

**September 4, 2022**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, September 5, NO MASS**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, September 7, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, September 8, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin Wilbert Blank+  
**Friday, September 9, NO MASS**  
**Saturday, September 10, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin Ray Iffert+ Betty Wattles+ & Sharon Correll+  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, September 11, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin Clifford & Gertrude Rauch+, J.V. Frohning+

**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.

**\*\*HOLY CROSS OFFICE HOURS:\*\***  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.....9:00am to 3:00pm

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. Aug 28, 2022**  
(55) Envelopes \$2197.50    Loose \$67.00  
(2) Building \$75.00  
(2) Religious Education \$140.00  
**Total: \$2479.50**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK**  
Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood

**PLEASE WELCOME FR. ELVIS MWAMBA, O.M.I., A**  
Missionary Oblate Priest from Our Lady of the

Snows Shrine. He will be presiding at the masses while I am away this weekend.

**\*September Liturgical Ministers\***  
**Saturday Sunday**  
**Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:**  
Tammy Rudolphi Kevin Blank  
**Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Lynn Weidner Diane Schackmann  
**Lectors: Lectors:**  
Robin Deckard Paul Kocher

**Money Counters:**  
Dave & Michelle Rauch  
**Ushers: Ushers:**  
Linus Kocher Family Clint Bergbower Family  
Neal Weber Family Tony Buerster Family

**MASS SERVERS:**  
**Sat. Sept. 3:** Nora Street & Brooke Bergbower  
**Sat. Sept. 4:** Hank & Clara Weidner  
**Sun. Sept. 10:** Grace Ochs & Karly Deckard  
**Sat. Sept. 11:** Levi Rudolphi & Beau Stevens

**Holy Cross is looking for adults (male and female) willing to serve Mass on an as-needed basis.** This might result in a parent and a child or husband and wife serving together. Mass moves more smoothly (and quickly) when the Priest has help. Jason Warfel will provide training/refresher for those willing to serve our Parish in this important capacity. Watch the bulletin and FlockNote for dates.

As we no longer have a resident priest, the rectory will be re-fitted for meeting and additional office space in the near future. There are plans to hire a youth minister soon and create a space for Caroline Trimble to be onsite at times. If you have thoughts about this project, please write those ideas and your best contact information on paper and submit through the collection basket, send an email to sherrygeier@gmail.com, or talk to a Parish/Finance Council member so your ideas are

included in the discussion and plans.

Thank you so much to Ryan Littlejohn who donated his time to tune our pipe organ.  
Organs require regular tuning and maintenance, and ours was well past its due date for servicing. We appreciate Ryan’s time and effort, which allow us to continue producing music for the glory of God!

**PARISH EVENTS:**  
**Monday, September 5, LABOR DAY—OFFICES CLOSED**  
**Wednesday, September 7, 7:00pm High School Religion at Holy Cross-Wendelin:** “The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Adults are welcome to attend as well,  
**Friday, September 9, 6:00pm, Married Catholic For Christ**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 6:00pm, Finance Council** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, September 14, 12:00pm (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting**  
**7:00pm, High School Religion at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**WALKING IN HOLY CROSS PARISH CENTER**  
Several have been asking to walk in our Parish Center. We will try this schedule. Monday-Friday 9:00am to 12:00 Noon. Please sign notebook on the counter when walking. **This will begin Wednesday, September 7.**

♥ **M.C.4.C. - Married Catholics 4 Christ** ♥  
Come and join the Married Catholics 4 Christ (M.C.4.C.) Fall Fun  
When: Friday, Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Henry & Sandi Kessler's Farm  
1199 Quartz Lane, Ingraham, IL 62434  
BRING with you: Food dish to share, Lawn chair, and b.y.o.b.

