December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedules:

Sat., Dec. 14, 4:00pm, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
5:00pm, St. Joseph-Olney
Sun., Dec. 15, 7:30am, St. Joseph-Stringtown
Sun., Dec. 15, 8:30am, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Sharon Correll, Robert N. & Bernadette Kocher Family /Liv.&Dec'd)
10:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:30am, St. Joseph-Olney
Mon., Dec. 16, 8:00am, St. Joseph-Olney
Tues., Dec. 17, 8:00am, St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wed., Dec. 18, 8:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
8:05am St. Joseph-Olney
Thurs., Dec. 19, 8:00am, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Leo & Mary Iffert Family/Liv. & Dec'd
Fri., Dec. 20, 8:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:00am, Carle/RMH Long Term
Sat., Dec. 21, 4:00pm, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
5:00pm, St. Joseph-Olney
Sun., Dec. 22, 7:30am, St. Joseph-Stringtown
8:30am, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Harold /RoseMarie Buerster & Albert/Geneva Zuber+
10:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:30am, St. Joseph-Olney

Tuesday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
3:30pm, Children Christmas Program, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
4:00pm, Mass, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville
4:00pm, Mass, St. Joseph-Olney
9:00pm Choir Begins , Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:00pm, Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:30pm, Choir Begins, St. Joseph-Stringtown
11:00pm, Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wednesday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30am, Mass, St. Joseph-Olney
9:00am, Mass St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
9:30am, Choir Begins, Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:30am, Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin

SUNDAY COLLECTION Sun., Dec. 8, 2019:
Loose 89.00; (48) Sun. Env. 1,626.50; (12) Building 565.00; (1) Church Repair 20.00; (6) Christmas Flower Mem. 320.00; (1) Christmas Offering 50.00; (1) Needy 25.00; (1) In Memory 200.00; (14) Retirement Fund Religious 426.00
Total: $3,321.50

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

AROUND OUR PARISHES:
Sun., Dec. 15, 8:45am PSR, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville
10:00am, Baptism St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:30am, Baptism St. Joseph-Olney
Wed., Dec. 18, 6:30pm, PSR Christmas Program, Holy Cross, - Wendelin
Thurs., Dec. 19, 6:00pm, Reconciliation, St. Sebastian, St. Sebastian
7:00pm, Reconciliation, St. Mary-Mt. Carmel
Fri., Dec. 20, 12:00pm (Noon) Bulletin Deadline for information to be included in the December 29th Bulletin
Sun., Dec. 22, 8:45am, PSR (Christmas program practice) St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Tues., Dec. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
12:00pm (Noon) OFFICE CLOSED
3:30pm Children Christmas Program at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
4:00pm, Mass St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
4:00pm, Mass St. Joseph-Olney
9:00pm, Choir begins, Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:pm, Mass , Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:30pm, Choir begins, St. Joseph-Stringtown
11:00pm, Mass St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wed., Dec. 25, CHRISTMAS DAY--OFFICE CLOSED
8:30am, Mass St. Joseph-Olney
9:00am, Mass St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
9:30am, Choir begins, Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:30am, Mass Holy Cross-Wendelin
Thurs., Dec. 26, OFFICE CLOSESD
Fri., Dec. 27, OFFICE CLOSED
12:00pm (Noon) Bulletin Deadline for information to be included in the January 5th Bulletin
Tues., Dec. 31, NEW YEARS EVE
12:00pm (Noon) OFFICE CLOSED
5:00pm Mass Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm, Mass St. Joseph-Olney
Wed., Jan. 1, NEW YEARS DAY-- OFFICE CLOSED
9:00am Mass St. Joseph-Stringtown
9:00am, Mass St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Thurs., Jan. 2, OFFICE CLOSED

HOLY CROSS - MASS SERVERS:
**Sun., Dec. 15-8:30am-Hank Weidner+ Victoria Rudolphi,
Lilly Kessler
**Sun., Dec. 22-8:30am-Briley Wilson+ Tyler Edwards, Isaac Street
****Dec. 24-10:00pm –Christmas Eve- Gus Stark+ Ben Street, Brayden Bergbower, & Peter Rudolphi**
****Dec. 25-10:30am-Christmas Day – Grace Warfel, Elliot Kessler, Andrew Kuhl**
(If you cannot serve, please find own replacement.)

