

**August 23, 2020**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations +**

Thurs., Aug. 20, 6:30pm: Colette Bahl +  
Sat., Aug. 22, 4:00pm: Rev. Roger R. Karban and  
Wilbert Blank +  
Sun., Aug. 23, 10:00am: Paul & Mary Kessler +

Thurs., Aug. 27, 6:30pm: Raymond, Thresa, & Raymond  
Jr. Kessler +  
Sat., Aug. 29, 4:00pm: J.V. & Florine Weidner Family +  
(Living & Deceased)  
Sun., Aug. 30, 10:00am: William & Sophia Volk Family +  
(Living & Deceased)

**Illinois Phase 4 and places of worship**

**As the state moves into Phase 4 of the Restore  
Illinois plan, the current COVID-19 safety  
protocols for churches will remain in effect.**

No additional negotiations regarding protocols  
have taken place. The Church is actually ahead of  
Phase 4 guidelines for groups due to the  
negotiated agreement allowing a percentage of  
capacity that exceeds the current norm allowed by  
the state. The Phase 2 guidelines for daily and  
weekend Mass and the Sacraments are to be  
strictly adhered to regarding attendance limits,  
social distancing, hand sanitizing, disinfecting,  
reservation systems, wearing masks, etc.

**Mass Schedules:**

**On each of the individual parish websites, there  
is a link to sign up for mass this weekend or next  
weekday. 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". It is really very simple!**

**Mass will be celebrated at:**

**4:00pm Saturdays at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
5:00pm Saturdays at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am Sundays at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am Sundays at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
**10:00am Sundays at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
10:00am Sundays at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Also:  
Monday at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
Tuesday at 6:30pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Wednesday at 8:00am and 6:30pm at St. Joseph-  
Olney  
Thursday at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**\*\*Reservations** for mass are necessary for two  
reasons: 1. I want you to be made aware that we  
can accommodate you, and  
2. the reservation system is crucial in the event  
that a parishioner who attended Mass discovers  
he/she has COVID-19, for the  
parish must be prepared to provide a list of Mass  
attendees to the health department for contact  
tracing.

**\*\*Remember:** All the faithful of the Diocese of  
Belleville continue to be dispensed from the  
obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy  
days of obligation until further notice.

**\*\*Communion** will be distributed outside for 30  
minutes after each scheduled mass at each parish.  
Drive to the parish parking lot following it's  
scheduled mass and someone will assist you.

**\*\*Mass will continue to be Live Stream** at St.  
Joseph-Olney at 5:00pm on Saturday and 8:00am  
on Sunday and at 8:00am and 6:30pm on  
Wednesday

**\*\*The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available by  
appointment or at 6:00pm Monday through  
Thursday at the individual parish that has the  
scheduled weekday mass at 6:30pm.

**COVID 19 AND PARISH FACILITIES:**

The churches have been opened for mass and the  
celebration of the Sacraments. I want to thank  
everyone for your cooperation following the  
guidelines of masks and social distancing that have  
been spelled out for us.

**GUIDELINES FOR NON-LITURGICAL MEETINGS:**

Non-liturgical gatherings of up to 50 people are  
allowed as long as social distancing and cleaning-  
disinfecting guidelines are adhered to and masks  
are worn. ( Please see guidelines on bulletin  
board and/or check with Fr. Mark).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION - Aug. 16, 2020**

Loose 20.00; (40) Sun. Env. 1,975.25;  
(3) Building 45.00; (3) Religious Education  
Fund 130.00; **TOTAL: 2,170.25**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK**

\*Elizabeth Weidner; \*Michelle Iffert;  
\*Erlene Hall; \*Donald Coffey;

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**"Hermina Zuber"** mother of Kathleen (Michael)  
Fehrenbacher, who died August 13. **Our deepest  
sympathy and prayers** are extended to Kathleen,  
Michael & family and all relatives & friends. **"May  
Hermina rest in the Peace and Love of our Lord"**.

