

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations +

Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:30pm: Joseph & Zola Klingler +
Sat., Jan. 16, 4:00pm: Albert & Geneva Zuber +
Sun., Jan. 17, 10:00am: Kuenstler/Rohr Families

Thurs., Jan. 21, 6:30pm: Melvin & Helen Rudolphi +
Sat., Jan. 23, 4:00pm: Lorraine & Lucille Dallmier +
Sun., Jan. 24, 10:00am: Gilbert J. & John G. Volk +

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 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.

****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.

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., Jan 11, 2021

Loose 15.00 (45) Sun. Env. 1,752.00;
(7) Building 190.00; (12) First Offering 80.00;
(1) Cemetery 1,500.00; (1) Christmas Flower Memorial 50.00 **TOTAL: \$3,587.00**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK

*Elizabeth Weidner; *Floyd Carter; **All Covid patients and Front-Line Workers

CYM NEWS: We are planning our CH/WC Mission Trip for July 11-16 to Kansas City, KS or Stuebenville, OH. Call or text Kristi Sandschafer at 217-994-2754 to reserve a spot.

(CANCELLED) Local March For Life – to

Indianapolis, IN – on Friday, January 22 has been cancelled due to rioting and Covid. **Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056 or dcruholl@hotmail.com.**

Let's pray to show our support for LIFE!!

60th ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER:

Bill & Jean (Smithenry) Weber will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, January 28. They would enjoy receiving cards and "Anniversary Wishes". Please mail to: 4682 E. 100th Ave., Ingraham, IL 62434

99th BIRTHDAY for Sister Antoninette Volk

Her birthday was Friday, January 15. Please send her cards and birthday wishes to: Sister Antoninette Volk, P.H.J.C., Ancilla Domini, Catherine Casper Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1, Donaldson, IN 46513. She grew up in Wendelin area and would love to hear from family & friends. She was the sister of Don Volk and has many relatives in Stringtown, Olney & Wendelin.

(These will be late for her birthday – but she will still enjoy hearing from you.)

THANK YOU – From Sister Simona: Thank you and all the wonderful people home who prayed for me during my illness. At the beginning of December I had recovered from surgery and was making plans to return to OSF St. Anthony in Rockford, IL to work in pastoral care. But God had other plans for me. St. Frances Convent in Alton, IL, where I had been recovering was struck with COVID-19 and of the 59 sisters living there 35 came down with the virus. I was one of the twenty or so sisters who did not come down with the virus. So it was my time to give back for all the good that had been given to me and serve the sisters with COVID-19. May God bless you and everyone who prayed for my recovery. All your prayers were put to good use. ---Sister M. Simona

THE MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

WEEKEND is February 6-7:

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 6-7. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org. Please make

checks payable to the Messenger. The cost is still only \$25 for print or digital and \$30 for both!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL – Olney:

Mon., Jan. 18 – No School – Dr. Martin Luther King., Jr. Day
School Mass, Wed., Jan. 20 – 3rd & 4th grades.
Fri., Jan. 22 – Report Cards for 2nd Quarter posted.
Wed., Feb. 3 – during Catholic Schools Week – Annual Alumni Mass

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S. +

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! We hear these words at every Mass, but do we truly understand what they mean? The word *Behold*, is quite a profound word that intends for us to take notice and listen. The next few words are quite profound too, *the Lamb of God*, this tells us that a sacrifice is about to occur (lambs were offered as sacrifice to God for sins.) This sacrificial lamb is the second person of the Holy Trinity – Jesus – who is the True Lamb who offers himself for ALL humanity. This Holy Sacrifice truly takes away *the sin of the world!* Stop here and let that sink in...*the sin of the world – the sins that are yours...* Those sins that are – materialistic – worldly – prideful – rude – selfish – etc. Do you need these sins (and others) to be taken away? Have you been to Reconciliation? Are you receiving this Holy Sacrifice worthily? *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!* Journey onward following the Lamb of God who takes away your sins so you can Behold a Life of Love – a Life Eternal!

Keep to the J.O.Y.S

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE: WHAT DO TIER 3 MITIGATIONS MEAN FOR OUR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS?

As of now, the Catholic Conference of Illinois advises that parishes and Catholic schools are permitted to continue in-person worship and learning, even under the Tier 3 requirements that go into effect on Friday, November 20, 2020. This presumes that our parishes are diligently

complying with current protocols and schools are operating under approved COVID-19 prevention plans.

Reopening protocols are available at www.diobelle.org. Key components of these protocols that must be followed include:

- **Limit attendance to 20% of church capacity or 100 worshipers, 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.

Listening, Discerning and Watching, Coming, Seeing, Finding.

These words ending in –ing in the first and gospel readings indicate some continuing action. They point out good Christian behaviors as we start this winter time between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Like Samuel, we want to be always listening for God's voice, even while needing the help of another for discerning it. Like the Baptist, we want to be watching for Jesus moving among us, looking for his activity in surprising ways in our midst and, perhaps, the surprising people around us.

- How am I coming closer to Jesus day by day, week by week?
- How am I seeing Jesus active in our world?
- How am I finding myself following Jesus without question?

Holy Cross Year-End Statements of Offering

Envelopes: Please call the parish office, if you want a copy or stop by during the week - mornings (9:00-11:30am) or call (752-5671)

Christmas Flower Memorials on the insert sheet this weekend.

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All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name,
O Most High!

Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

Mass Schedule:

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

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"Remember everyone in your prayers."