

Collection Total for March 17, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,260.00 (34)
Loose: \$206.50
Total: \$1,476.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Easter Flowers: \$20.00 (1)

Religious Education: \$150.00 (2)

CSMA: \$100.00 (1)

Building Fund: \$355.00 (6)

March Bulletins: For the Parish

March Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 – CYM Mission Trip Bake Sale Following Masses at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, March 24 – CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Tuesday, March 26– ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Stringtown Study, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm

Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday – Parish Office Closed!

Holy Thursday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm
Holy Thursday Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 7pm

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday – Parish Office Closed!

Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 3pm

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7pm

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 7pm

Saturday, March 30 – Holy Saturday Stringtown Community Club Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am

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

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

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

FATHER MARK UPDATE AND ADDRESS:

Joyous update to share this week! Following a recent procedure, it was determined that there was NOT a malignancy like originally thought and the cells were completely benign. Please keep Fr. Mark in your prayers as he undergoes another procedure in April to relieve pressure off the pancreas by removing more of the tumor and/or replacing stents to prevent collapse of ducts. They will continue to monitor for growth of the tumor or changes in the cells. Fr. Mark sends his thanks for all the prayers. If you would like to send him a card, his address is Fr. Mark Stec - Holy Childhood of Jesus Church, 104 N. Independence St., Mascoutah, IL 62258.

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

30 Day Eucharistic Revival by Fr. Donald Calloway. If interested, contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our Lenten journey brings us to Palm Sunday and the first day of Holy Week. The last 35 or so days we have been Praying-Fasting- and Almsgiving. Who did you discover this Lent? *Jesus- Mary -Holy Spirit- St. Joseph-?* What *Died* in you so that you can *Rise* with Him? *Anger-Sadness- Pride-Impurity?* Let us stay the course and keep to the journey of Praying- Fasting- and Almsgiving! Go forth this Triduum in anticipation of- *Rising with Him- Rising with Jesus!* Continue on the journey of

Holy Week and walk the Via Dolorosa alongside Jesus... 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.

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney; **First Eucharist:** April 27-28th at All Masses

SAVE THE DATE:

The CYM will be hosting a pancake & sausage breakfast at St. Joseph Olney on Sunday, April 14th. More info to follow!

SAVE THE DATE:

Please save the date for the Devotion of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7, 2024!

GOOD FRIDAY:

Please sign up for Mass Ministries for Good Friday in the church.

OCIA WELCOME RECEPTION:

There will be a Reception to “Welcome” our O.C.I.A. members to the Catholic faith in the Multi-Purpose Room immediately following the Easter Vigil at St. Joseph-Olney. Plan to stop in and share in the Easter Joy. Thank you to Parish and Community Life for hosting.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting its annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on Sunday, April 14 after 8:00 am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and

older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by April 7 to Sherrie Zwilling or Jamie Kocher at 812-699-1300.

STRINGTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT:

Stringtown Community Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Stringtown Parish Center on Saturday, March 30, starting at 9:30am, for kids ages birth - 5th grade. We hope to see you!

HOLY CROSS EASTER EGG HUNT:

Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt directly after Mass on Sunday, March 31st. Birth to 4th graders are invited to hunt eggs. Fingers crossed the bunny hops over to our event!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

No school Monday, March 25th - Friday, March 29th for Spring Break!

Thank you for the tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign! In order to be included in our printer proof letter, donations must be to the school by May 1st (this is a correction to last week’s bulletin message). **Congratulations Darla Cummins** - recently recognized by the IL State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Awards Committee for her meritorious service! The article about Mrs. Cummins' work at St. Joseph School can be found in the most recent issue of The Messenger.

Happy Easter from the staff at St. Joseph School!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Wednesday, March 27: Baby Cribs will be taken out of the churches. Thank you so much for the support for the Knights of Columbus Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive for all the donated items to the Richland Clinic of the Jasper County Health Department to benefit Women, Infants and Children! Kudos to St. Joe School staff and students for the Baby Wipe Program! **Sunday, March 31:** Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry at 8AM St. Joseph-Olney. There will be no fellowship breakfast after Mass. Knights led Rosary at

7:40AM. **Friday, April 12:** Olney Knights of Columbus Honor Guard at Confirmation St. Joseph-Olney.

Friday, April 19: Deadline for the Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors. See the application for details located at the back of church or contact the Guidance Office.

Knight of the Month: Dan Zwilling, Fish Fry Volunteer. **Kudos** to all sister parishes for the outstanding six fish fry night support! The charities that benefit from the fish fry nights were: Richland Mentor Program, Senior Citizens Center, Richland County Hope, Fall Mall Kids, St. Joe School, and the Olney Valor Quilters. Thanks to Steve Kuenstler and the Kuenstler families for the weekly volunteers and all volunteers, especially those who were there every week!

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am in Room B.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the expenses and raffles are welcomed. **Noodle Day** is scheduled for April 27th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church after Easter. **The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting** will be Monday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center. **The Committee Chairs are: Financial** – Lisa Boehl, **Raffle** – Hank & Nina Ginder **Food Stand** – Francis Ochs, **Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50** – Janice Zwilling, **Kitchen (Dinner)** – Lisa Boehl, **Basket Stand** – Mona Kocher, **Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games)** – Ethan & Delaney Steber, **Kids Games** – Doug & Shelly Seaman, **Grounds & Maintenance** – Scott Seiler **If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson. Picnic Raffle:** Main, Quilt & Kid Raffle

items: If you have not been contacted or wish to remain anonymous, please contact Nina or Hank! Kudos to Assistant Raffle Chair Persons - Carolyn and Pat Elie with 20+Raffle items collected!

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices in preparation for Easter will be held at 7pm on: 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 20 households that have pledged \$3,127.40 so far!

HOLY LAND OFFERING:

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the word in solidarity with the Church and Holy Land. Please be generous!

EMMAUS DAYS:

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber, Fr. Mark Stec

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Una Kocher+" "Carolyn Zuber+"

Monday, March 25, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Tuesday, March 26, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 27, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

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Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday, 7:30pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 7:30pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

03/24/2024

Servers:

Amity Zuber*
Austin Kuenstler
Gavin Kuenstler

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Gary Zwilling
Scott Seiler
John Ochs

Gifts:

Jean Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Isaac Zwilling
Byron Zwilling

Greeters:

Bill Zuber

03/31/2024

Servers:

Emmitt Kocher*
Mitchell Ochs
Brady Ochs

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

EMHC:

Janette Kocher
Josie Kocher
Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

Gary & Beth
Kocher Family

Ushers:

Luke Seiler
Scott Seiler

Greeters:

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