January 5, 2020
Epiphany Of The Lord

Mass Schedules:

Sat., Jan. 04, 4:00pm, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
5:00pm, St. Joseph-Olney
Sun., Jan. 05-7:30am, St. Joseph-Stringtown
8:30am, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Sharon Correll + & Paul & Mary Kessler +
10:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:30am, St.Joseph-Olney
Mon., Jan. 06, 8:00am, St. Joseph-Olney
Tues., Jan. 07, 8:00am, St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wed., Jan. 08, 8:00am, St. Joseph-Olney
NO MASS, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Thurs., Jan. 09, NO MASS
Fri., Jan. 10, NO MASS, ST. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:00am, Brookstone Estates
Sat., Jan. 11, 4:00pm, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
5:00pm, St. Joseph-Olney
Sun., Jan. 12, 7:30pmm St, Joseph-Stringtown
8:30am, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Gilbert Frohning & Mildred H. Drewes +
10:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:30am, St. Joseph-Olney

SUNDAY COLLECTION Dec. 24, 2019:
Christmas Eve:
Loose 420.00; (1) Sun. Env. 100.00; (1) Building 20.00. (47) Christmas Offering 3,435.00; (2) Needy 35.00; (2) Christmas Flower Mem. 50.00;
Total: $4,060.00
Christmas Day: Loose 197.00; (2) Building 120.00; (34) Christmas Offerings 1,540.00; (1) Retired Religious 750.00; (1) Cemetery 750.00; (2) Needy 50.00; (2) Christmas Flower Mem. 75.00
Total: $3,482.00
Sun., Dec. 29: Loose 87.00; (55) Sun. Env. 1,468.00; (10) Christmas Offerings 495.00; (1) Retirement Fund 20.00; (1) Building 50.00; (1) Church Repair 20.00; (4) Needy 75.00;
Total: $2,215.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK
*Nick Compton; *Georgia Klingler; *Derek Weidner; *Patty McCreery

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS***William "Bill" Line**, who passed away January 1. Our deepest sympathy and prayers, to his children, grandchildren and all family & friends. The funeral, Tuesday, January 7, Holy Cross Church , 10:30am. **"May Bill rest in the peace and love of our Lord."**

AROUND OUR PARISHES:
Sun., Jan. 5, 7:00am Blood Drive, St. Joseph-Strintown
Monday, January 6 through 10- - Fr. Mark Personal Time
Tues., Jan. 7, 7:00pm, Adult Faith Formation, St. Joseph-Olney. Will there ever be married priests in the Catholic Church?
Wed., Jan. 8, 9:00am, Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration, St. Joseph-Olney
9:00am, RCIA, St. Joseph-Olney
6:15pm, Initial Child Protection, St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, PSR, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Fri., Jan. 10, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance Council, St. Joseph-Olney
7:00pm, Euchre Tournament, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Sun., Jan. 12, 8:45am, PSR, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
2:00pm, Movie Social (Break Through), St. Joseph-Olney
4:00pm, CYM Open Gym, St. Joseph-Olney
Mon., Jan. 13, 9:00am, Women's Spirituality Group, St. Joseph-Olney
Wed., Jan. 15, 9:00am Rosary, St. Joseph-Olney
9:00am, RCIA, St. Joseph-Olney
1:00pm, Bible Study, St. Joseph-Olney
6:15pm, Eucharistic Adoration, St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, PSR, Holy Cross-Wendelin
6:30pm, Bible Study, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Sun, Jan. 19, 8:45am, PSR, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
6:30pm, Euchre Tournament, Holy Cross-Wendelin

Mon., Jan. 20, MARTIN LUCHE KING, JR. DAY-OFFICE CLOSED
9:00am, Confirmation Retreat, St. Joseph-Stringtown
7:00pm, School Board, St. Joseph-Olney
Sun., Jan. 26, 11:00am, Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner, VFW Hall in Olney

HOLY CROSS - MASS SERVERS:
****Sun., Jan. 5, 8:30am**: Karly Deckard+ Lilly Kessler, Gus Stark
****Sun., Jan. 12, 8:30am**: Madison Hinterscher+ Isaac Street, Grace Warfel
****Sun., Jan. 19, 8:30am:** Martin Stephens+ Tyler Edwards, Andrew Kuhl

January 2020 - LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Kistner, Paul Kocher, Sandi Kessler, David Rauch
RMH: 1/12 Tammy Rudolphi 1/19 Martha Deimel
Lector: Tony Kuenstler
Gifts: Neal & Lisa Weber
Ushers: Kevin Blank (Head) Neal Weber Michael Frohning, Adam Deckard,
Collection: Delbert & Anne H interscher

HOLY CROSS/PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
"Have a wonderful Christmas Season"… Enjoy the Holidays! Classes Wed., January 8

ST. JOSPEH SCHOOL NEWS:
Classes resume Monday, January 6.
****Initial Child Protection Class, Wed., Jan. 8, 6:15pm at St. Joseph, Olney - MPR**
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HOLY CROSS PARISH EVENTS:
CYM – BAKE SALE: Today, **at Holy Cross, Sunday January 5.** This is to help raise funds for those attending the March For Life in Washington, D.C.

