

Sunday, September 11, 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Sept. 12 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Sept. 13 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Sept. 14 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher
Thu. Sept. 15 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Sept. 16 No Mass
Sat. Sept. 17 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Linda Gumble,
Francis & Hermina
Zuber
Sun. Sept. 18 8:00 am Rita Hann,
Helen Hoffman,
Deceased members
of the Paul Hartrich
family
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 4

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,149.50 (89) Outreach: \$113
Guatemala: \$327 (19)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Tuesday, September 13

- 6 PM, Finance Council at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Wednesday, September 14

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- 12 PM (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting.
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 7 PM, High School Religion at Holy Cross-Wendelin. "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist." Adults are welcome to attend as well.

- CYM meeting, at Holy Cross Hall directly after high school religion.

Monday, September 19

- 10 AM, Presbyterial Council at Belleville

Wednesday, September 21

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 7 PM, High School Religion at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, September 22

- 7:15 PM, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, September 23

- 6 PM, Wedding Rehearsal at St. Joseph-Stringtown

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Tuesday, September 13

- 5th Grade Ag Safety Day

Wednesday, September 14

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (5th).

Friday, September 16

- Mum Pick-Up

Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18

- First Grade Red Plate Blessing at all masses in our three parishes.

* Thanks to Hank Ginder and the Knights of Columbus for running our annual soccer kick competition!

* Thanks to Deacon John Gomez for providing us with valuable information about Catholic Relief Services. His time with our children and parishioners will help us continue to focus on providing support to those in need. Our students raised \$333.50 through our school envelope collection for CRS.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

August 29: Bill & Deb Weiler (#567)

August 30: Josy Hart (#140)

August 31: Kelly Jenner (#550)

September 1: Dan Zuber (#441)

September 2: Susan Mitchell (#790)

Let Us Pray For: Janet David, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder; Justin, Ember, Olivia Faith and Sophia Hope Kabbes; Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch, Debbie Rauch, Kay Rowark, Lynden Spieth, Eleanor Steber, Brenda Summers, Jim Wattles, Camden Weston, Clara Wilson, Ed and Mary Jo Zuber, and Jim Zwilling.

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:

This Wednesday, the church celebrates The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, on September 14. This Feast recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

Why Do We Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross? It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross?

Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke

9:23). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross.

When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the representation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him.

"For the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:22-23). Today, more than ever, non-Christians see the Cross as foolishness. What kind of Savior triumphs through death?

For Christians, however, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The one sinner who repents... *there will be more joy in heaven - there will be rejoicing among the angels of God!* The sinner who acknowledges their wrongs, sets their heart straight with God invokes a party of Joy in heaven! That same party of Joy happens within our own heart and soul because we are freed of the bondage of sin. When we exist with our sin we are chained and held captive. There is no joy within us, and no joy comes from us. The one sinner who repents is broke free of the chains and running free in God's love. When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? When was the last time you allowed this Healing Sacrament to flow through you? Repent! Seek the Joy of the Lord and live a Life of Love! A joyous life that brings you closer and closer to the Heart of the Father! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 16.

Cash Raffle Tickets Available: The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st Prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th Prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618) 302-0391 or jar325@yahoo.com). Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 16.

Family Catechesis [PSR] online registration is available on the parish website. Check your Flocknote for information.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Carleen Fay (Kocher) Carlson. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

We are now accepting mass intentions through December 31, 2022. Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for All Souls Day or Christmas. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection: Today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests. Your gift is a

wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able.

2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

You have the opportunity to support the six men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$48,000. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

Respect Life Corner: "By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." - USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Thursday, September 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Sunday, September 25: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM, St. Joseph-Olney, before Mass.

Kudos to all the volunteer members and families for the Tootsie Roll Days at IGA this past Friday and Saturday!

Tremendous gratitude to St. Joseph School Staff for organization and cooperation for K of C Soccer Kick for PE classes 3rd – 8th, this past Thursday.

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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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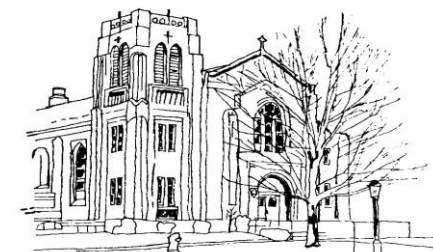
~ Sacraments ~

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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