December 2019 - LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
Eucharistic Ministers: ***Christmas Eve*: Kathy Kuenstler, Penni Kuenstler, Travis Weber, Maurice Will, Breanne Buerster**
****Extra-Christmas Day* – James Kistner, David Buerster, Pyhllis Eggers, Jeannie Nix, David Rauch**
****If you cannot serve time designated—please contact another person.**
RMH:12/29 Diane Schackmann
Lector: **Sherry Geier –(Christmas Eve)**
****Christmas Day-Jennifer Maxon**
Gifts: Michael Weidner Family
Ushers: Head - Gregg Weber, Doug Iffert, Michael Weidner, Dan Kessler
Collection: Kevin & Heather Blank

HOLY CROSS/PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
Wednesday, December 18. 6:30pm

****Cross Walk & Playground Duty – Volunteers**

HOLY CROSS PARISH EVENTS:
**** HOLY CROSS CHOIR PRACTICE****
will be Sunday mornings after 8:30am Mass.

CRIB & CHRISTMAS DECORATING GROUP
Mark Your Calendars will set-up on Thursday, December 19, 6:30pm. Everyone welcome to come help decorate your church for Christmas.**

CYM – BAKE SALE: We have 6 teens and 1 adult attending the March for Life in Washington DC in January. To help raise funds for their trip, we will hold a **bake sale at Holy Cross on Sunday January 5.**

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. (You may bring your favorite adult beverages.)

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.

ST. JOSPEH SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, December 17th - Preschool Christmas Programs in the church
6 pm Cummins/Deimel
6:45 pm McVaigh/Peters
Wednesday, December 18th - 6th, 7th, 8th students will perform a few ukulele songs for a Christmas sing-a-long following the school mass
Friday, December 20th - K-4 Christmas Program in the Gymnasium 1pm
Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
No School Monday, December 23rd - Friday, January 3rd

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AROUND AND ABOUT EVENTS

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –
****Sun., Dec. 15-Christmas Appreciation Dinner,** members & families. St. Joe's Multi-Purpose Room, 5:000pm. Santa to arrive after meal.
**Wed., Dec. 18- "Christ In Christmas Posters" due. Cash prizes in each age division.
**Thurs., Dec. 19- 4th Degree Meeting, 7:30pm
**Thurs., Dec. 19-Judging of "Christ In Christmas Posters"
**November Knight of the Month--Elmer Weiler

2020 GUATEMALA TRIP FOR SISTER PARISHES:
Missions International is happy to announce that it will be coordinating a trip for sister parishes to Guatemala – July 27 to Aug. 1. During this trip we hope you will walk in solidarity, learn about the beauty and struggles of your sister parish, and be present with your brothers and sisters in Guatemala. 35 seats have been reserved on American Airlines. The cost of the flight is $808.35. We recommend a donation to your sister parish approx. $200.00 per person. You will also need Medical Trip Insurance.

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
(More details later in January).

2ND ANNUAL ST. THOMAS – TRIVIA NIGHT
Sat., Feb. 8, 2020 , St. Thomas Parish Center
To register etc., - Jill Bierman, 618-783-3517

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
+ J.O.Y.S.+ ***Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate***

Choose Joy! Are you choosing Joy this Advent season? Do you have Joy in your Heart? Home? The way we respond and treat others is the first indicator of what holds are heart. This season offers us moments of hope – love – joy - to draw us towards the birth of Jesus. That same birth of love longs to be born anew within your own heart - within your home. It is never too late to invite the joy of the Lord into your heart. Journey onward living and singing about the Joy of Lord down in your heart. Then a life of love will be found Choosing Joy**!** **Keep to the J.O.Y.S.**

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++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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Rejoice in the Lord always; again
I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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

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