PARISH LADIES ORGANIZATION: Ladies Sodality Meeting, Holy Cross Parish Center, Tuesday, **January 7, 6:30pm (time is not 5:30pm).**

TRI-PARISH CYM MEETING: Wed., January 8, Holy Cross Parish Center, 7:30pm

HOLY CROSS PARISH 2020 BLOOD DRIVES:
All on Sunday – 8:00am to 12:00 (Noon)

January 26	August 9
March 29	October 4
May 24	November 29

"Mark your calendars!"

Holy Cross Family Life Euchre Tournament Schedule for 2020 "Mark Your Calendars"
Friday, January 10, 2020 – 7:00pm
Sunday, January 19 - 6:00pm
Friday, February 7 – 7:00pm
Sunday, February 23, - 6:00pm
Friday, March 6 – 7:00pm
Sunday, March 15 – 6:00pm
"Public Invited!"
*Holy Cross Parish Center-Wendelin.*Popcorn, Soda Water available* Come socialize and play cards* *Admission $3.00 per player* Cash prizes.*

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE –
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible **This study meets on Wednesday afternoon's at 1:00pm at St. Joseph, Olney**. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) People are invited to enter into a faith journey to discover whether God is calling them to become Catholic. RCIA is also open to anyone, Catholic or otherwise, who would simply like to know more about the church's teachings. The sessions prepare adults for the sacraments of initiation, which can include Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. These sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter Sunday. Contact Fr. Mark at 618-841-7324 to begin the process.

AROUND AND ABOUT EVENTS

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –
Thurs., Jan 9 – 3rd Degree Meeting-7:00pm
Thurs., Jan. 16 - 4th Degree Meeting-7:30pm

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST
"All You Can Eat" Sausage/Egg, **Sunday, January 12, 2020**, at Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium. Volunteers needed for set=up, donations of crafts, breads, rolls and etc. Liz: 217-273-9677

2ND ANNUAL ST. THOMAS – TRIVIA NIGHT & LIVE AUCTION -Sat., Feb. 8, 2020 , St. Thomas Parish Center. Doors open 6:00pm, Trivia at 7:30pm. (To first 60 teams) **To register your team- Contact Jill Bierman or Lisa Short at 618-783-3517**

FROM FR. MARK:
January 5 – As we begin to wind down the Christmas Season with the celebration of the **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,** I want to thank all who have helped make this Christmas season holy and joyous. Thank you to those who have prepared our churches, our music and those who ministered at our liturgies.

The word "epiphany" itself means manifestation or revelation. In the Christian tradition, it is the story of the revelation of God and of God's love in the child born in Bethlehem. The revelation is meant for all people, as symbolized by the arrival of the visitors from far, far away.

The theme is clear. There is no limit or boundary to God's love. The whole world, the whole universe and the whole creation is included in that love.

How wonderful that those three royal personages appeared on the scene. How wonderful it is that God's love is revealed to everyone, everywhere, without bound or limit.

The truth is that there are epiphanies of the love of God for all of us. It doesn't matter what our journey of faith happens to be or what pathway we are following. God finds ways of revealing and manifesting His love to us.

There are stars that beckon us. There are stories that reflect the meaning and hope of God's presence for us. God is revealed in those we love, those whom we meet, and in the experiences that we have each and every day. Life itself can be an epiphany of the faith, hope and love which are the great gifts of God to us.

Though the Christmas decorations have come down, our Christmas carols have stopped being song, and we are engaged in the NFL playoffs, perhaps we can continue to be like those kingly wise men…searching, seeking and following…looking for the radiance and brightness of God.

God does reveal himself, God does manifest his love to us. God's epiphany occurs for us in our hearts, our souls and our lives.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
+ J.O.Y.S.+ ***Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate***
The Star led the Magi to the greatest gift – Jesus! The Magi – Three Kings – brought gifts that were intended for royalty – for a King. How could Three Kings from afar, know that the one they sought was the prophesied one? They looked to the Star that served as their guide and followed the True Light. What might b e your guiding Star this New Year? What gifts do you bring to the King? Begin this New Year living a Life of Love – a life that – reflects illuminates – the Love of God! The journey is set before you – go forth following the True Star. A Blessed and Joyous New Year to **you** and all your loves! **Keep to the J.O.Y.S.**

Holy Cross Church Wendelin

++Mission Statement++
Having been gifted with the life of the Lord, we the Parish Family of Holy Cross also accept our mission from Him. Our Mission is TO PRAISE THE FATHER, proclaim His word, and instruct the coming generation. TO ENCOUNTER THE SON, in the sacraments and walk in the way of faith, hope and love; TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, welcome each other, share our faith & blessings, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened in the Father's service.

++Sacraments++
Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office
Marriage: Call no later than six months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.
Reconciliation --Contact: Fr. Mark or Fr. Brett

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Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Mass Schedule:
+ Thurs., 8:00am +++ Sunday 8:30am+

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