

Collection Total for June 4, 2023

Envelopes: \$1240.00
Loose: \$36.20
Total: \$1276.20

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$110.00 (4)
Religious Edu: \$225.00 (6)

June Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

June 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.

PARISH NEWS:

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.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, June 12, 5:30pm to 7:00pm, Senator Plummer will be available at Pizza Fast for a sponsored meet and greet. This would be a great time to speak positively about Illinois "Invest in Kids" act which allows individuals to make a contribution to invest in scholarships for private school tuition while receiving a state tax credit.

Tuesday, June 13, 9:30am A.S.A.P. Prayer Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, June 16, 10:00am, Guatemala Sister Parish gathering at St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon

Saturday, June 17, 2:00pm, Woodrow/Pace Holy Cross Wedding at St. Stephen Flora

Sunday, June 18, FATHER'S DAY

Tuesday, June 20, A.S.A.P. Prayer Group at St. Joseph Stringtown Starting a BOOK STUDY--Fatima for Today--Beginning on Rosary at 9:30 am with Book Study immediately following. If you would like to participate contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

Monday, June 19, Juneteenth—Offices Closed

Sunday, June 25, 11:00am, Open House of remodeled rectory and Blessing of Religious Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER'S BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

The Baby Bottle Project (BBP) is a fundraising effort the whole family can enjoy! Simply take a bottle home provided to you at church and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting local pro-life efforts. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

A small group has been formed to provide some family gatherings throughout the year for our parish family. If you have any suggestions or want to help with any events, please see a committee member. Let's get our parish family active together!

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Ice cream social on July 23rd:

We will be hosting an ice-cream social @ 2 pm-???. Ice-cream, cookies/brownies, and topping will be provided. Please bring your own drinks if you want something other than water. There is plenty of space to get some games started, so feel free to bring outdoor games and lawn-chairs.

Donut Sundays: June 18th, July 23, August 27th

----Mary Zwilling will be putting together a list for watering flowers. Please watch Facebook for more information on this. If you are not on Facebook, let Mary know if you are interested in helping. It would be very helpful if those who water flowers also check the weeds. Thank you to Carol Hahn for working on cleaning out the weeds.

PICNIC NEWS:

Envelopes are in the back of church containing this year's raffle list and raffle tickets. The envelopes are all unmarked this year, but all have the same contents. The picnic workers' list is also being worked on. The list will be out on the last Sunday in May. If you are unable to work this year's picnic (July 16th) please let us know now so that we can adjust the workers list accordingly **PICNIC BASKET STAND COMMITTEE:** needs your help! We are asking each parish family to donate one basket OR a donation of \$15- \$20 so we can put a basket together for you. If you choose to donate a filled basket, there is an idea list in the back of church. The contents should be valued at \$15 and should be ready by July 2nd. You may put your filled baskets in the back of church for pick up. If you're donating money, please put the donation in an envelope and place in the donation can in the vestibule as soon as possible so we have time to shop for items. Donations may also be given to any committee member listed at the end of this announcement. If you or several families would like to go together and make a larger basket for the individual basket raffle, contact Mona. We appreciate everyone's time and effort in helping the basket stand be a success. Questions? Contact Mona Kocher @ 618-843-6662 or 618-869-2498, Janette Kocher @618-843-1650, Mary Zwilling @ 618-562-8433, or Kathy Zuber (Justin) @ 618-869-2306.

THE WINE PULL STAND is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year's Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of

church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Please have all donations dropped off or contact Janice by Monday, July 10th.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our Good Father always provides, always supplies, and is always there. We often journey through life failing to remember the goodness of God. The one place that offers true comfort, peace, and restoration is the Most Holy Eucharist. It is here where the mystery of love is unveiled, and we enter the heavenly banquet. When you find yourself despairing, or unsure of what the future holds - remember that the God who created the universe also- *created you*. You are loved and precious in His sight and he will never – ever - leave you! Come to the banquet and receive the Most Holy Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the One Who created you in His own image. You are LOVED! Come and journey onward to a Life of Love - a life with God! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK:

Today we celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. So that we might intimately be united with God's goodness, Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist. Our Savior desires us to be united to Him by a union so strong and close that we are marked with His features. In receiving the Eucharist our Lord carries us and does in us works altogether performed by Him. Whoever turns to the Eucharist frequently, and in a holy manner, builds up his or her spiritual health. If fruits that are tender and most subject to decay, such as strawberries, can easily be preserved a whole year in sugar and honey, it is no wonder that our hearts, no matter how frail and weak, are preserved by the spiritually real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

After you have received our Lord in the Eucharist, talk with Him about your inmost concerns. Reflect that He is within you and has come there for your happiness. Make Him as welcome as you possibly

can. Conduct yourself in such a manner that by your actions all may know that God is with you. Receive the Eucharist often. Two kinds of people ought to receive the Eucharist often: the strong and the weak. The strong, lest they become weak, and the weak that they may become strong. The sick that they may be cured, those in good health, that they may not fall sick. Persons who are involved in many worldly affairs need it. Those who labor much and are heavily burdened need to eat solid food and often.

In the Eucharist our Savior advances, strengthens and nourishes us with His self-giving love. Since Christ gives Himself totally to us in this Divine Sacrament, ought we not to give ourselves totally to Him, who is at once both Gift and Giver.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Bonus Bucks/Raise Right: Last order for the 2023 school year is Monday, June 19th. It is never too late to start earning tuition money for your students (grandkids) for the following school year. Orders for the 2024-25 school year begin June 26th. Thanks to everyone who is participating! The school earned \$15,000 this year with our program. If you want more information about participating, contact the school office.

The annual giving printer proof letter was mailed this past week - donations received before May 5/10 will be recognized in this letter. All donations received after May 10th will be recognized in our final list this fall.

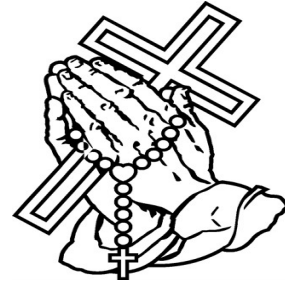
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, June 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. Election of 2023-2024 Officers.
Sunday June 25: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM, before the Olney St. Joseph Mass.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

There will be a Quit Raffle to help end Dementia & Alzheimer's. The quilt will be on display in the window at the First National Bank in Olney, during

the month of June. \$1.00 per ticket. After June, please call Kathy Zuber at (618) 869-2306 for tickets or information about the Mattoon/Charleston walk on September 16th. This is a summer project so the drawing will be September 1st.



Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday June 11, 2023
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, June 10, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, June 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Hermina Zuber+, Bill & Catherine Zwilling+"
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Monday, June 12, No Mass
Tuesday, June 13, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, June 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, June 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, June 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, June 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, June 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Kathy Zuber+ & Raymond Zuber+"
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

<u>06/11/2023</u>	<u>06/18/2023</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Owen Kocher Alex Schneider	<u>Servers:</u> Carter Seaman Julian Seaman
<u>Lector:</u> Kylie Kocher	<u>Lector:</u> Hank Ginder
<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Jenny Hancock	<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Beth Kocher
<u>Gifts:</u> Paul & Ellen Steber Family	<u>Gifts:</u> Shelly Seaman
<u>Ushers:</u> Ray Schneider Doug Kocher	<u>Ushers:</u> Gary Kocher Owen Kocher
<u>Greeters:</u> Werner & Janette Kocher	<u>Greeters:</u> Doug & Lora Kocher

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