

## Collection Total for November 6, 2022

Envelopes: \$1934.00

Loose: \$179.75

**Total: \$2113.75**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

All Saints Day \$113.00 (5)

Building Fund Donations: \$70.00 (2)

Religious Education: \$105.00 (6)

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**November Bulletins:** Bartley C. Zuber Attorney at Law

**November Missalettes:** In Memory of Thea Ginder by Marvin Ginder

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### -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 stjoeholycross 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

### PARISH EVENTS:

**Sunday, November 13,** 11:00am, Veteran's Memorial Dedication, Parish Social at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, November 14,** 6:30pm, Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Adoration prayer will be for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life

**Tuesday, November 15,** 6:00pm, Finance Council at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**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**

### 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

We are living in a time where *morally right* is so vehemently discarded and absolute wrong is praised! One only needs to watch the latest television programming, commercials, even the news, etc.... to see the obvious tumultuousness of our days! I ask you, "Where is the seeking of God in these times?" "Where is your prayer, and sacrifice? Do not close your eyes and ears to the noise of the world- as if it will just go away. *Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch...*

Do not be caught off guard, one must anchor themselves within the -Sacraments- Rosary-Consecration to our Lady.... etc. Our Lord told us, *it is by your perseverance that you will secure your life!* Live a life that shines God- Live a life of Love! Journey onward ye sojourners to the Kingdom. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

### FROM FR. MARK

Today, Sunday 13 November 2022 is the sixth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9). Pope Francis, in his message for the day, laments that just as the world was emerging from the "tempest of the pandemic", a new catastrophe appeared on the horizon: the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the brutal war which has followed. The war has displaced millions of Ukrainian people and caused global economic turbulence, with food shortages and rising energy costs which will affect the poorest this winter. The Pope reminds us of the generosity of people in welcoming refugees from recent conflicts in the Middle East. He understands that host communities can feel burdened, and it is difficult to maintain relief efforts, but he says, "This is the moment for us not to lose heart but to renew our initial motivation. The work we have begun needs to be brought to completion with the same sense of responsibility."

In his message for the sixth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that from the very early days of the Church, attention to the needs of the

poor was a feature of the community. St Paul, in his letter to the Christians in Corinth, is asking for help for the community in Jerusalem, who are suffering great hardship due to a food shortage in the country. He does not regard this request as a command but instead asks them to take up a collection as "a sign of love, the love shown by Jesus himself". As Pope Francis reminds us, "where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matter is rolling up our sleeves and putting faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated". It is important that no one lacks what is necessary and our concern is born out of sincere and generous concern which sees those who are poor as our brothers and sisters. It is not so much that we are helping them, but that they "lend a hand to help me shake off the lethargy into which I have fallen". Before being the objects of our almsgiving, those who are poor "can help set us free from the snares of anxiety and superficiality". That is why the Pope insists that our work is never for the poor, but with the poor and of the poor, work that brings people together (Fratelli Tutti, 169).

More than that, we are called to become poor ourselves. Not materially poor, that is "a poverty that humiliates and kills" as the Pope says. The poverty we are called to is the poverty of Jesus, this is the poverty that sets us free, sets us free from attachment to the idol of wealth and all the anxiety it brings. The poverty of Jesus was his self-emptying love, which excludes no one "and seeks out everyone, especially the marginalized and those deprived of the necessities of life. Our freedom is the sharing of our lives out of love, restoring dignity to those trapped in injustice. This is what the Holy Father calls the way to create equality, "to free the poor from their misery and the rich from their vanity, and both from their despair".

I encourage you to take time to deepen your own encounter with those who are poor, of examining your own conscience about your lifestyles and how our faith is expressed in loving action.

### ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who made our Fall Boosters breakfast a success!

**Wednesday, November 16th** - Picture Retake Day

**Thursday, November 17th** - Early Dismissal 12:10 pm

Parent-Teacher Conferences 1 pm - 7 pm

**Friday, November 18th** - No School

Parent-Teacher Conferences 8 am - 11 am

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**PLEASE NOTE DEADLINES:**

**Thursday, November 17:** 4th Degree meeting. 7:30PM ---Deadline for the Vocation Raffle Books. There are six Belleville Seminarians, one from Olney, Ben Baker.

**Tuesday, November 22:** Deadline for Christ in Christmas Posters. Handouts are available from each of the St. Joe Teachers and in folders at the back of the three parish churches.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the winners of the State Finals Soccer Kick in Bloomington Illinois: Lauren French, Nora McClain and Judah Dicks. To those receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Place plaques; Addison McLaughlin, Emma Hefferman, Belle Graves, and Luke Slagley. to new members; Stephen Fehrenbacher and Shawn Sanders.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1352 membership Christmas Dinner:** Sunday, December 4: at 5:00pm in the MPR room at St. Joseph-Olney,

**Remember in our prayers...**

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie



**Sunday November 13, 2022**

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, November 14,** 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Fr. Roger Scheonhofen, OMI+"

**Tuesday, November 15,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, November 16,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

7:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, November 17,** 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, November 18,** NO MASS

**Saturday, November 19,**4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, November 20,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Hermina Zuber+, Zola Klingler+"**

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**MINISTERS LIST**

**11/13/2022**

**Servers:**

CYM KIDS

**Lector:**

CYM KIDS

**Eucharist Minister:**

Gary Kocher

**Gifts:**

CYM KIDS

**Ushers:**

CYM KIDS

**Greeters:**

CYM KIDS

**11/20/2022**

**Servers:**

Annabelle Seiler

Sadie Seiler

**Lector:**

Kathy Kocher

**Eucharist Minister:**

Scott Seiler

**Gifts:**

Jean & Gary Kocher

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