

**February 14, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations +**

Thurs., Feb. 11, 6:30pm: Colette Bahl +  
Sat., Feb. 13, 4:00pm: Herman & Elfrieda Kuenstler +  
Sun., Feb. 14, 10:00am: Ivan & Mary Weber +  
**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30pm For the Parish**  
Thurs., Feb. 18, 6:30pm Maurice & Pauline Drewes +  
Sat., Feb. 20, 4:00pm: Raymond & Thresa Kessler &  
Family (Living & Deceased)  
Sun., Feb. 21, 10:00am: Harold Rauch +

**A SAME AND DIFFERENT ASH WEDNESDAY IN**  
**2021 (Wednesday, February 17).**

We have had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. There are fewer people in church. No water in the fonts. Communion only in the hand. No coffee and doughnuts on the way home. Yet we will pray. Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead – unsafe in this Covid time – we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (permitted by our ritual rules). We will look a little cleaner. We can still repent and believe in the Gospel. We will still bear ashes home to begin our Lenten practices. **Come to Ash Wednesday, February 17 at: 8:00am Mass and Sprinkling of Ashes at St. Joseph-Olney**

**12:05pm Prayer and Sprinkling of Ashes at St. Joseph-Olney**

**6:30pm Prayer and Sprinkling of Ashes at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**6:30pm Prayer and Sprinkling of Ashes at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**6:30pm Mass and Sprinkling of Ashes at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**\*\*Please remember to register your attendance on SignUp Genius.**

**During the Season of Lent...**  
**RECONCILIATION prior to mass,**  
**from 5:00pm until 6:15pm**  
**Mondays at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Tuesdays at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Thursdays at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Saturdays at St. Joseph-Olney (4:15-4:45pm)**  
**Sundays at St. Joseph-Olney (7:15-7:45am)**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays at 6:30pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun., Feb. 7, 2021**

Loose 10.00 (27) Sun. Env. 1,305.00;  
(15) Building 875.00; (1) Easter Flower Memorial 50.00; (2) Messenger 50.00  
**TOTAL: \$2,340.00**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK**

\*Elizabeth Weidner; \*Floyd Carter;  
\*\*Cesar Co; \*\*Brenda Watkins; \*\*All Covid patients and Front-Line Workers

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**PSR RELIGION CLASSES will resume, Wednesday, February 17, 6:25 to 7:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center.**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP "Opening your Heart" will meet Wednesday, February 17 at 5:00pm, Holy Cross Parish Center.**

**PRE-CANA DAY – at St. Mary's Ste. Marie Sunday, March 13 @ 8:30am.** Registration forms at Holy Cross Parish Office. \$50.00 Fee.  
Questions: St. Mary's 618-455-3155  
**(Registration deadline February 25<sup>th</sup>.)**

**THE MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**  
The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend was February 6-7. Please renew.  
Checks payable to the Messenger ( \$25.00)

**150<sup>th</sup> SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**  
**NEW COOKBOOK:**

**\*\*New Cookbook – The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration**  
**Committee for Holy Cross is collecting recipes for a new cookbook to be ready for purchase by August 1.**

**\*\*Recipes** can be handwritten, typed, or emailed (preferred) for submission.

**\*\*Include** your full name with submission.

**\*\*You may submit any number** of recipes. We encourage EVERYONE to include at least one.

**\*\*You can submit** from a loved, deceased family member, as well, be sure to give them credit.

**(\*\*Deadline to turn in recipes -- April 15<sup>th</sup>.)**

**(1)Electronic:** [sherrygeier@gmail.com](mailto:sherrygeier@gmail.com). Please type "recipes" in the subject line.

**(2) Typed copies:** can be dropped in the collection basket at church or Wakefield Mill & Elevator.

**(3) Mail:** Holy Cross Church, 5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

**T-SHIRT ORDERS – must be in by Monday, February 15.** Drop in collection basket, at Wakefield Mill or mail back to the church.

**150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION MEETING.**

All welcome to come help plan our year of celebration. If unable to attend meeting/contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320.

**OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

**Photography Dates:**

**Wednesday, March 24 – 2:00-8:30pm**

**Thursday, March 25 – 2:00-8:30pm**

**Friday, March 26 – 2:00 – 8:30pm**

**Saturday, March 27 - 10:30am - 4:00pm**

**\*Sign Up online Monday thru Friday**

**\*Sign Up @ Church, Saturday & Sunday**

**\*Online scheduling go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)**

**Church Code: il162 Password: photos**

**Questions: Sherry Geier 618-843-5795**

**(after five any week night).**

**\*\*Non-parishioners/any community member**

can schedule appointments. (No free 8X10 or directory-but may order photos).

**\*\* Multi- generational pictures-may be taken.**

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**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL – Olney:**

**Mon., Feb. 15-No School –President's Day**  
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**AROUND & ABOUT:**

**St. Mary's Drive-Thru Sausage Brunch,** Sainte Marie, Sunday, March 7, 8:00-11:00am, St. Mary's Parish Center. Free Will Donations.

