

*Sunday, February 12, 2023*  
*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Feb. 13	No Mass
Tue. Feb. 14	No Mass
<b>Wed. Feb. 15</b>	<b>8:05 am Prayer Service</b>
Thu. Feb. 16	No Mass
<b>Fri. Feb. 17</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Sat. Feb. 18</b>	<b>11:00 am Paul Wirth Funeral</b> 4:00 PM (at Wendelin ) <b>5:00 PM Linda Gumble;</b> <b>Ed &amp; Mary Jo</b> <b>Zuber</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 19</b>	<b>8:00 am James Mark Weiler;</b> <b>Ed Weiler, Mr. &amp;</b> <b>Mrs. Ves Weiler;</b> <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wm.</b> <b>Faller</b> 8:00 am (at Stringtown) 10:00 am (at Wendelin) 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

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**OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 5**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$10,670.50 (92) Outreach: \$273  
Guatemala: \$316 (20)

*~ Kudos ~*

- ◆ To *Estella Zuber*, who celebrates her 98th birthday on February 14. Happy birthday! Cards can be sent to Estella in care of: StoneBridge 1304 N. East St., Olney.
- ◆ To *Nancy Hahn*, who celebrates her 96th birthday on February 18. Happy birthday!

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, February 12**

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

**Tuesday, February 14**

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

**Wednesday, February 15**

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

**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**

- **8 AM, Baptism**
- **8 AM, FFA present at Mass**
- 10 AM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 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!
- 11 AM, Mardi Gras Soup Supper at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day**

- **The Parish Office is closed.**
- **7 PM, School Board**

**Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

- **8:05 AM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes**
- 12 PM (Noon), Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Tuesday, February 14**

- K of C Spelling Bees for 5th-8th graders

**Wednesday, February 15**

- School Prayer Service, 8:05 AM (6th)

**Thursday, February 16**

- Early Dismissal, 12:10 PM

**Friday, February 17**

- No School (Parent-Teacher conferences)

**Monday, February 20**

- No School (Presidents' Day)

**Saturday, February 25**

- Boosters Pasta Night - Thanks to Tony and Tiffany Trupiano - to support our Sports and Music programs with our PTO Winter Carnival in the gymnasium - join us!

**Mark your calendars:** March 18 - Inaugural Bingo Bash to support the school's many activities and groups (Boosters, 8th grade activities, field trips, technology, curricular advancement).

\* Advance sales in the school office - Individual \$25 or buy a table for \$200 (reserved table for your group) \* Want to donate an auction item? Contact the school office. \* Want to donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull? Leave your wine in any of our parish collection boxes at the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling for a drop-off.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Jan. 30: Cathy Bunn (#082)

Jan. 31: Theresa Bowlby (#073)

Feb. 1: Brad & Mischelle Doll (#855)

Feb. 2: Juli Stewart (#799)

Feb. 3: Tony Young (#403)

**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:**

February 14 has become one of the strangest days in Western culture. It is widely celebrated by the name of "Valentine's Day," referring to the Catholic saint, Valentine.

However, in the mass celebrated on February 14, we don't actually celebrate St. Valentine on February 14. The general calendar states that February 14 is the memorial of "Sts. Cyril and Methodius."

While nearly the entire Western world celebrates "St. Valentine," the Church directs our attention to a pair of obscure Slavic saints. Why is that?

Historically speaking, February 14 has been associated with St. Valentine for centuries, dating back to some of the earliest calendars of the Catholic Church. However, it was not a single St. Valentine, but multiple saints. The various martyrologies of the Church contain twenty-two lives of canonized saints by the name of Valentine. Of these, nine are recorded as bishops, twelve as martyrs, most of the latter were priests; one was an officer in the army of Maximian and died at Ravenna. They are of all nationalities, Italians, French, Spaniards, Germans and Belgians. One of which was a 3rd-century Roman priest who was martyred for his Christian faith. There exist a number of legends that surround this particular saint, one of them claiming that he secretly wed couples.

