

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. May 29	No Mass
Tue. May 30	5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. May 31	8:00 am For the Parish
Thu. June 1	6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. June 2	8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. June 3	4:00 PM (at Wendelin) 5:00 PM Jim & Mary Steber; Norman, Joseph & Carl Zwilling; James Mark Weiler
Sun. June 4	8:00 am Paul Wirth; Helen Hoffman 8:00 am (at Stringtown) 10:00 am (at Wendelin) 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler family
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR MAY 21

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$4,882 (80) Loose: \$86
Guatemala: \$95 (4) Communications: \$240 (10)
Cemetery: \$1,287 (22)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, May 28

- **Memorial Day Prayer and Cemetery Blessing.**
- 11 AM, Recognition of Deacon Steve Andrews' 10-year anniversary of his Diaconate Ordination at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

- Parish Offices closed.

Wednesday, May 31

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9 AM, Good Samaritan.**

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

Thursday, June 1

- 7 PM, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

Friday, June 2

- **9 AM, First Friday Communion Visitation.**
- **9 AM, Good Samaritan.**

Saturday, June 3

- 1 PM, Frohning/Bergbower Wedding at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
- 5 PM, Eucharistic Minister Training at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- **6 PM, Eucharistic Minister Training at St. Joseph-Olney**

Sunday, June 4

- **9 AM, Eucharistic Minister Training at St. Joseph-Olney**
- 9 AM, Eucharistic Minister Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 11 AM, Eucharistic Minister Training at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 11 AM, Eucharistic Minister Training at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, June 5

- 10 AM, Meeting of Diocesan Consultors at Chancery Office.
- 11 AM, Presbyterial Council Meeting at Chancery Office.
- 1 PM, Blessing of Diocesan Jansen Office Center.
- 4 PM, Priest Jubilee of Ordination Anniversary at St. Peter Cathedral.

Wednesday, June 7

- 12 PM (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting in Piopolis

Friday, June 9

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**

Saturday, June 10

- 2 PM, Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

* Thanks to everyone who made our successful school year possible! We could not do it without supportive families, active parishes, and a strong staff.

* Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM. Please call first. There will be times we cannot be in the office (carpet cleaning, banking, etc.).

* We will continue to order our Scrip/Raise Right cards all summer. Please place your orders by 9AM on Monday. Pick-up on Thursdays from 1PM - 3 PM. We also keep a large number of local cards on hand.

* Welcome to our newly hired staff for 2023-24:
Ashley Williams: Preschool, class of 2000
Conner Zuber: 2nd Grade, class of 2014
Kye Stallard: 4th Grade, class of 2014
Lisa Cummins: Paraprofessional, class of 1980
Laura Matthews: Paraprofessional, class of 1996
Paige Abell: Paraprofessional

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

May 15: Mike Doll (#719)
May 16: Doug Ginder (#424)
May 17: Cheryl Dill (#185)
May 18: Ashlee Hatten (#543)
May 19: Harold Weidner (#425)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Sarah Kocher, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.
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

We have just heard Jesus announce the new creation. Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. And then he announces that mutual forgiveness will be the mark by which his community will be recognized. As God has forgiven us in Jesus, we are to forgive one another as a sign of the new life we share.

St. Luke describes the coming of the Spirit in more dramatic fashion. As the Spirit descends on the disciples as tongues of fire, they begin to make bold proclamation of the Good News in an astounding way.

The same Spirit is given to each of us at our Baptism, and his presence has been strengthened in Confirmation. St. Paul points that that we are one in the Body of Christ because we all share the one Holy Spirit.

Each of us has special gifts which have been given to us as a way of manifesting the Spirit's presence in us. Our gifts are given, not for our own good, but for the good of others; when we use our gifts for others, we witness to our oneness in Christ. No one's gift or ministry or work is more important than anyone else's; all are needed for the unity of the community of the Church.

Each of us is important because we bring a gift or talent or way of working that no one else can bring to the group. We all lose something when an individual person's gifts are not welcomed or used in the community. We need one another in order to experience the full wonder of God's love for us.

This morning, we have prayed, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!" This is a bold request on our part. Are we really open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that God wants to give us? Are we willing to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to be drawn more deeply into the Mystery of God's love? Can we find new ways to use these gifts in our efforts to love one another during the day?

May this feast of Pentecost be a rebirthing in each of us of all the spiritual gifts that help us stay centered in the Holy Spirit.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Receive the Holy Spirit

Peace be with you! What does this mean when we say - *Peace be with you?* Are we asking for quiet - stillness - simplicity? Yes! Can this be achieved - not on our own! Peace is inner (*we decide who we listen to you - God or Satan*) and outer (*what we allow to enter - God or Satan*). The peace that God gives is not from this world - the joyous peace that God longs to give us is an inner and outer peace - *a peace that overshadows - envelops your whole being!* We acquire this peace when - HE is More and we are Less- this is done through prayer - receiving the Sacraments - reading and living the Word of God - seeking the Holy Spirit!

St. Augustine said, *our hearts are restless God until they rest in you - only in God - with God - does one find True Peace!* The absence of peace is chaos - we will find no inner or outer peace here. Let us remember to ask God to - Breathe on me O' breath of God -Breathe the gift of your Holy Spirit upon me - upon my life - upon us all! Journey onward asking the Holy Spirit to Work - then *True Peace will be with you!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Memorial Day Prayer and Cemetery Blessing, at each of our Catholic Cemeteries on Sunday, May 28. The priest, deacons and ministers will be present to honor not only our deceased military service men and women, but all our dead. Join us at one of our Catholic Cemeteries after our Sunday mass. St. Joseph-Stringtown and St. Joseph-Olney at 9:15 AM; Holy Cross-Wendelin at 11:15 AM; and 12:30PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in St. Francisville and Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Bridgeport. These short services will occur rain or shine.

May is the month for our annual St. Joseph Cemetery Fund collection. Please consider

giving to help with mowing expenses and general maintenance. You can give in the envelope provided with the May packet or put your contribution in an envelope marked "Cemetery Fund". **Please write out your check to "St. Joseph Cemetery Fund"**. We appreciate your help in making sure our cemetery remains one of the best kept in the area.

Annual Baby Bottle Project (BBP): Your change can change a life. We encourage everyone to continue to fill the baby bottles with your extra change and bills. This is a fundraising effort the entire family can enjoy together!

An invitation from Bishop McGovern: "With great joy, I announce that on Saturday, June 3, 2023, I will ordain 14 men of our Diocese to the Order of Deacon (Permanent Diaconate). The Liturgy will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 10 AM. All are invited to attend. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for ordination."

2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
*The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2023, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes. - *Bishop Michael McGovern and Agencies and Ministries Supported by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal*

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Thursday, June 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers. 2022-2023 meeting attendance \$75 drawing.
Thursday, June 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers.

Kudos to Knights of Columbus Flag carriers for Memorial Day Ceremonies: Olney- Dan, Steve, and Preston Kuenstler; Wendelin- Neal Weber and Dale Weidner; and Stringtown- Dan Zwilling and Scott Seiler.

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'Renewing the Vision'
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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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