**SACRED HEART (Effingham) DRIVE-THRU FISH**

**FRY, Friday, February 19, 4:30-7:00pm.**

Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School PTA

**ST. ISIDORE (Bishop Creek) YOUTH MINISTRY**

**DRIVE-THRU SOUP SUPPER,** Sun., Feb. 21 – 4:00-7:00pm. -St. Aloysius Parish Center in Bishop.

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Fish Fry Nights Friday,** February 19, 5:00-7:00pm, Olney City Park Community Building. Cost \$10.00 adults/\$5.00 Child 12 & under. Limited seating. Carry-Outs are preferred. Volunteers welcome to help/next Fish Fry Nights. Call-618-392-2455.  
**\*\*Thurs., Feb. 18-4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting-7:30pm.**  
**\*\*Practicing Catholic Men** ages 18+, encouraged to join Knights of Columbus. Contact Hank-618 843 -3016.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

Hearts-and more hearts everywhere you go...in preparation o Valentine's day-this weekend. It is a joyous and heart filled time to share sentiments-sweets-and moments with those you love. We often give 'tokens of love' to those we "Like" and "Love" in the form of a heart shaped box of candy-flowers-maybe even a nice dinner out in a restaurant-etc...this is important to do-absolutely-but what are we giving to God? You are correct, we cannot send God flowers, or buy chocolates

but we can spend our time adoring-talking-and sharing our heart with Him. God is the one that offers every one of us a gift at every Mass that is filled with endless love-the Holy Eucharist! Do you come eager to receive this Love sustaining gift from God? Take the time if staying home-to really receive Spiritually this gift!! Let God give you the greatest of all gifts-not just this weekend but every day-receive-the best Valentine gift. *The Holy Angels are envious of mankind for one reason-we can receive God!* Ask God to come to you in (at Mass in Church or at home in your domestic church) to come to you in an abundant way and be ready to receive the Greatest of Gifts-*Eternal and True Love!* Ask God to be your Valentine! Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!*  
**Keep to the J.O.Y.S**

#### **NEW RULES/REGULATIONS:**

#### **REGION 6 IS MOVED TO TIER 1 IN IT'S**

#### **MITIGATION RESTRICTINS:**

**Tier 1 will allow us to resume meetings** as long as we follow the following for meetings and social gatherings:

**\*\*Limit** to lesser of 25 guests both indoors and outdoors.

**\*\*Masks** are required in our building and sanitizing will take place.

**\*\*Meals** will not be able to be served.

**There is no change to public worship** which includes mass, funerals, and weddings. Following the guidelines of the guidelines of the Catholic Conference of Illinois (details can be found at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org))

#### **Components of these protocols include:**

**\*\*Limit attendance** to 20% of church capacity or 100 worshippers, whichever is smaller.

**\*\*Register worshippers** and maintain attendance records to assist in contact tracing.

**\*\*Ask screening questions** before admittance.

**\*\*Wear well-fitted face masks** that always cover the mouth and nose.

**\*\*Sanitize hands** when entering the building and before receiving Holy Communion

**\*\* Always maintain social distancing** of at least six feet

**\*\*Sanitize pews** and commonly touched surfaces between Masses/services

**We encourage everyone** to dedicate themselves to these precautions as a work of charity and mercy that we do for love of our neighbors.

Those who have elevated health risks should consider staying home and participating online or by watching Mass on television.

If you have any symptoms or have been exposed to someone who likely has COVID-19, please worship from home and be especially cautious.

Remember, during this pandemic, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed.

It is not a sin to miss Mass if we do so because of a concern about contracting or spreading the corona virus.

Please pray daily and diligently for an end to this pandemic.

A special word about weddings and funerals.

Although funerals are specifically mentioned in the Tier 3 mitigation guidelines, funeral Masses and funeral liturgies in church buildings can operate under our protocols for Mass. The 20 percent occupancy rule (maximum of 100 people) applies to any act of public worship. Please follow all the other protocols, including the presence of sufficient staff or volunteers to screen and usher the worshippers, sanitize commonly touched surfaces, etc.

Special care should be taken to maintain social distancing before and after the funeral liturgy, as people enter and leave the church building. Gatherings such as wakes are subject to Tier 3 mitigation limits on gatherings (10 family members) and are not advised at this time. This same guideline applies to weddings.



#### **TO SIGN UP FOR MASS:**

On each of the individual parish websites, there is a link to sign up for Mass. At the top of the website, click on: Mass Sign-Up You Must Register to Attend. This will take you to 'Sign Up Genius'. Then scroll down to choose the Mass you wish to attend. Click on a box to "Sign Up" and then scroll all the way down to the bottom of the screen and click on "Submit and Sign Up". This will take you to another screen where you can enter your name and the number of people coming. Then click on "Sign Up Now".

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Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**1871 – 2021**  
**150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial**  
**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**  
**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**  
**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

#### **Mass Schedule:**

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

**Very Rev. Fr. Mark D. Stec, V.F., Pastor**  
**Fr. Mark's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ 618-841-7324**  
**E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ [mstec88@msn.com](mailto:mstec88@msn.com)**

**Caroline Trimble \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Associate**  
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**Parish Office \_\_\_\_\_ 618-752-5671**  
**Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:00 Noon**  
**Parish Office Fax \_\_\_\_\_ 618-752-6006**  
**E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ [holycrosschurch@frontier.com](mailto:holycrosschurch@frontier.com)**

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**Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ Carl Will & Sherry Geier**

**Pastoral Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair;**  
**Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Heather Blank-Secretary;**  
**Cindy Blank, Gregg Weber, Sheryl Klingler**