

Sunday, February 5, 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

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| Mon. Feb. 6 | 6:30 PM | (at Stringtown) |
| Tue. Feb. 7 | 5:00 PM | (at Lawrenceville) |
| Wed. Feb. 8 | 8:05 am | Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn |
| Thu. Feb. 9 | No Mass | |
| Fri. Feb. 10 | No Mass | |
| Sat. Feb. 11 | 4:00 PM | (at Wendelin) |
| | 5:00 PM | Francis & Hermina Zuber; |
| | | Helen Hoffman; |
| | | Cathy McDowell |
| Sun. Feb. 12 | 8:00 am | Special Intention; |
| | | Leona, Glen & Colby Schafer |
| | 8:00 am | (at Stringtown) |
| | 10:00 am | (at Wendelin) |
| | 10:00 am | (at Lawrenceville) |

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Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
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 Guatemala: \$5 (1) 1st Offering: \$40 (5)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, February 5

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**

Tuesday, February 7

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation “The Eucharist” at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 8

- **Rosary after Mass**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Thursday, February 9

- **5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting**

Friday, February 10

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- 7 PM, Euchre at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Tuesday, February 14

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation “The Eucharist” at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Thursday, February 16

- **2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.**

Sunday, February 19

- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, CYM Spaghetti Lunch at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. There will also be a basket/dessert raffle. Everyone welcome!

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Tuesday, February 7

- K of C Hoop Shoot competition - thanks to Hank Ginder for organizing and running this program for us!

Wednesday, February 8

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (7th). Stewardship of Treasure collection.

 * Thanks to the VFW for supporting our kids through the fantastic spaghetti dinner!

* Thanks to everyone who made Catholic Schools Week so special and joyful!

* Congratulations to our Boys' Team for winning the regional championship! Good luck to them at the State Competition this weekend.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- Jan. 2: Dutch Mehl (#528)
- Jan. 3: Josie Goff (#105)
- Jan. 4: Katie Schwartzlose (#381)
- Jan. 5: Ella Eimer (#038)
- Jan. 6: Rose Beyers (#296)
- Jan. 9: Jordan & Rebecca Cummins (#234)

- Jan. 10: Paul Weber (#392)
- Jan. 11: Jade Kuhl (#792)
- Jan. 12: Levi Volk (#259)
- Jan. 13: Amy Eubank (#535)

- Jan. 16: Anna King (#491)
- Jan. 17: Michelle Burgener (#808)
- Jan. 18: Beth Cantrell (#441)
- Jan. 19: Jill Eagleson (#127)
- Jan. 20: Donna Martin (#755)

- Jan. 23: Brett Judkins (#342)
- Jan. 24: Joan Galloway (#437)
- Jan. 25: Krista Niemi (#331)
- Jan. 26: Robin Chamberlin (#701)
- Jan. 27: Marie Beal (#629)

Let Us Pray For: Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Eleanor Steber and Louise Weber.

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: Looking ahead at the church calendar, February 11 is the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. What is the significance of the apparitions at Lourdes and other places? What is the meaning of Marian apparitions in general?

In our world of rationalism and secularism, of materialism and consumerism, God and the supernatural realm seem far removed from most people. Yet He continues to intervene in human history by sending the mother of Jesus when the Christian faith is challenged and under attack.

The human family needs to be reminded, sometimes in a dynamic and supernatural way, that God exists, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a universal call to goodness and holiness, that we are all responsible before our Maker for our choices.

Apparitions are a wake-up call for a corporate examination of conscience about how well we may be responding to God’s manifold invitations to personal salvation and world peace. So how are we responding to Him?

The Church is necessarily both cautious and open in the matter of private revelation. She must discern what is false. And she must avoid the risk of losing credibility as the guardian of public revelation by too hastily confirming a reported private revelation or apparition.

Yet we can clearly observe the abundant blessings of Mary’s action in private revelation. Her appearance is a heaven-sent reminder, an invitation to the world to live the Gospel fully and to assist the Church in its continuing mission of evangelization.

What would the 16th century have been without Guadalupe? Or the 19th and 20th centuries without the Miraculous Medal revealed at Rue de Bac in Paris, without Lourdes, without Fátima? We can thank God for the tremendous graces and blessings that result from authentic apparitions of Mary.

Pope John Paul II taught us to see that Marian doctrine and devotion are indeed both Christ-centered and Church-centered. Mary is the perfect model for the People of God in their journey to become, with Jesus and herself, co-redeemers and intercessors for each other and all humankind.

Knowing and teaching the whole truth about Mary is thus the best means to teach the whole truth about Jesus and His saving incarnation, about His redemption and about His Church. The full truth about Mary safeguards the full truth about Jesus.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Let your light shine for the glory of God.

Jesus is the Light of the world, and we are to reflect His Light. Does your life reflect the Light of God? Or it is focused on self? Does it glorify God? Or self? The Light and Glory of God is one of patience and kindness, it is not jealous or pompous, it is not inflated or rude, it does not seek its own interest or is quick tempered, it does not brood or rejoice over wrongs. If these are diminished or lacking - *then your light is hidden* - maybe not to the world - but to God! Take a

moment and ask God *if he sees your light?* Journey onward to living a Life of Love and let - God's Light Shine from You - for the Glory of God. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Attention Liturgical Ministers: The deadline is Monday, February 13 to make any changes for the March and April 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.

Save the Date: Lenten Quad-Parish Renewal, March 5-8 at 6:30 PM with social afterwards. Join us for **Eucharistic Discipleship** with Dr. Mark Ginter. Each one of our parishes will host a night for the Lenten Renewal.

- * Sunday, March 5 at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- * Monday, March 6 at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- * Tuesday, March 7 at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- * Wednesday, March 8 at St. Joseph-Olney

More information to follow in the weeks ahead!

The Parish and Family Life Committee is sponsoring a "Valentine's Day Card and Cake" project for ALL the residents of our local Long Term Care Facilities. We are collecting Valentine's cards, homemade hearts or posters along with boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes from parish members and St. Joseph School students. Cards, posters and snack cakes will be delivered to all the facilities prior to Valentine's Day. Donations can be dropped off at the front doors of St. Joseph Church in Olney or to Sondra Geiger at Blank's Insurance Agency at 515 S. Whittle Ave. If you have questions or would prefer your items to be picked up, please call Sondra Geiger (618-843-8532). **The deadline is Friday, February 10.**

Let us remember; 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is this weekend. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$25 for digital only, \$30 for print only, and \$35 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger.**

Respect Life Corner: February 7-14 is National Marriage Week. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine-as real flesh and blood.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Tuesday February 7: Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shoot-Out at St. Joseph School for PE classes, grades 3rd - 8th. Twelve winners from the age divisions qualify to advance to St. Anthony Effingham High School for Regionals and the State Tournament.

Thursday, February 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Friday, February 10: First Fish Fry Night, 5 PM - 7 PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please come and support our groups for charity in Richland County.

Tuesday, February 14: Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee for St. Joseph School 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Cash prizes. Four winners advance to the State competition in Petersburg. Also, cash prizes for 5th grade Spelling Bee at St. Joseph School.

Thursday, February 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

Do you know a male 18+ practical Catholic interested in being a Knights of Columbus member? Text Hank (618-843-3016). Only a 24-minute video on your phone or laptop.

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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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