

Sunday, March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar 18 No Mass
Tue. Mar 19 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
6:00 PM (at Stringtown)
Wed. Mar 20 8:05 am Rev. Jose Mathai
Thu. Mar 21 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar 22 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Mar 23 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Una Kocher
Sun. Mar 24 8:00 am Jim & Mary Steber;
Dudley Chamberlin
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Marie Beal
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuentler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 10

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,284.25 (78) Loose: \$161
Guatemala: \$154 (16)
Black and Indian Missions: \$50 (1)
Catholic Relief Services: \$360 (11)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, March 17

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.
- 2 PM, Parish Penance Service at St. Joseph-Olney.

Tuesday, March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 6 PM, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, followed by fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are

welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind especially sweet breads.

- 7 PM, O.C.I.A.

Wednesday, March 20

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9:15 AM, Bible Study, Room B.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, March 22

- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Olney.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday

- 12 PM, Parish Office is closed.
- 7 PM, Holy Thursday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
- 7 PM, Holy Thursday Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

- The Parish Office is closed.
- 3 PM, Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
- 7 PM, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at St. Joseph-Stringtown.
- 7 PM, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

- 7:30 PM, Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.
- 7:30 PM, Easter Vigil Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

- 8 AM, Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.
- 8 AM, Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown.
- 10 AM, Easter Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
- 10 AM, Easter Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Wednesday, March 20

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (2nd-Kessler).
- Lenten Reconciliation for school students.

Thursday, March 21

- 7th and 8th grade students to Springfield.
- Trash bag orders due.

Friday, March 22

- 9 AM, Living Stations of the Cross presented by our eighth graders, in the church.
- 2 PM, K-4 Spring Music Program in the gymnasium.

Saturday, March 23

- Egg Hunt for birth-kindergarten, 9:30 AM-10 AM, cookies and pictures with the Easter Bunny in the cafeteria, 10 AM - egg hunt in the grassy lot across from the gymnasium.

Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29

- No School -Spring Break.

* Thank you for the tremendous response to our annual giving campaign! Your generosity is amazing. The cut-off for our printer proof letter is May 31.

* Our school students are selling trash bags as our final fundraiser of the year. See any school student to order yours!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

March 4: Mary Jane Kuentler (#292)
March 5: Arjay Keller (#410)
March 6: Erin Volk (#457)
March 7: Keith Kocher (#554)
March 8: Susan Trupiano (#851)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch,

Anita Shultz, Deacon Jack Shuster, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.

Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

*If YOU do not die with Christ,
you will not RISE with HIM!*

God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM-Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-*Begin Again*- embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving-and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished- *perfect Love that-Ran Red- on Calvary-* flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! *God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son.* St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! J.O.Y.S

Family Catechesis Month of St. Joseph

March- Stations of the Cross

Live Your Catholic Faith

Say out loud everyday:

*No one will **Rise from the dead** who has not **First Died with Jesus!***

Ask yourself this daily:

*What do I need to have **die** within me? so that I will **rise** with Jesus!*

Our Family Prayer: St. Joseph, watch over me and care for me just as you cared for the child Jesus; and by your help, may I come to know your Son, and to grow in strength and wisdom and live in the favor of God. Amen.

Easter Flower Memorials: Please use the envelope labeled 'Easter Flower Offering' included in your envelope packet. On the reverse side of the envelope, please **print clearly** the name of the person the memorial is for. For married couples, please list the names together on the same line (for example: John & Jane Doe). A list of the memorials will be published later.

Please Volunteer: EMHCs, server, cross-bearer and ushers are needed for Holy Saturday. Sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.

In preparation for mowing season, Spring cleanup at the cemetery will begin soon. Please remove all ground decorations that you wish to keep by March 24; otherwise, they will be disposed of. As a reminder, per cemetery rules, no free-standing decorations are permitted due to difficulties while mowing.

Thank You Note: "On behalf of the family of Rod Michels, I would like to express our thanks to all of those who performed services at my husband's funeral. Our gratitude goes out to Valerie Rodriguez, Fr. Bill Rowe and Darla Cummins for the lovely music, and for Fr. Steven for performing the funeral mass. A special thanks to the Funeral Dinner Committee for the wonderful meal. Your words and your kindness at our time of need will always be treasured by our family."

- Sincerely, the Family of Rod Michels

CYM / Easter Egg Hunt News

Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday): Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt directly after mass. Birth to 4th graders are invited to hunt eggs! Fingers crossed that the Easter Bunny hops over to our event!

We would like to recognize and thank the youth that helped at the Family Life Center breakfast in Newton last Saturday! Ethan Deckard, Karly Deckard, Ian Kessler, Kaitlin Kocher, Caden Kocher, Kylie Kocher, Blair Grove, Nora Street, Alex Schneider, Grace Warfel, and Stella Warfel.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

Thursday, March 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, March 22: Last Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Olney Valor Quilters. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Wednesday, March 27: Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive will be taking out the baby cribs. All donations accepted, except baby bottles. Baby diapers and baby wipes are the critical items.

Sunday, March 31: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

* Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8 AM Mass, at St. Joseph-Olney. There will be no fellowship breakfast following Mass.

Friday, April 19: Deadline for the High School Scholarships.

Kudos to the Spelling Bee participants: Katelyn Bookhout, Braden Weidner, and Kylah Matthews who finished in the top five for the Spelling Bee in O'Fallon.

Kudos to the Free Throw participants: Kolysn Erwin- 1st place and qualifies for the state competition in April in Effingham; 2nd place- Bella Stevens, Adam Kessler and Ian Kocher; 3rd place- Hudson Bible; and a great effort by Delana Sterchi, Ezra Dicks, and Chesney Schuetz.

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~ **Mission Statement** ~

St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

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~ **Sacraments** ~

Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ **Welcome, New Parishioners** ~

Please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (392-8181) to receive a new member packet. (If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

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