

Collection Total for July 30, 2023

Envelopes: \$514.00
Loose: \$71.35
Total: \$585.35

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$22.00 (2)

August Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law
August Missalettes: For the Parish

-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.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

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!

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Dustin Levitt and Sarah Huddleston as they exchange their vows in the sacrament of matrimony this weekend.

PARISH NEWS:

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, August 6 – Holy Cross Parish Picnic 10am-10pm

Mass at HCW will remain as regularly scheduled on Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th.

Masses will be held outdoors. Please bring lawn chairs.

Chicken Dinner in Parish Center until 4pm. Ticket sales begin at 10:45am and end at 3:45pm. Ticket Number System – NO LINE!

Adults \$12, Children (6-12) \$6, Under 5 Eats FREE! Kid Games, Food, All Day Music, Raffle and LOTS MORE! Evening Entertainment: The Andy King Band at 7pm. Beer Tent Opens 12pm. Grounds must be cleared by 10pm.

Tuesday, August 8– A.S.A.P. Prayer group 9:30am St. Joseph -Stringtown

Future First Saturday Mass will be at Holy Cross-Wendelin at 9 AM on September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2

The Five First Saturdays have their beginnings in the message of Fatima, where Our Lady mentioned that she would request Communions of reparation be made on the first Saturday of every month. She explained the details of the devotion to Sr. Lucia in a later apparition in December of 1925, and the great promise given to those who practice it.

She said: *“I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”*

It is the perfect time to begin or continue our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to make reparation for own sins and for the innumerable insults and offenses to which she is subjected, and to obtain the great graces and promises attached to these devotions. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

NEW Study beginning August 9

Wed. evening 5:30 pm at Holy Cross Wendelin

Devil in the Castle by Dan Burke With St. Teresa of Avila’s masterpiece *The Interior Castle* as his guide, bestselling author Dan Burke takes you on an illuminating journey through the seven levels of spiritual progress, explaining what God is accomplishing within your soul at each stage, as well as the finely tailored demonic strategies applied to throw you off your path. This will be a GREAT Study with St. Teresa of Avila guiding us with her profound spiritual insight. If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble for more information.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

All MEN are invited to attend the Brothers in Christ group.

Where: Holy Cross Wendelin – Meet in Parish House

When: Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm

Topic: Into the Breach series with a brief video and discussion.

Come and join us in prayer, share in great conversation and brotherhood.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

We all have occasions of wanting to withdraw- to see different scenery- enjoy a quiet place- to have a moment to catch our breath. Our Lord Jesus Christ experienced these occasions and shares alongside us- even today! Our Lord continues to feed us and bestows gifts to us every day. The greatest of gifts is his (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) given to us at every Holy Mass. We share in this *Amazing Love at Mass*- we receive this *Amazing Love at Mass* - we become what we partake of at the *Mass*. Are you changed- healed- transformed by this *Amazing Love*? If not, why not? What is keeping you from being filled with this *Amazing Love*? Turn to God- Seek Him- for he alone satisfies-He alone is Love! Journey onward to the Kingdom! Live a Life of Love!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! *Keep to the J.O.Y.S*

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

The school office will be **closed** Monday, August 7 and Friday, August 11.

Open House: August 14th 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Confirmation Meeting: August 14th 5:30 pm in the MPR

First Day for K-8 students: Wednesday, August 16th with opening mass at 8:15 am
First Days for Preschool: Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th

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

YOU have the opportunity to support the 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 \$50,000. 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, August 10: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, August 17: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. (Note the time change.)

Sunday, August 20: Olney Council Member and Family Appreciation Free Picnic, 5PM at Doll’s Cabin.

Children division and adult division for egg toss and water balloon toss at 4:45. Horseshoe and corn hole partner competition after the meal. Winners receive cash prizes. If possible, if each family could bring a dessert: all other picnic items are provided.

Tootsie Rolls Days for the Intellectual Disabled that supports Richland County Special Olympic Programs and Special Needs Programs will be Friday, at IGA, September 15 and Saturday, September 16th at IGA and Wal-Mart. Contact Scott Seiler for available hour slots. Thank you for your continued support!

Congratulations to the Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty, V.G., as Chaplain for the Olney Council 3rd Degree and Friar for the Olney 4th Degree Assembly 229!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:

How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? Faith and Poverty: A Global Response was developed in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and explores God’s call to respond to poverty in the global community, equipping participants to take action in solidarity with those whose lives are affected by severe poverty around the world. To participate in Faith and Poverty: A Global Response, a JustFaith Catholic program, join our small group on zoom on Fridays September 8-November 3 from 10 a.m.- noon. For more information, visit justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-global-response-jfc/. For a specific program summary and outline, visit <https://justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/JustFaith-Catholic-Global-Program-Booklet.pdf>.

To register go to <https://justfaith.org/faith-poverty-a-global-response-st-louis-fall-2023-small-group/>.



Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday August 6, 2023
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday August 7, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”
Tuesday August 8, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday August 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday August 10, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday August 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday August 12, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday August 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at **St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider+”**
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

08/06/2023	08/13/2023
Servers: Natalie Ochs Grayson Sterchi	Servers: Mallory Kocher Gus Kocher
Lector: Laura Sterchi	Lector: Jocelyn Kocher
Eucharist Minister: Lisa Boehl	Eucharist Minister: Jamie Kocher
Gifts: John Ochs Family	Gifts: Tom Kocher Family
Ushers: Elmer Ochs Doug Kocher	Ushers: Werner Kocher Ian Kocher
Greeters: Ralph & Sue MacIntier	Greeters: Elmer & Mary Ochs

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