**CYM MEETING**  
Wednesday, Sept 14th meeting at Holy Cross Church Parish Center directly after high school religion. CYM will assist with mass on Sunday Sept 18th

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**  
One cannot journey this life in any way -*physically* – *emotionally* – *mentally* – *spiritually* - without carrying something. During our day we are typically asked to help someone carry something – groceries - boxes – babies – etc.... Sometimes, the items are heavier and more challenging to maneuver like a piano, or a sofa. No matter the size or task, we accept to help and lighten the load for the other! Did you realize that there is something each one of us carries everyday - *knowingly or unknowingly* – a cross. The cross that we carry bears our own sins, sufferings, sacrifices, trials, and when we unite our little cross with the cross that Jesus bore, we become transformed. We are transformed by Love – in Love - and for Love - because the cross is the symbol of Love. The very Love that the Son of God took upon himself in order to redeem humankind. The cross is the pathway to a Life of Love - a life that leads to the Father. Pick up your cross, help others carry theirs and journey onward to the Kingdom. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**FROM FR. MARK: A Labor Day Reflection** Christ Himself took up the tools of a carpenter, working with human hands for most of His life on earth. Work is, in the words of John Paul II, “a fundamental dimension of Man’s existence on earth” (“Laborem Exercens,” No. 4). The Church, in reflecting on the dignity and purpose of human work, offers the faithful a rich vein of social teaching. Among the teachings the Church commends for reflection, criteria for judgment and action, I would offer the following taken from our bishops’ conference statement “A Catholic Framework for Economic Life:”

— The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.

— A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.

— All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life (e.g. food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment, economic security).

— All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefit, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.

These seem especially appropriate for our reflection on Labor Day. Therefore, Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work: among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. Workers today, like my parents in their time, know the value of what they do in order to provide for themselves and their families and to contribute to the development of society. Yet they also know the difficulties and challenges their work can bring, especially the need to balance time spent at work with time spent at home with their families.

These challenges are similar to those my own parents faced. Yet amidst all of the difficulties, my parents lived with hope. They were not alone. The Lord was with them. They drew near to the Lord every Sunday in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

This Labor Day, let us reflect on the value of work and on how we recognize and respect the dignity of all workers, including those who have immigrated to our country. Undoubtedly we can do more. I pray that we are first and foremost a people of charity. “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mk 12:31).

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

-Monday, September 5th - No School - Labor Day

-Wednesday, September 7th - First Stewardship of Treasure Collection for Catholic Relief Services

**We welcome Deacon John from CRS!**

-Thursday, September 8th

K of C Soccer Shoot-Out - thank you to Hank Ginder!

-Buster the Bus visits Preschool and Kindergarten classes

-Mark your calendars: First Grade Red Plate presentation for all parish first graders the weekend of September 17th and 18th

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Thursday, September 8: 3rd Degree meeting. 7PM.

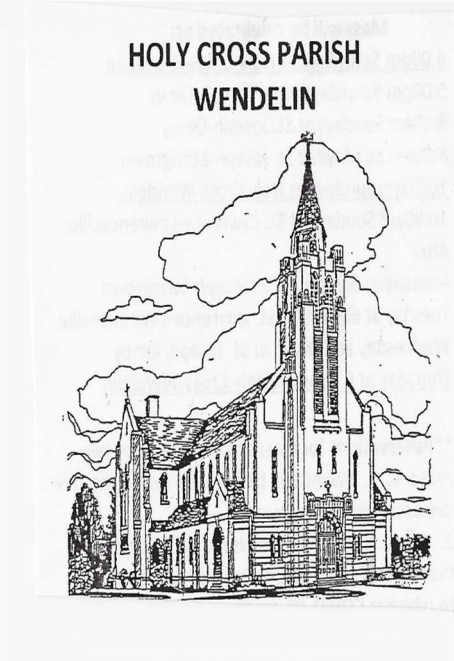
Thursday, September 8: K of C Soccer Kick, Olney St. Joe PE classes, 3rd through 8th grades. Wear old tennis shoes and preferably not trendy shoes.

Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10: Tootsie Roll Days at IGA.

Thursday, September 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

**Sunday September 4, 2022**

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**



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