

Collection Total for November 13, 2022

Envelopes: \$1781.00

Loose: \$48.50

Total: \$1829.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

All Saints Day \$5.00 (1)

Building Fund Donations: \$260.00 (2)

Religious Education: \$300.00 (1)

November Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber Attorney at Law

November Missalettes: In Memory of Thea Ginder by Marvin Ginder

-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

ASAP Prayer Group will continue meeting every Tuesday at 9:30am to say the rosary and have fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate. Questions call Janette Kocher 843-1650

THE TRI-PARISH CYM would like to thank our parishes for the generous donation of 221 food items at our food drive last weekend! The items have been donated to Good Samaritan in Olney.

We thank Kistler-Paterson Funeral Home once again for providing us with the Catholic calendars for this 2023 year.

Herman Zwilling is celebrating his 95th birthday on November 27th this year and would like to hear from friends and family for his birthday. His address is: 7461 East Hurricane Lane, Claremont, IL 62421.

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, November 20, 11:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, November 21, 7:00pm, School Board Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

Wednesday, November 23, 8:00am, Thanksgiving Day Mass with school children at St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm, Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

6:30pm, Thanksgiving Day Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, November 24, THANKSGIVING DAY- Parish Offices Closed

8:00am. Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am, Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, November 25, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-Offices Closed

Sunday, November 27, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon

Wednesday, November 20, 12:00pm (Noon) East Vicariate Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 1:00pm, Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph-Olney

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve 4:00pm (with the School Children.) at St. Joseph-Olney and 4:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville; 6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 8:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney and **10:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown.** On **Christmas Day, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown** and St. Joseph-Olney as well as 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and Holy Cross-Wendelin.

M.C.4.C. MARRIED CATHOLICS 4 LIFE

30 Day THANKFULNESS Challenge

It is important to understand that Thankfulness in marriage is a lot like a muscle: *you need to exercise it.* You need to strengthen and flex your Thankfulness to enjoy the full benefit. It is easy to

get busy, stay focused on the day to day and overlook-take for granted- each other. There is no such thing as a perfect marriage-marriage takes work! There is always more that can be done, said, shared, appreciated, experienced, and noticed. The next 30 days you will honor, respond, acknowledge, share, laugh, pray, and love more thankfully. Check FLOCKNOTE for more information. Are you prepared to accept them.M.C.4. C. Thankfulness challenge?

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

The Church celebrates Advent as a time of *preparation – anticipation – waiting-* for the birth of Jesus. What are you preparing, anticipating, or waiting on? Does your “to-do and to-buy” list overshadow your thoughts and time? Intentionally take time each day to reflect upon the **Hope – Love - Joy - Peace** of the Advent season. If we took the *preparation – anticipation -waiting-* of Advent more seriously, it would radically transform our experience of Christmas. The word “Christmas” literally means “**Christ**” and “**Mass**” -the celebration of God’s selfless gift of his son to mankind. Live a life of Love seeking to receive the best gift (*JESUS*) this Christmas by keeping Advent! A great guide for these royal days of journeying is Meditations for Advent *by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.* Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

The Pilgrims landed in 1620 and were starving after their first year, until they learned how to plant corn. That first harvest was so successful the group's leader, William Bradford, called for a feast to celebrate their good fortune. The Pilgrims and Native Americans had their Thanksgiving feast over three days in October 1621.

But was that the First Thanksgiving? Some argue the first dinner giving thanks was celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida, when Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and a Holy Mass was offered. Or On April 30, 1598 in El Paso, Texas, Spanish explorer Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving

after a terrible storm and then unbelievable heat that had waylaid his expedition finally subsided.

A member of that expedition wrote, "We built a great bonfire and roasted the meat and fish, and then all sat down to a repast the like of which we had never enjoyed before." Of course, a Mass was also celebrated.

On Thanksgiving, try to keep in mind these words from St. Thomas Aquinas:

“O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.”

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, November 22nd - Early Dismissal 1:50 pm

Wednesday, November 23rd - Early Dismissal 1:50 pm (no bus service morning or afternoon)

No School Thursday, November 24th or Friday, November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff and students at St. Joseph School! We are grateful for our families and our parishes!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Tuesday, November 22: Deadline for Christ in Christmas Posters. Posters will be collected at the St. Joe School Office, in the folders at the back of each of the churches or to Ashley Hinterscher. There are cash prizes for all five grade divisions. The three winners of the age divisions ages 5 through 7, 8 through 10, and 11 through 14 advance to the Belleville Competition and those winners are published in the Christmas Issue of the Messenger. **Sunday, December 4:** Free Olney, Wendelin, & Stringtown Council 1352 members and their family Christmas Dinner, 5PM at the St. Joe, Olney Multi Center. Santa arrives to meet the children after the meal.

Sunday, November 27: K of C Led Rosary, 7:40AM at St. Joe Olney before Mass.

Parishioners and K of C members: Do you know a male Practical (attending Mass) Catholic aged 18 and over interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? The dues are free for the remainder of this year. Contact Hank Ginder for more

information at 6188433016 or email at hnginder76@hotmail.com.

Thank you Father Mark, organist Kylie Rauch and Cantor Dan Hahn, server Dan Kuentler, Elmer Weiler Eucharistic Minister and Don Seger and the ladies, Bev, Donna and Nina for cookies. Thank you Carl Sager for being the Chairperson of the event.

Knight of the Month: Carl Sager-Chairperson for Mass For Deceased Members.

Remember in our prayers...

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie



Sunday November 20, 2022

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, November 21, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling+”

Tuesday, November 22, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, November 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “In Thanksgiving”

Thursday, November 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, November 25, NO MASS

Saturday, November 26, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, November 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Anton & Catherine Volk+”

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

11/20/2022

Servers:

Annabelle Seiler

Sadie Seiler

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Scott Seiler

Gifts:

Jean & Gary Kocher

Ushers:

Colby Steber

Doug Kocher

Greeters:

Gary & Beth Kocher

11/27/2022

Servers:

Jared Weidner

Natalie Zwilling

Lector:

Joselyn Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

Tom & Kathy Kocher

Ushers:

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Jared Boehl

Greeters:

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