

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, September 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Robert Staser+"

Sunday, September 15, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Lowell & Hermina Buerster+"

Monday, September 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, September 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, September 18, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, September 19, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "William & Matilda Klingler+"

Friday, September 20, NO MASS

Saturday, September 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ronald Hemrich, Lowell, Royal, and JV Weidner Family Living & Deceased+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, September 22, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Kevin Frohning+"

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. September 8, 2024

(73) Envelope Collection: \$2,423.25

Loose: \$249.00 **Total: \$2,672.25**

(11) Building Fund: \$890.00 (27) Retired Priest: \$740.00 (1) World Mission: \$50.00

(3) Rebuild: \$840.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, September 11th - **\$221,826.90** has been received from 279 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Mary Beth Scherer, Don & Norie Staley, Josh Ross (Husband of Michelle (Frohning) Ross)

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Kevin & Heather Blank	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Henry & Sandi Kessler
<u>Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Kristy Weidner Christine Hall David Rauch	
<u>Lectors:</u> Victoria Rudolphi	
<u>Money Counters:</u> *Mark & Jeannie Nix*	
<u>Ushers:</u> Carl Weidner Dave Rauch Toby Hall Kevin Blank	<u>Ushers:</u> Jerome Kistner Danny Quinn Henry Kessler Aaron Eggers

CRMH COMMUNION:

Sept. 29 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

Oct. 13 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

Oct. 20 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. September 14 – Hank & Boyd Weidner

Sun. September 15 – Karly & Ethan Deckard

Sat. September 21 – Noah & Levi Rudolphi

Sun. September 22 – Brooke & Braden Weidner

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, September 15 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney; **Red Plate Blessings for 1st Graders at ALL MASSES**

Tuesday, September 17 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm

Women's Small Group, Holy Cross Parish House, 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 18 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Thursday, September 19 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm or Following Mass

Saturday, September 21 – Middle School Night at St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass

Sunday, September 22 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Praise and Worship, 7pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. All are welcome!

Sunday, September 29 – Young Adults Theology on Top – More details to follow!

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP:

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. We will be reading Light of Assisi: The Story of St. Clare. Young women interested should contact Amy Sandschafer at 217-240-1599. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday's at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT:

The Family Catechesis ministry is an Award Winner of a prestige grant from Catholic Extension with funding via the Lily Foundation. This is a significant grant award that will benefit our families in our parishes. There will be a "Listening Session" in the near future - most likely early November- with representatives from Catholic Extension attending to meet with our parishioners. There will be more details forth-coming.

PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM RENOVATION:

We have been fortunate to have the remodeled Parish House meeting space as it has been used by numerous groups and for multiple purposes since the fire. The Sisters in Christ group continues to grow with more than 30 women who participate in this group on a regular basis. All the furniture purchased for this purpose is used, in addition to the kitchen chairs, several folding chairs, and the seat in front of the fireplace. At times, someone still must sit on the floor. Before and after meetings, most of the furniture must be moved, regardless of who the group is that meets

there. Removing a wall between two classrooms in the hall is a solution for this "problem" of too many people coming together for the space. In addition, the picnic committee would make use of a meeting space in the hall as that is where their event occurs and supplies are housed, making it easy to check inventory and other items. While larger groups can meet in the hall as is, the acoustics do not work well for group conversation, the furniture must be arranged and re-arranged before and after meetings, and the classrooms serve no purpose other than storage if left as is. Ben Niebrugge feels that it is a manageable task to repurpose the space with flooring and drywall work being two of the main expenses. If any parishioner has questions about this, or any topic discussed at Council meetings, we encourage you to attend a meeting and voice your questions. The next meeting will be on October 10, 2024, after mass.

FR. FELIX ADDRESS:

As many of you know, Fr. Felix is in South Carolina for officer training. Please remember to pray for him over the next few months. He will be back with us in December. His address is:

Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course
Class #24-003

Cpt. Felix Chukwuma
USA-IRL

1011 Liberty Division Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090

During this time of Fr. Felix's absence, Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Jurek will be here with us to help with weekend Mass rotations. Welcome Fr. Dan!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(OCIA): Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you must do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation.

