

Collection Total for January 26, 2020

Envelopes:	\$1639.00
Loose:	\$198.00
Total:	\$1837.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Education: \$20.00 (1)  
First Offering: \$3.00 (1)  
Building Fund Donation: \$30.00 (2)

**February Bulletins:** In Memory of the deceased Pike & Mary Ginder Family  
**February Missalettes:** In Memory of Bill Zwilling

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**\*AROUND OUR PARISHES\***

**Sunday, February 2,** 8:45am PSR at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Monday, February 3,** 9:00am, Women’s Group at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Tuesday, February 4,** 7:00pm, Adult Religious Formation at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Wednesday, February 5,** 9:00am, Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney  
9:00am, RCIA at St. Joseph-Olney  
1:00pm, Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney  
6:30pm, PSR at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Friday, February 7,** 8:30am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
9:00am First Friday Communion Visits, St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
7:00pm Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Sunday, February 9,** 8:00am, CYM Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
8:45am PSR at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
4:00pm, CYM Open Gym at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Monday, February 10,** 7:00pm, Pastoral Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Wednesday, February 12,** 6:30pm, Bible Study at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Friday, February 14,** 11:00am Salad Bar Luncheon at St. Joseph-Olney  
12:00pm (Noon), Finance Council at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Monday, February 17, PRESIDENTS’ DAY-OFFICES CLOSED**  
7:00pm, School Board at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Tuesday, February 18,** 5:00pm, Pastoral Council at Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**\*Contributions to the Parish**

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of our Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

**\*AREA MASS SCHEDULE\***

**Saturday, 4:00pm, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Saturday, 5:00pm, St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Sunday, 7:30am, St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**Sunday, 8:30am, Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Sunday, 10:00am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Sunday, 10:30am, St. Joseph-Olney**

**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.

**PARISH NEWS:**

**Bulletin News:** Deadline Wednesday 3:00PM  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Mass Intentions, Bulletins and Missalettes are now being scheduled for 2020**

**Due to cold and flu season, distribution of the Blood of Christ will be suspended.**

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**Tri-Parish CYM** – Meeting on February 5th at Holy Cross Parish Hall starting at 7:30PM.

**Tri-Parish CYM Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, February 9th from 8:00 am -10:30 am. At St. Joseph Stringtown.** Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Milk & O.J. Cost: Donation Only with proceeds going toward various CYM activities  
Also featuring a Basket & Dessert Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the 2020 CYM Mission Trip  
Questions: Call Cheryl 618-843-3622

**St. Joseph-Olney School:**

Catholic Schools Week thank you....

...to all families and staff members who helped with Catholic Schools Week kick-off masses!

...to the VFW for hosting our middle school trip fundraiser! Thanks to all of the families who supported us through your eating and gifts!

...to the 8th grade for hosting our first Soup-er bowl canned food drive.

...to the PTO for the delicious staff lunch.

...to our alumni who were able to attend our school mass and be recognized.  
...to all who support and love us.  
Monday, February 3rd - 8th grade RCHS registration  
St. Joseph School Art Auction - March 7th - featuring fantastic art! Tickets on sale in the school office.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

**+JOYS+**

***Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate***

**Tuesday Night Theology February 4 at 7:00 pm**  
**MPR Room - St. Joseph Olney**

The topic is: What is Love?  
Is it 1 Corinthians 13 or John 3:16?  
Which one is the best version of Love?  
Join the journey and hear why we long for Authentic Love!

The Gospel readings from Luke offers us some very rich and beautiful words about the Purification of the Lord. There is a beautiful story in tradition that goes along with this passage that I wanted to share with you. As you are probably aware, the Old Testament is written mostly in Hebrew, with some Aramaic, and Greek. The Alexandrian Pharaoh in the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century wanted to assemble a library with all the important books of the world. He wanted them to be in Greek so that the Alexandrian people could read them naturally. So, seventy plus men from Jerusalem came and translated the important books into Greek and the Septuagint (The Greek Bible) came into existence. On one particular day, a young Jewish scholar, was working on the passage from Isaiah 7 :14 *(Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel)*, the word virgin caused him pause, since a virgin cannot have a baby, so he wrote, *young woman*. At that moment, an angel appeared to him, and held his hand, told him to keep the word as it is and that he would see the very day it happens. This young Jewish scholar lived a very long time and did indeed see the truth of these words come to pass. That young Jewish scholar is Simeon, who was told he would not see death before he saw the Christ child. This day, the Purification of the Lord, when Joseph and the Blessed *Virgin* Mary, enter the temple with the child Jesus, gives us the rest of the story and Simeon’s response. *“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”* The hand of God works in mighty and mysterious ways, and there is much to see and experience when we let God guide. There is a joy in the journey - Simeon - waited and waited - what are you waiting for? Who do you seek? Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**Holy Cross Wendelin:**

Holy Cross Family Life Euchre Tournament  
Schedule for 2020:

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 and water available. Come socialize and play  
cards. Admission \$3.00 per play, Cash Prizes

**Knights of Columbus:**

Thursday, February 13: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.  
Sunday, February 16: Knights of Columbus Donut  
Day, after 10:30AM Mass in Olney.  
Thursday, February 20: 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting,  
7:30PM.

The K of C Free Throw Competition will also be in  
February, with winners advancing to Breese in  
March.

**From Fr. Mark:**

The Presentation of the Lord? Today  
(always on February 2 no matter which day of the  
week it falls) the Church celebrates the feast of the  
Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days  
after the birth of Jesus and is also known as  
Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of  
candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John  
XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite,  
today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary."  
This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points  
back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics  
in Europe practice the tradition of keeping out the  
Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until  
this feast.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern  
Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it  
began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a  
more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with  
solemn blessings and processions of candles,  
popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation

of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity  
and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the  
prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward  
Easter.

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord  
Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by  
his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is  
another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ  
Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle  
and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the  
prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence  
the blessing and procession of candles on this day.  
In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of  
great importance.



**Remember in our prayers . . .**

Kim Dallmier, Marcia (Hahn) Zanellato, Bob Dallmier,  
Emma Kocher, Rita Damm, Harold Zuber, Jean  
Zwilling, Lori Wehrheim Davidson

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2  
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
THE LORD**

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK  
OF FEBRUARY 2**

Saturday, 02/01 4:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, 02/02 7:30am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For  
Pike & Mary Ginder”**  
8:30am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
10:30am at St. Joseph-Olney  
Monday, 02/03 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Tuesday 02/04 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For  
the Parish”**  
Wednesday 02/05 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Thursday, 02/06 8:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
Friday, 02/07 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Saturday, 02/08 4:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, 02/09 7:30am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For  
the Parish”**  
8:30am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
10:30am at St. Joseph-Olney

**Parish Ministries**

<b><u>This Sun. (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sun. (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>
<b><u>Servers:</u></b>	
Isaac Zwilling	Owen Kocher
Victoria Zwilling	Caden Kocher
Luke Seiler	Kylie Kocher
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	
Kathy Kocher	Beth Kocher
<b><u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u></b>	
Rita Damm	Cheryl Zuber
Bill Zuber	Elmer Ochs
Brittany Ochs	Mary Ochs
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b>	
Rick Ginder	Scott Seiler
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b>	
Justin Sager	Pauline Volk
Lester Zuber	Andrew Volk
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	
Merl & Cheryl Zuber	Werner & Janette Kocher

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