**"Stella Westendorf"** (Martha Deimel's mother)  
who died Saturday, August 15, **Our deepest  
sympathy and prayers** are extended to Martha,  
Herb & family and all relatives & friends. **"May  
Stella rest in the Peace and Love of our Lord."**

**AROUND OUR PARISH:**

**"Happy Birthday – Fr. Mark Stec"  
Wednesday, August 26!!**

**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.

**CSMA (The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal )**

2020 Holy Cross Parish Goal was set at \$5,452.00  
**\*\* As of Aug. 9, (40) families have now pledged  
\$6,598.80. We have passed our goal!**  
.....

**HOLY CROSS 2020 PICNIC NEWS**

**2020 Picnic Committee Officers:**

**Chairman**—Andy Vaughn; **Vice-Chair**—Kim Correll  
**Treasurer**—Ginny Sandschafer; Co Treas. Andy Kessler  
**Secretary**—Michelle Weidner; Co-Sec. Joe Smithenry;  
**Inventory**—Walker Workman, Jordan Weidner, Aaron  
Rauch, Joe Stark **Raffle**—Christine Hall, Todd Geier

**\*\*\*Thank You to all Picnic Committee members** for all  
you did getting together the "Big Raffle" and being at  
the West Pavilion (selling tickets and handing out  
prizes). It was so appreciated by all Holy Cross  
parishioners in this uncertain year!

**Everyone "Keep Safe and Be Healthy!"**

**AROUND AND ABOUT EVENTS**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**

**The next Blood Drive at Holy Cross will be  
Sunday, October 4, 7:00am to 11:00am.  
"Mark your calendars!" Thank you to  
everyone who donates.**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH – Sainte Marie**  
has announced they will have a "St. Mary's Picnic To Go" on **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. **Sainte Marie Style Chicken with fixings to go!**  
"Mark Your Calendars!"

**ST JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:**

School Mass - We will continue to hold school mass each Wednesday during the school year with two classes assign/week. Families and parishioners should still use the sign-up genius link on the parish website to attend with us.

---Carol McKinney Potter, Principal-St. Joseph

**HOLY CROSS - BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:**

We will not have the "Baby Bottles" to hand out this year (due to the virus). If you would like to give a donation to the **Family Life Center** - please do so. Put a donation in a envelope marked "Baby Bottle Project" and we will send to them. **(Have your donation in by the end of August.)**  
"Thanks". **\*\*Thus far- \$20.00 has been donated.**

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

In the Second Reading from St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:33-36) St. Paul writes a beautiful letter praising Our Lord. The reading is short, yet powerful. Paul is in awe of how we can never fully comprehend God and His love for us, always working everything together for our good. All good things come from God and through His love for us. The gift of human life gives us the opportunity to participate in giving glory to God.

**Learn, Act, Connect and Pray:**

Our Baptism is the beginning of a life in Christ. We can never repay Christ for all He has done for us, nor does He ask us to. Trusting in Our Lord in all that life brings and walking with Him throughout our days signifies our love for Him. Loving one another and walking with those in need is critical to our faith-life. This year, we follow the USCCB's theme of "Walking with Moms in Need." By showing our love and support for all life, Moms and babies alike, they will "know we are Christians by our love."

**JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS**

**+ J. O. Y. S. +**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

*Why do people say that the Son of Man is ?*  
What might your response be to this question? Possibly, you would respond the second person of the Divine Trinity, Lord, Savior, Friend, and prayerfully so. What would be your response if Jesus asked you the question, "Who do you say I am?" Does your life dictate the Who you say? Does your life dictate the Who He is? Are you a child of the Kingdom of God, or a child of the world? St. Therese of Lisieux, tells us "the world is they ship and not they home!" Begin anew this day living a life that radiates the response of "Yes, I know who you are – You are My God! My Everything! I am Yours! You are Mine!" Do not get swayed by the events of our days. Keep your focus upon the I Am! Journey onward to the Kingdom!

**Keep to the J.O.Y.S**



**August 23 , 2020**

**21st Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Mass Schedule:

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

**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448  
Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)

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)

Fr. Brett Judkins \_\_\_\_\_ Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Brett's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ 618-514-3820  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ [fatherbrettjudkins@gmail.com](mailto:fatherbrettjudkins@gmail.com)

Caroline Trimble \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Associate  
Caroline's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ 618-263-7106  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ [CtrimblePA@gmail.com](mailto:CtrimblePA@gmail.com)

Martha Buerster Administrative Assistant  
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)

Ashley Hinterscher (CRE) Cell 618-843-1892

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

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