

Sunday, March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar 11	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. Mar 12	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar 13	8:05 am	For the Parish
Thu. Mar 14	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar 15	8:00 am	Special Intention
Sat. Mar 16	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM	Hermina Zuber; Wilbert, Catherine & Nadine Zwilling
Sun. Mar 17	8:00 am	Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher; Herman Zwilling
	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 3

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$10,000 (108) Outreach: \$248
Guatemala: \$440 (22)
Black and Indian Missions: \$15 (2)

~ **Kudos** ~

- ◆ To newly baptized *Emerson Michael Hammack*, child of Michael Hammack and Dakota Bayles; and *Arabella Sara-Jean Degand*, child of Michael Degand and Dakota Bayles.

* **AROUND OUR PARISHES** *

Saturday, March 9 / Sunday, March 10

- The Rosary will be prayed before each of the Masses through March 16/17. It will begin a half hour prior to the start of

Mass. If you would like to lead the rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Sunday, March 10

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Tuesday, March 12

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.

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

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting.

Friday, March 15

- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Sunday, March 17

- 2 PM, Parish Penance Service at St. Joseph-Olney.

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Saturday, March 9

- 5 PM, Bingo Bash. Thanks to everyone who is supporting this fantastic fundraiser.

Wednesday, March 13

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (3rd).

Friday, March 15

- 2 PM, Living Stations of the Cross presented by our eighth graders, in the church.
- School Staff works the Fish Fry - join us!

* This past week, the school completed its IL State Recognition and Diocesan Accreditation Process. This thorough review of our school is an important

part of our commitment to excellence in education and Catholic Faith formation. The nine-person team was impressed by our engaged, faith-filled classrooms and beautifully maintained facility. We are incredibly proud of our staff and grateful for the support of our parishes.

* Our trash bag sales began this week - if you want quality trash bags, contact a school student.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 26: Haven Doll (#698)
Feb. 27: Carly Kessler (#166)
Feb. 28: Beth & Gary Kocher (#755)
Feb. 29: Marie Beal (#635)
March 1: Adam Kessler (#165)

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

Our third week of Lent might find you still trying to get into the groove. The distractions of life with issues, agendas, regrets, and warmer temperatures could have you overwhelmed, exhausted, and numb. Do not fear, or be worried, this is the Lenten journey... Yes, we are called to Pray (be it simple, on your knees, or behind the wheel of your car)- Fasting (less sugary items, less social media, tv.... Gossip) Almsgiving (not as many online purchases as usual, giving some energy on tasks, leaving a larger tip). All of this and more, is YOU

becoming less and giving GOD room to move in. Take the step forward to push a little more towards Praying- [pick up those beads, open the Bible, set an alarm to pray for 10 seconds every hour....] Fasting- [say No to sugary treats, turn off the notifications- do not open the app {*your world will not fall apart if you do not stay current with social media*}, if you cannot say anything nice---SHHH!] -Almsgiving- [no purchases for a week, clean your closets {less is more}, surprise someone with a gift card]. If YOU do not die with Christ- you will not RISE with HIM! We have 3 weeks to go- Pray-Fast-Give Alms- out of thanksgiving and gratitude for sufferings of Jesus... that he would do just for YOU alone!

If you do not *die with Christ*, you will not RISE with HIM! Journey onward and carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting- and Almsgiving! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

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: Lector, 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.

Meals for Moms would like to welcome Katherine Elliot Brazil, the daughter of Elliot and Samantha (Herman) Brazil, born on February 27, 2024.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Rodney A. Michels . May he rest in the peace of God's love.

2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
Thank you to the 36 households that have already pledged. So far \$6,791.25 has been pledged, which is 32% of our goal of \$21,096.

CYM / Easter Egg Hunt News
Saturday, March 23 & Sunday, March 24: CYM Mission Trip bake sale following Holy Cross masses.
Sunday, March 24: CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross.
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!

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the parishioners of St. Joseph-Olney and Holy Cross-Wendelin to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration with Mass at 6 PM in the church 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.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Saturday, March 9: Regional Spelling Bee at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon. Good luck to Katelyn Bookhout, Kylah Matthews and Braden Weidner!

* Regional Free Throw Competition at Mater Dei High School. The Olney Council winners that qualify to advance are Adam Kessler, Hudson Bible, Kolsyn Erwin, Ezra Dicks, Leo Hallam, Gentry Hough, Delana Sterchi, Breeann Ochs, Lauren French, Leah Kuenstler, Bella Stevens, and Mallory Kocher. Jack Ridgely and Vella Kuenstler are 8-year-old winners that participate for fun, but receive winner plaques and patches.

Thursday, March 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, March 15: Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support St. Joseph School. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

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

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.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive: Only a few more weeks to donate for young mothers and their infants in Richland County. Please consider almsgiving. Diapers are a critical need. All donations are welcome except baby bottles.

High School Seniors: \$250 scholarship applications are at the back of church or at the Guidance Office.

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208 South Elliott St.
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'Renewing the Vision'
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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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