



### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

St. Joseph School students raised \$1,416.84 for Catholic Relief Services through our Rice Bowl collection!

**Wednesday, April 24th** - Walk/Bike to School Day & Neighborhood Clean-Up

**Friday, April 26th** - 4th Grade State Fair Project Displays

**Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th** - First Communion

Please keep all of our second graders in your prayers.

Parents of recently confirmed 8th grade students: Your student's photo during Confirmation (anointing by the bishop) can be found on the school's FB page.

### **Important Dates:**

Friday, May 3rd - Early Dismissal 10:50am

Friday, May 10th - Final Band Concert 3pm in the Gymnasium

Wednesday, May 15th - Graduation Mass 8:15am and Graduation Ceremony 7pm in the courtyard (weather permitting)

Monday, May 20th - Preschool Promotion 11am in the church

Tuesday, May 21st - Last Day for K-7 students 11am Dismissal and Field Day

### **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sunday, April 28:** Knights led Rosary at Olney St. Joseph, 7:40AM.

**Kudos** to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard at Confirmation, April 12th; Mike Doll, Elmer Weiler, Dan Kuentler, Steve Kuentler, Matt Zuber, Dan Zwilling, Hank Ginder, and new members Rodney Ochs and Scott Seiler. Present 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members wishing to be 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members please consider being in the Honor Guard by contacting Steve Kuentler or Hank Ginder for more information.

**Knight of the Month:** Rodney Ochs being available for every fish fry night!

### **BIBLE STUDY:**

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am in Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll also use our imaginations to enter the scene, create the characters, and be there in the world of the reading.

### **FLAG DROP BOX:**

A 24 hour drop box has been placed outside the Wakefield Mill, to accept used and battered/torn American Flags. Ste Marie American Legion Post #932 has placed this as a convenience so that you have a place to have your worn and torn American Flags to be disposed of. The American Legion, will monitor the box and recover the flags and dispose of them in proper ceremony at the Legion. If you are interested in getting a replacement flag for your business or home, the legion has them for sale. Please contact Commander Ben Ochs at 618-554-8098 and he will let you know the price and make arrangements to get you a new flag. Legion Post #932 appreciates our community support of this great project.

### **EMMAUS DAYS:**

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

### **DIOCESAN SPRING FARM BLESSING:**

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Spring Farm Blessing**, which will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you or directions are available on the flier in the church. Those attending are invited to bring

harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

### **REBUILD/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

#### **This weekend (April 20-21) after each Mass!**

The fund-raising committee will share the most up to date information about the rebuilding process for Holy Cross Church. There will be a short talk after each mass, a handout will be available, and a variety of pictures and items will be on display for all to see.

### **2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:**

#### ***Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100***

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

### **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL:**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which generously supports ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese each year. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were  
made, alleluia.**



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

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**Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm**

**Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

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