April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter <u>+Eucharistic Celebrations+</u>

Saturday, April 20, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Wayne Kessler+" "Fidelis & Lorene Kuhl+" Sunday, April 21, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Lowell & Hermina Buerster+" "Leo Volk+" Monday, April 22, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Tuesday, April 23, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 24, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney Thursday, <u>April</u> 25, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Joseph Weber & Lorraine Smithenry Families"

Friday, April 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Saturday, April 27, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Deceased Members of the Henry & Mary Volk Family+" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney Sunday, April 28, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For First Communicants" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. April 14, 2024

(61) Envelope Collection: \$1,912.25 Loose \$202.00 Total: \$2,114.25 (11) Building Fund: \$545.00 (1) Cemetery: \$500.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, April 17th - \$198,109.78 has been received from 207 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Fr. Mark Stec, Mary Beth Scherer

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Dave & Tammy	Jason Warfel
Rudolphi	
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
Christine Hall	Kristi Sandschafer
Dave Rauch	Ginny Zwilling
Lynn Weidner	Paul Kocher
Lectors:	Lectors:
Maria Rudolphi	Melissa Weidner
Money Counters:	
Gregg & Milissa Weber	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Toby Hall	Gregg Weber
Hank Weidner	Jim Rauch

CRMH COMMUNION:

Apr. 21 – Martha Deimel (618)-663-8275 May 12 – Lynn Weidner (618)-723-2426 May 19 – Marge Kessler (618)-843-6841 Jun. 9 – Diane Schackmann (217)-343-8799 Jun. 16 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083 Jun. 30 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. April 20 – Mattux Hart, Martin Stephans
Sun. April 21 – Brooke & Braden Weidner
Sat. April 27 – Ian Kessler, Hank Weidner
Sun. April 28 – Alex Street, Ethan Deckard

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 23 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm Wednesday, April 24 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm Thursday, April 25 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm Saturday, April 27 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm Sunday, April 28 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am

First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 10am

Sunday, May 5 – Closing Family Catechesis Mass, CYM Mass, and May Crowning at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am with Reception including Sacrament Recognition Following in Parish Center

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:

If you would like to change your job for any reason or will be unavailable on picnic day, please contact Christine Hall 618-554-2019, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305, Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, or Kim Correll 618-676-5789 **by May 26**th. After that you will be required to find your own replacement.

ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER:

Deacon Jack and Regina Shuster will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 26th. Let's celebrate and shower them with love. If you would like to send them a card for this special occasion, please mail to: 209 S. Elliott Street, Olney, IL 62450. Congratulations and Happy 50th Anniversary to Deacon Jack and Regina!

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph-Stringtown for all parishes! June 23-25th from 6-8pm for Pre-K through 5th grade! Please make plans to join us or volunteer to help.

JOB OPENING:

St. Joseph Church-Olney is accepting applications for the Administrative Assistant position in our Parish Office. Interested applicants can send a cover letter and résumé to the Parish Office or School Office.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our choices are just that- *Ours- and so are the consequences*! We freely (free will) decide our actions and that carries over into how we treat

people! Do we treat others with Christ-like love? Or do we exclude- ignore- scandalize? Our choicesour actions speak volumes about our soul- about who we serve and to whom we belong! What do your actions say? Is Jesus the Good Shepherd who you follow and whose voice you hear? Or is it the voice of the world? Our gracious Lord Jesus freely gave his life- freely he endured all -the trialsscourging-ridicule- loneliness- abandonment- freely he endured-because of OUR choices! Let us pick up and embrace our -own- cross and choose to be Christ-like. Journey onward to the Kingdomchoosing- hearing- and listening to the Good Shepherd. St. Faustina, pray for us! Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

"Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska" the Saint of Divine Mercy Please let Kristi or Caroline know if you are joining us again, or for the first time!

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

April - Divine Mercy -

Live Your Catholic Faith – Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish.

Send a "Thank You"- "Praying for You"- "You are Special"- "Get Well" card. Pray a Rosary for them and support their works. Participate in: Sisters in Christ, Brothers in Christ, Family Catechesis, Stringtown Study, CYM. Schedule an appointment for Spiritual Direction. Live the Easter Joy! **Our Family Prayer** - Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

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 4th Degree Honor Guard at Confirmation, April 12th; Mike Doll, Elmer Weiler, Dan Kuenstler, Steve Kuenstler, Matt Zuber, Dan Zwilling, Hank Ginder, and new members Rodney Ochs and Scott Seiler. Present 4th Degree members or 3rd Degree members wishing to be 4th Degree members please consider being in the Honor Guard by contacting Steve Kuenstler 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 place outside the Wakefield Mill, to accept used and battered/torn American Flags. Ste Marie American Legion Post #932 has placed this as convenience so that you have 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 disposed 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!

<u>REBUILD/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE:</u> 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.

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.



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