

**January 3, 2021  
Epiphany of the Lord**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations +**

**Fri., Jan. 1, 10:00am** Fr. David Braun and For the Parish  
**Sat., Jan. 2, 4:00pm**, John, Jeanette & Henry Kuhl +  
**Sun., Jan. 3 10:00am**, Glen & Alberta Smithenry +

Mon., Jan. 4; St. Joseph-Stringtown 6:30pm  
Tues., Jan. 5: St. Lawrence at 6:30pm  
Wed., Jan. 6: NO MASS

**Thurs., Jan. 7, 6:30pm, Special Intention**  
**Sat., Jan. 9, 4:00pm**, Magdalene Zwilling +  
**Sun., Jan. 10, 10:00am**, Patricia Burger & Gerald Kuenstler +

**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 - Christmas Eve Dec. 24:**

Loose 50.00 (1) Sun. Env. 10.00;  
(1) Building 50.00; (2) Christmas Flower Memorials 100.00; (15) Christmas Offering 670.00 **TOTAL: \$880.00.**

**Christmas-Dec. 25:** Loose 615.00; (10) Sun. Env.

1,481.58; (4) Building 830.00; (1) Bequest 1,000.00; (2) Christmas Flower Memorials 70.00; (36) Christmas Offerings 4,590.00; (5) Needy 150.00; (1) Religious Retirement 5.00  
**Total: \$8,741.58**

**Sunday, December 27:** Loose 17.00; (21) Sun.,

Env. 1,285.50; (2) Building 425.00; (7) Christmas

Offerings 425.00; (10) Needy 325.00; (1) Religious Retirement 50.00 **Total: \$2,527.50**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Use the ‘Christmas Flower Offering’ envelope in the December packet. We will take offerings until January 15. Be sure to add the family or person the memorial is intended for. A complete list will be in the bulletin at a later date.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK**

\*Elizabeth Weidner; \*Sister Simona Frohning;  
\*\*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.

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:**

**\*\*Vocation Raffle** drawing delayed until January 16, 2021 – due to Covid-19.

**From Fr. Mark:** Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The song “The 12 days of Christmas.” Is a true classic. But not everybody is familiar with the real 12 days of Christmas. In the Church, the Christmas season actually begins the day after Christmas and ends 12 days later. The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on the twelfth day of Christmas, (though the United States Conference of Bishops decreed that epiphany is celebrated the Sunday after January 1.)

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. Today’s gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who traveled to visit Jesus following his birth.

They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem until they reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolized their revelation of his divinity:

gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Frankincense, which was often used in worship, and symbolized the holiness of Jesus. And myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolized that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it’s a time of rejuvenation for many of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today’s gospel did, you too can continue to follow your faith throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God’s call.

**\*\*\*Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration joyful and prayerful:** our choir, especially as they braved the cold to bring you Christmas carols as we entered and left the church, our musicians, cantors, church sanitizers and those who decorated our churches.  
**\*\*\*Thank you to all who sent me cards, well wishes and Christmas gifts and treats.**

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:** Classes resume Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Our Christmas celebrations continue with: (Please use SignUp genius to reserve your space at:)

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD Thursday, December 31:**

5:00pm: St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Friday, January 1:**  
8:00am: St. Joseph-Olney  
10:00am: Holy Cross-Wendelin

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, January 2 & 3: FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 9 & 10:**

**The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity Copartners in the Promise.** The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs,

copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

\*Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?

\*Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?

\*What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

### **Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

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

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

**Happy New Year – our Lord SHINES!**

May this New beginning be filled and graced with the Light and Love of Jesus. We all have the choice to shine every day so live this year SHINING BRIGHT! The Three Kings offer us the way to live by offering our homage-no matter the obstacle-to the little King. What gifts do you bring to the little King? Is he the Light of your life? Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!*  
**Keep to the J.O.Y.S**

### **Local March For Life – in Indianapolis, IN –**

**on Friday, January 22** at 11:00am from 200 W.

Washington St. Any individual interested in attending, please email or text **Diann Ruholl, 217-663-2056 or [dcruholl@hotmail.com](mailto:dcruholl@hotmail.com).**

Teens must have a parent/guardian with them.

Cost will be determined by number of attendance (probably \$50). **Deadline to sign-up – January 14.**

**\*\*Details:** You must have a signed registration paper, copy of health insurance, and \$50 deposit.

**\*Bales bus** loading at Teutopolis Society Hall/St. Francis Church-North parking lot at 7:30am. Eat breakfast before boarding.

**\*Bales bus to** St. Rose Church, Montrose-South East parking lot at 7:45am. We will take Interstate 70 into Indy to 200 W. Washington St. and unload at 10:30am to walk to the start of the march.

After the march we will board the bus and head for home – time unknown.

**\*Bring all your food** and drinks, we don't know about lockdowns, etc.

If we do NOT get enough for a busload or protesting gets bad, we will cancel!

**Let's pray that we can do this to show our support for LIFE!!**

### **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](http://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.

**BLOOD DRIVE** at Holy Cross Parish Center, **Sunday, January 31, 2021**, from 7:00am to 11:00am.

**\*\*It is extremely important to book your appointment early by downloading the American Red Cross App. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: HolyCrossWendelin. You can make your appointment now!**

**January 3 , 2021**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**

**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

**Thurs., 6:30pm**

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