first and foremost.

However, when God is not priority or often even a thought, everything else in your life becomes your god. So what are the "ungod-like" things in your life? Where or Who do you struggle to love? Did you know, when you love one another, the Love of God is more evident in you! Seek the God that loves you - it leads to a Life of Love, and this is a journey you do not want to miss! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

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**FROM FR. MARK:**

February 14 has become one of the strangest days in Western culture. It is widely celebrated by the name of "Valentine's Day," referring to the Catholic saint, Valentine.

However, in the mass celebrated on February 14, we don't actually celebrate St. Valentine on February 14. The general calendar states that February 14 is the memorial of "Sts. Cyril and Methodius."

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martyrologies of the Church contain twenty-two lives of canonized saints by the name of Valentine. Of these, nine are recorded as bishops, twelve as martyrs, most of the latter were priests; one was an officer in the army of Maximian and died at Ravenna. They are of all nationalities, Italians, French, Spaniards, Germans and Belgians. One of which was a 3rd-century Roman priest who was martyred for his Christian faith. There exist a number of legends that surround this particular saint, one of them claiming that he secretly wed couples. In the Second Vatican Council document, Sacrosanctum Concilium, it was suggested that the liturgical year should be revised, and certain saints removed from the general calendar. A study was conducted by the Church, and St. Paul VI later explained in his motu proprio, Mysterii Paschalis, why some saints were removed and different ones added. In order to execute this decision of the Ecumenical Council, the names of some saints have been removed from the universal Calendar ... The suppression of reference to a certain number of saints who are not universally known has permitted the insertion, within the Roman Calendar, of names of some martyrs of regions where the proclaiming of the Gospel arrived at a later date. Thus, as representatives of their countries, those who have won renown by the shedding of their blood for Christ or by their outstanding virtues enjoy the same dignity in this same catalogue. While not martyrs, this does appear to be a reference to Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who proclaimed the Gospel to the Slavic people during the 9th century. The switch was an effort to make the calendar more "universal," as St. Paul VI states in his letter. Also, it is believed that since there was doubt as to which St. Valentine was celebrated on February 14, his name was subsequently removed. Oddly enough, the document that authorized the changing of the calendar was dated February 14, 1969.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Thursday, February 16th** - Early Dismissal 12:10 pm, **Friday, February 17th** - No School Parent-Teacher Conferences, **Monday, February 20th** - No School Presidents' Day

**Mark your calendars:**

February 25th - Boosters Pasta Night - Thanks to Tony and Tiffany Trupiano - to support our Sports and Music programs with our PTO Winter Carnival in the gymnasium - join us!

**March 18th** - Inaugural Bingo Bash to support the school's many activities and groups (Boosters, 8th grade activities, field trips, technology, curricular advancement) Advance sales in the school office - Individual \$25 or buy a table for \$200 (reserved table for your group) Want to donate an auction item? Contact the school office. Want to donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull? Leave your wine in any of our parish collection boxes at the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling for a drop-off.

**-A new, easy way to give to the school - Wal-Mart's Round Up/Spark Good Program:** Anytime you shop at Wal-Mart, your amount due can be rounded up, and the change goes directly to the school. **On the app:** Go to your account, scroll down to Giving and Impact Click "look for a preferred charity" You should see St. Joseph Church - St. Joseph School (look for the school logo)

Click on "us" and start giving!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Tuesday, February 14:** Spelling Bee (2) at St Joe School, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Cash Prizes!

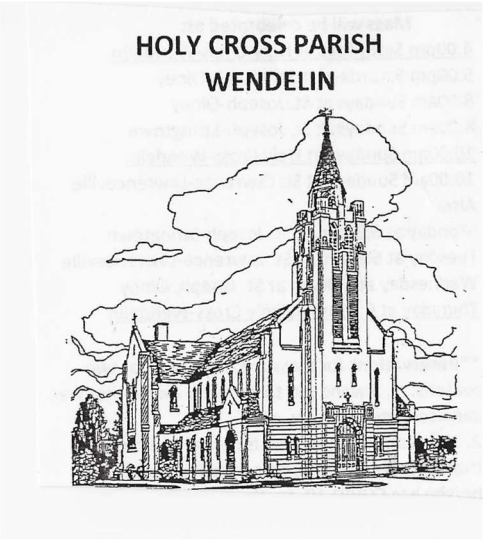
**Thursday, February 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

**Friday, February 17:** Fish Fry Night to benefit the Senior Citizens Center from 5 to 7Pm at the Olney City Park Community Building. **Sunday, February 26:** K of C led Rosary, 7:40Am before the Olney, St. Joe Mass

-2023 Olney Knights of Columbus \$250 Senior Scholarships are now available at the Olney High School and at the back of the three Olney Council sister church parishes. Deadline is Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Olney Post Office Post Office Box 172. See the scholarship form for more information.

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**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**



**Come and join the Sisters in Christ group** as we begin a new book study. **We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. -this is an 8 week study.**

**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!

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

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