This is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October. Contact Caroline Trimble, if interested or have questions.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Our deepest sympathy to the Deane Ochs family. Deane died September 4th – with burial at Holy Cross beside his wife, Carol (Buerster) Ochs. ***May Deane rest in the peace & love of our Lord.***

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. A powerful verse from the Gospel of Mark, and one that is challenging. We all desire to follow Jesus and want to spend eternity with Him in heaven. However, there are choices and decisions we must make and live out to truly be one of his followers. This is where it becomes uncomfortable- for we must die to self and carry our own cross! You might be thinking- really- I am supposed to deny myself- you mean give up things- likes- desires- wants- and dare one say- even suffer- possibly even be asked to make a stand for one's religious convictions! Then, take all of that- and pick up my cross with any other concerns-worry- hurts- problems-and carry it? You mean, like Jesus did when he walked the Via Dolorosa- the way of the Cross- to Calvary? That is a lot to ask... that is a lot for me to do.... *Yes-It is...* but Jesus did it first and shows us the way! We do not carry it alone- suffer alone- our Lord carries- walks- encourages us along the way. This day- *Begin Again*- die to self- offer it up- and give that time-energy- to Jesus! Pick up and carry your cross with a joyful heart and then you will be following Jesus- this is our path. Remember this world is not our Home- we are just passing through. So, journey onward and Live a Life of Love- it is the only path that leads to God and will bring us to Eternal happiness! Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!**

MASS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

First Friday Masses at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am. There will **NOT** be any other Friday morning masses during these months.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Early Release - Wednesday, September 18 at 11:50am **Scholastic Book Fair** open to the public Thursday, September 19 from 3-3:30pm in MPR. **Middle School Youth Group** - Saturday, September 21 at 6pm

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

4th Degree Meeting: September 19 at 7:00PM.
3rd Degree Meeting: October 10 at 7:00 PM.
Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, we will collect in front of IGA (Sept 27 & 28), Big R (Rural King) (Sept 28), and Olney Tiger Home Football Game (Sept. 27). To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAFAF2DA3F4CF8-51129884-kofc> or text Scott Seiler - 618-843-0540. **Knights of Columbus Soccer Kick Competition** is September 17 at St. Joseph School for 3rd through 8th grade during PE classes. Students in those grades wearing tennis shoes to school that day would be recommended!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll hear a wonderful reassurance and promise. If you'd like to hear Jesus' promise, don't miss the Bible Study. Join us as we explore God's word. You'll be glad you did!

LIGHTS FOR SALE:

The old pendant lights from the church are available for Holy Cross parishioners to purchase. If interested, contact Sherry Geier @618-843-5795. Checks should be made to Holy Cross Parish Building Fund. Write "Lights" in memo line. All the small lights have been purchased. The price for the large lights has been adjusted to \$250ea and

are 44"t x 14"w. Any lights not sold by the end of September will be listed elsewhere.

MESSENGER ALL SOULS DAY TRIBUTES:

Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day with a personalized tribute in the Messenger. These tributes will appear in the October 24th publication of The Messenger. Forms can be picked up in church and submitted directly to the Messenger, dropped in the collection, or returned to the Parish Office. It is a \$20 donation for each name. Names are due by October 4, 2024.

BACH SOCIETY CONCERT – BELLEVILLE:

There will be a free Bach Society Concert on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville.

KING'S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:

"Come share the Good News at King's House at the Shrine in Belleville. Nov. 15-17, 2024 is the weekend. There are more available dates if this won't work for you. If you are interested in going please contact Shelby Weidner at (618)843-5803 or Lynn Weidner (618)843-0361. If you need information on any other dates, let us know or you can contact King's House at the Shrine at (618)397-0584 or you can email Ashore@snows.org or Grichards@snows.org.

DIOCESAN BLESSING OF THE HARVEST:

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Harvest Blessing**, which will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 1:00pm at Four Beck Dairy, 9500 Bartelso Road, Bartelso, IL 62218. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. 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!*

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Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.



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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am
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