

## February 23, 2025

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### +Eucharistic Celebrations+

**Saturday, February 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “The Family of Lawrence & Georgia Klingler, Kenny Klingler+, & Carl Klingler”**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, February 23, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Betty Smithenry+”**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Monday, February 24, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Tuesday, February 25, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, February 26, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, February 27, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Clifford & Gertrude Rauch+”**

**Friday, February 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, March 1, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parishes” 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Augustine & Lorena Ochs and Andy Ochs+”**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, March 2, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kenneth & Pauline Kistner+”**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. February 16, 2025

(88) Envelope Collection: \$3,561.00

Loose: \$336.00 **Total: \$3,987.00**

(11) Building Fund: \$615.00 (19) Easter Flowers: \$875.00 (2) First Offering: \$10.00 (1) Black & Indian Missions: \$20.00 (3) Rebuild: \$1,530.00

#### HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** As of Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - **\$260,946.90** has been received from 355 donations – thank you!

#### \*MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS\*

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<b><u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u></b> Brent & Sharon Edwards	<b><u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u></b> Henry & Sandi Kessler
<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Sherry Geier Dave Rauch Christine Hall Josy Hart	<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Martha Deimel Sandi Kessler Missy Buerster Ellen Weber
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> Jennifer Rudolphi	<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> Amy Heuerman
<b><u>Money Counters:</u></b> *Henry & Sandi Kessler*	
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Toby Hall Mark Rudolphi Tim Weidner Kelly Geier	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Henry Kessler Ben Street Ben Niebrugge Danny Quinn

#### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK**

Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Tim Lidy

#### **CRMH COMMUNION:**

**February 16** – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900

**March 9** – Martha Deimel (217) 663-8275

**March 16** – Lynn Weidner (618) 843-0361

**March 30** – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841

**April 13** – Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799

**April 20** – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

#### **MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. February 22** – Ian Kessler, Caleb & Kelby Iffert

**Sun. February 23** – Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

**Sat. March 1** – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

**Sun. March 2** – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard

#### **PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, February 23** – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin Youth Space, 5:30pm.

**Monday, February 24** – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.

**Tuesday, February 25** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church. OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

**Wednesday, February 26** – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

**Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**

**Thursday, February 27** – Confirmation Retreat at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:30am-2:00pm. *Please pray for the Confirmandi and Confirmation Retreat Team Members.*

**Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.**

**Saturday, March 1** – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

**Saturday, March 8** – St. Joseph School Bingo Bash at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center

**Friday, March 14** – Newton Knights of Columbus Lenten Fry-Day Fish Fry to benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project, Newton KC Hall, 4:30-7:00pm.

#### **BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:**

Happy Birthday to Carl Kessler! He is turning 85 on March 4<sup>th</sup> and would love to receive cards to celebrate. Please send cards to Carl at 1211 Shurron Street, Olney, IL 62450.

#### **BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:**

Judy Hemrich is turning 80! An open house in her honor will be held on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish Center from 1:30pm-4pm. Everyone is invited! Please no gifts but cards would be appreciated!

#### **THANK YOU:**

Huge thank you to everyone that came out to support and volunteer at the CYM Spaghetti Lunch

last Sunday despite the winter weather. CYM as a whole greatly appreciates all the ongoing support and love from our awesome partnership of parishes that makes our youth program and summer mission trips possible!

#### **TAX CONTRIBUTIONS:**

If you don't see yours in the boxes, please contact the Parish Office to get a copy.

#### **POINSETTIAS:**

Please take a poinsettia from the table in the gathering space if you would like one. Thank you!

#### **PALMS:**

Reminder to bring your Blessed Palms to church over the next two weekends. There will be a basket in the vestibule.

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

The power of our words is mighty - mightier than a two-edged sword. I recall as a child, hearing the words, *“Sticks, and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!”* Sadly, we soon realize, that this is not true! When we measure others- speak uncharitably- with words of unkindness, disrespect, slander- it is like taking a feather pillow-ripping it open and letting the feathers scatter in the wind. Once this is done, it is impossible to collect all the feathers again- *the damage has been done.* Let us Live a Life of Love that does not measure others, but responds to others with *kindness- gentleness- patience-* this is the Christ-like way. Keep the feathers in your pillow and let us scatter words of Love! Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry or signing up your child(ren) ages 3 to 6, please contact Caroline, Ashley, or Anna Land (618)-508-2011.

### **BAPTISM:**

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing [ctrimblepa@gmail.com](mailto:ctrimblepa@gmail.com) or calling 618-263-7106.

### **SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested. **Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm** at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available).

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

**Thank you** to the local Knights of Columbus for sponsoring spelling bees for our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and a Hoop Shoot competition for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders! **Wednesday, February 26**- Early release at 1:50 **Thursday, February 27**- Confirmation retreat for St. Joseph School students at Stringtown.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WINE PULL:**

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash is quickly approaching! It is not too late to donate unopened bottles of wine for this year's Wine Pull. So far, our donations are a little lower than in past years. With your help, we can make this another successful event! If you have a bottle or two to donate, please drop off in one of the church boxes by March 2nd. You can drop off at the school office up until Friday, March 7th. Thank you!

### **ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us. To turn away from evil and wrongdoing takes

character! Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? You might learn how at Bible Study!

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

**Sunday, February 23** – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am before Mass at SJO. **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** – First fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7pm at the Olney City Park Community Building. **Thursday, March 13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off of MPR at St. Joseph-Olney. **Thursday, March 20** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off of MPR at St. Joseph-Olney. **Congratulations to Knights of Columbus 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee Winners** – 1<sup>st</sup> - Yzabella Biyok, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Camden Blank, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Nora McClain, 4<sup>th</sup> - Leah Kuenstler, 5<sup>th</sup> - Levi Rudolphi, 6<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Lambird. Top three winners qualify for the Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee at Mt. Vernon at St. Mary's Parish Center at 10:30am on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Yzabella, Camden, and Nora!

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**



“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

### **VOCATION CORNER:**

“People often discover their vocation to religious life at Mass or in adoration, but I “heard the call” while literally receiving a phone call! Before this life-changing moment during my last semester of college, I had spent about a year growing in my spiritual life through spiritual direction and getting to know members of Pro Ecclesia Santa. I was attracted to their joy, their charism to live and promote holiness, and their closeness to the Sacred Heart. But I was wrestling with the question of whether God was really calling *me*

to religious life. Speaking on the phone with a potential roommate for the following year, I knew deep down that I was fooling myself. I didn't need to make housing plans; God wanted me to say “yes” to my vocation and move in with the sisters. Whatever your state of life, say ‘yes’ to God's will and let yourself be surprised by his loving plans for you. “Sister Leann Luecke; Pro Ecclesia Santa; *Columbia Magazine* – July/Aug. 2023

### **RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:**

Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. You may sign up by emailing [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org). Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

### **CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**

Ladies Altar Sodality is looking for sponsors for the drawings each month. If you are interested in donating an item(s) for the cake/craft drawing, please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office. The next drawing will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and sponsor(s) are still needed for Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SURROUNDING PARISH EVENTS:**

St. Mary's Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am-12 noon at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie! Menu will include sausage links & ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads & fruit, and juice, milk, & coffee. Adults are \$10, Children (4-10) are \$5, and children 3 and under are free! Bake sale will also be sponsored by the youth group.

### **LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:**

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com), click on the red YouTube image in the top right corner of the screen. Please share with those who may not be able to attend in person.

### **Sunday, February 23, 2025** **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Oh Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.



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

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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