

Sunday December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, December 26, NO MASS

Tuesday, December 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 29, 6:30pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, December 30, NO MASS

Saturday, December 31, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday January 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. Dec. 18, 2022

(56) Envelopes \$2056.00 Loose \$334.10

(6) Building \$237.00 (3) Christmas Flowers

\$105.00 (3) Christmas Offering \$350.00

(6) Religious Retirement \$165.00 (1) Needy \$10.00

TOTAL: \$3257.10

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

A Christmas Act of Kindness:

The HOLY MOMENTS book by Matthew Kelly, has been gifted to you by a parishioner. May this gift of kindness bring you closer to God, and that kindness be a gift that you can share with others.

December Liturgical Ministers	
Saturday	Sunday
Open/Lock/Greet: Brent, Sharon Edwards	Open/Lock/Greet: Chris, Melanie Waller
Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Rudolphi	Eucharistic Ministers: Penni Kuenstler
Lectors: Robin Deckard	Lectors: Paul Kocher
Money Counters: Kelly & Sherry Geier	
Ushers: Carl Weidner	Ushers: Kelly Geier
Henry Kessler	Greg Sandschafer
Gary Fehrenbacher	Gregg Weber

Please sign up for Flocknote, if you haven't already to receive further guidance, and insight as you read the book. Have a Blessed and Holy Christmas!

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Dec. 24: Ian Kessler, Levi Rudolphi, Victoria Rudolphi

Sun. Dec. 25: Grace & Stella Warfel, Bella Stevens

Sat. Jan. 7 Brayden & Blanie Bergbower

Sun. Jan. 8 Grace & Stella Warfel

THANK YOU:

Thank you CYM Carolers, for singing at my house. I look forward to it every Christmas and what a great tradition. Holy Cross is so blessed to have you! – Marge Kessler

Thank you to Greg & Barb Amerman and Bonnie Jackson-Hancock for all their work in painting the Rectory!

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, December 26, PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, December 30, PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Saturday, December 31, Vigil of Mary the Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

4:00pm, Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm, Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

8:00am, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

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

10:00am, Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

Choir will begin singing before mass at 9:30 am on January 1st.

Monday, January 2, PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, January 6, 8:00am, First Friday Mass and Communion Visitations

1:30pm, Personnel Board at Chancery Office-Belleville

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Merry Christmas to you and yours! May the love of the Holy Family Jesus+Mary+Joseph-fill your hearts and homes.

A Blessed New Year to you and keep to the journey- the Kingdom awaits!

Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isa. 9:1). In the darkness of the night or the darkness that many face due to suffering both human made, and nature made, which engulfs us Christ is our light. It's time for us to pause and see this Light and feel its warmth. As we celebrate Christmas Masses as one big parish family, may the light of Christ illumine your ways and fill your homes.

All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery: The Incarnation. God not only authors life and sustains it, He chooses to become one of us. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now; grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt, love or betrayal, Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with

you. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God's presence in our community. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Additionally, a special thank you to our staff and the devoted members of the various ministries in our parishes and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes all the time to make our parish vibrant.

My Christmas message this year is to challenge all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. Moreover, that's what God did when he entered our world at the first Christmas. God will fill us with His peace if there is room for Him in our lives.

In closing, my only prayer today, that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. At the same time, I thank you all, most sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, inspiring Christmas greetings and priceless gifts. May all my dear parishioners be over shadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus. . ., the Emmanuel.

Merry Christmas! On behalf of Fr. Felix and myself as well as the Parish Staff, I sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Faculty at St. Joseph School!

Tuesday, January 3rd - Teachers and students return

Congratulations to our alumni who were named IL State Scholars: Abigail Atwood, Chloe McKinney,

Mallory Miller, Sophia Ranes, and Cody Fulk! We are proud of you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

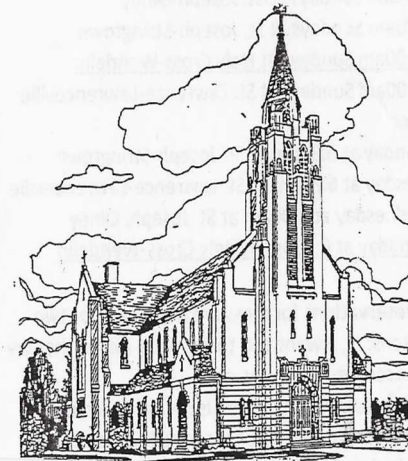
Parishioners and K of C members: Do you know a male Practical Catholic aged 18 and over interested in joining as a Knights of Columbus member? The membership video is 26 minutes. Contact Hank Ginder for more information; 6188433016 or email hnginder76@hotmail.com

Merry Christmas!!!

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Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

HOLY CROSS PARISH
WENDELIN



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Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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