

Sunday, February 26, 2023
1st Sunday of lent

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Feb. 27	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. Feb. 28	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar. 1	8:05 am	For the Parish
Thu. Mar. 2	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar. 3	8:00 am	Special Intention
Sat. Mar. 4	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM	Bob & Bev Weber;
		Tony & Alice
		Schneider;
		John Tredway
Sun. Mar. 5	8:00 am	For the Parish
	8:00 am	(at Stringtown)
	10:00 am	(at Wendelin)
	10:00 am	(at Lawrenceville)

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OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 19

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$13,093 (107) Loose: \$329
Guatemala: \$110 (3)

~ **Kudos** ~

- ◆ To newly baptized *Lucas Andrew Peavler*, child of Michael and Micah (Georges) Peavler.

* **AROUND OUR PARISHES** *

Sunday, February 26

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**
- 11 AM, Confirmation Retreat at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, February 27

- 7 PM, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 28

- 1:30 PM, Personnel Board Meeting in Belleville

Wednesday, March 1

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9 AM, Confirmation Retreat**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, March 2

- **5 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting**
- 7 PM, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 3

- **9 AM, First Friday Communion Visitation**
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Sunday, March 5

- **8 AM, CYM assisting at Mass**
- **9 AM, CYM Meeting**
- 6:30 PM, Parish Mission at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, March 6

- 6:30 PM, Parish Mission at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 7

- 6:30 PM, Parish Mission at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 8

- 12 PM (Noon), East Vicariate Clergy Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- **6:30 PM, Parish Mission**

Friday, March 10

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 7 PM, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Saturday, February 25

- Join us for the Boosters Pasta Dinner - featuring Joe's special sauce! Thanks to Tony and Tiffany and the Trupiano family's ongoing commitment to our school. We will serve 4:30 PM- 7 PM in the cafeteria. Take out is available. The PTO Carnival is happening in the gymnasium - play some games and have a great time!

Wednesday, March 1

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (4th)

Saturday, March 18

- Inaugural Bingo and Auction event starting at 5:30 PM! Enjoy Bingo, games, live and silent auction items! \$25 for single tickets and \$200 to reserve a table of 8. Tickets/tables on sale in the school office. We are also collecting donated wine for our wine pull. You can leave your wine donation in the back of any of our churches.

Thanks to the many family members and parishioners who attended Ash Wednesday mass with us. It made the beginning of Lent that much more special for our children and staff.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 13: Russell Brooks (#420)
Feb. 14: Jackson Young (#140)
Feb. 15: Shannon Kittle (#749)
Feb. 16: Shelley Steber (#500)
Feb. 17: Jason Lynch (#562)

Let Us Pray For: Julia Eichhorst, Michelle Kessler, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway 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:

St. Matthew's Gospel provides details of the nature of the test that Jesus experienced in the desert: to be a different kind of Messiah, to find a quicker or more spectacular way to win people over, to employ a one-shot way of doing God's Will that would make everybody happy.

In other words, Jesus was tempted to be someone other than who God called him to be. This test in the desert was simply the beginning. The temptation dogged Jesus every day of his ministry. The voices came in all different shapes and sizes - expelled demons, Pharisees, Sadducees, family, friends, even some of his closest disciples. Screaming, whispering or shrieking, the voices of temptation tried to dissuade Jesus from being himself, to lose his focus, to abandon his mission, to turn away from his role in God's plan of salvation. Even as the life drained out of his body on Golgotha, Jesus still heard the voices of temptation taunting, "You saved others, save yourself. Come down from that cross."

All of us are tempted to be someone other than who God calls us to be. Voices around us, voices within us attempt to convince us that we would be happier, healthier, more successful, powerful and persuasive if we were someone - anyone - other than who we are.

We are most like Jesus when we strive to be faithful to God's plan for us. We are most like Jesus when we are faithful to our unique role in God's plan of salvation for others. We are most like Jesus when we refuse the temptation to settle for less, to sell ourselves short, to look for a short cut. We flirt with the easier, the more convenient, or the more popular way of trying to do what is right, of trying to do what is good, of trying to do what is just.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Not Today Satan- Do you find yourself thinking this or saying this phrase throughout the day? Possibly you wish you had, or even wished someone would have told you to say it sooner. These days of Lenten penitence one might find themselves a bit more vulnerable-*it is here where the evil one lies in wait to strike!* Have courage and be assured-God is bigger than the strikes and we are to trust! So this Lent serve God in all that you say and do – Live a Lent of Trust and Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

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*

"Please, may I introduce you to my Friend, the Holy Spirit?"

* *Monday, March 6 at St. Joseph-Stringtown*

"How did extraordinary faith at 16 help me to face my brother's sudden death?"

* *Tuesday, March 7 at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville*

"What hope do I have that my children and I will remain Catholic until the end?"

* *Wednesday, March 8 at St. Joseph-Olney*

"How do I love God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength?"

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.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Catherine "Katie" Hahn. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

The CYM youth and leaders would like to thank everyone that helped support the Spaghetti Lunch last Sunday at Holy Cross. The meal was a success and we had a great turnout!

The family of Catherine "Katie" Hahn want to thank Father Felix and Steve and the staff at Kistler-Patterson funeral home for a lovely mass and service. We also want to thank Theresa Zwilling for the music and for all of the wonderful ladies who prepared a delicious meal for us.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Friday, March 3: Fish Fry, serving from 5 PM-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building, to benefit Richland County Hope. Open to the public. Dine in or carry-out. Adults: \$12, children 12 and under: \$6.

Thursday, March 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.

Sunday, March 12: Regional Free Throw Competition, 1 PM. Twelve winners from the 176 participants at St. Joseph qualify to participate at Breese Mater Dei, High School.

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

Saturday, March 25: State Spelling Bee at Central Catholic High School, Bloomington, IL, 1PM. Four winners qualify out of the 72 participants from St. Joseph School. The qualified winners in order are Miles Tompson, Rebekah Fleming, Carly Seiler, and Katelyn Bookhout.

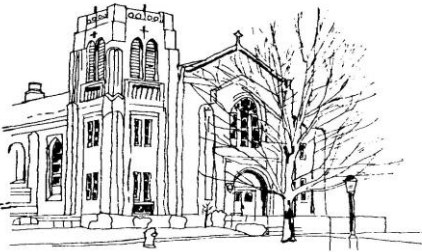
Kudos to new member Dale Weidner and an all-day volunteer at the K of C Free throws at St. Joe!

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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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