In the Second Vatican Council document, Sacrosanctum Concilium, it was suggested that the liturgical year should be revised, and certain saints removed from the general calendar. A study was conducted by the Church, and St. Paul VI later explained in his motu proprio, *Mysterii Paschalis*, why some saints were removed and different ones added.

In order to execute this decision of the Ecumenical Council, the names of some saints have been removed from the universal Calendar ... The suppression of reference to a certain number of saints who are not universally known has permitted the insertion, within the Roman Calendar, of names of some martyrs of regions where the proclaiming of the Gospel arrived at a later date. Thus, as representatives of their countries, those who have won renown by the shedding of their blood for Christ or by their outstanding virtues enjoy the same dignity in this same catalogue.

While not martyrs, this does appear to be a reference to Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who proclaimed the Gospel to the Slavic people during the 9th century. The switch was an effort to make the calendar more "universal," as St. Paul VI states in his letter.

Also, it is believed that since there was doubt as to which St. Valentine was celebrated on February 14, his name was subsequently removed. Oddly enough, the document that authorized the changing of the calendar was dated February 14, 1969.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

*To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek Him the greatest adventure, to find Him the greatest human achievement.*

Love is in the air a tad more so this time of year. It should give one cause to think a moment about *who and what we love*. Ultimately, we are to love God first and foremost. However, when God is not priority or often even a thought, everything else in your life becomes your god. So what are the “ungod-like” things in your life? Where or Who do you struggle to love? Did you know, when you love one another, the Love of God is more evident in you! Seek the God that loves you - it leads to a Life of Love, and this is a journey you do not want to miss! 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*

Dr. Mark Ginter, catechist, theologian, author, and speaker, works to cultivate a new springtime of the Church through the new evangelization. As a husband, father, and grandfather, he works to renew Catholic family life. In 1997, he received a PhD in theology and psychology from Marquette University. For over 38 years, Dr. Ginter has taught in parishes, high schools, universities, and seminaries. Writing the first

academic article on St. John Paul II’s new evangelization, he met that great pope on Jan. 5, 2005. He led the publication of the recently released book, Spirit of God: Short Writings on the Holy Spirit. Currently, Dr. Ginter serves as strategic partnership liaison fellow for Franciscan University’s Catechetical Institute.

**Next weekend**, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. Our financial target is \$21,129. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. Please be as generous as you are able.

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

**Tuesday, February 14:** Spelling Bees at St. Joseph School, 5th Grade and grades 6th, 7th and 8th. Cash prizes!

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

**Friday, February 17:** Fish Fry Night, 5 PM - 7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building, to benefit the Senior Citizens Center.

**Kudos** to St. Joseph School Staff and 142 students in grades 3rd-8th for participating in the K of C Free Throw Competition! Winners ages 9-14 now qualify for the Regional at St. Anthony High School in Effingham. Students age 8 participate locally because they are in the third grade with 9-year-olds. Winners by age: 8- Masen Hatten & Ruby Jennings; age 9- Leo Tompson & Carlie VanBlaricum; age 10- Kolton McLaren & Laney Peavler; age 11- Knox Dorn & Leah Kuenstler; age 12- Austin Kuenstler & Carly Kessler; age 13- Carter Seaman & Lacie Hinterscherer; age 14- Carter Blank & Briley Wilson. Thanks to the score keeper, Dale Weidner!

**2023 Olney Knights of Columbus \$250 Senior Scholarships** are now available at the High School and in the church vestibule. Deadline is Wednesday, April 20. See the scholarship form for more information.

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208 South Elliott St.  
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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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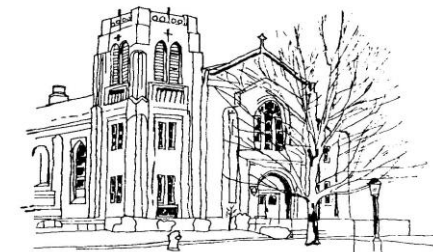
**~ Sacraments ~**

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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