

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Mar 25 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Mar 26 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar 27 8:00 am Special Intention
Thu. Mar 28 * HOLY THURSDAY *
7:00 PM (at Wendelin)
7:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Fri. Mar 29 * GOOD FRIDAY *
7:00 PM (at Stringtown)
7:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Sat. Mar 30 * HOLY SATURDAY *
7:30 PM For the Parish
7:30 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Sun. Mar 31 * EASTER SUNDAY *
8:00 am For the Parish
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

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

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 17

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,264.25 (103) Loose: \$113
Guatemala: \$95 (3) Flowers: \$883 (40)
Catholic Relief Services: \$70 (2)

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Sunday, March 24

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Tuesday, March 26

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 7 PM, O.C.I.A.

Wednesday, March 27

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9:15 AM, Bible Study, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll use our imaginations to enter into the scene, create the characters and be there in the world of the reading.

Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday

- The Parish Office is closed.
- ##### Friday, March 29 - Good Friday
- The Parish Office is closed.
 - 3 PM, Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

Friday, April 12

- 5 PM, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney.

St. Joseph School Notes

Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29

- No School -Spring Break.

* Congratulations to Darla Cummins, who was 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.

* 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 1.

* Happy Easter from the staff at St. Joseph School!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

March 11: Darla Cummins (#001)
March 12: Rick Bussard (#370)
March 13: Alisha Duenas (#256)
March 14: Lynn Tolliver (#112)
March 15: Ed Barger (#570)

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, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, Fr. Mark Stec 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!*

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.

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 and ushers are still needed for Holy Saturday. Sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.

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. Plan to stop in and share in the Easter Joy. Thank you to the Parish and Family Life Committee for hosting.

Fr. Mark Update and Address: As many of you already know, Fr. Mark was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer recently. 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.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Jean Kocher. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

Holy Land Collection: 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 world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

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

Respect Life Corner: “There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of

life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

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. Joseph School staff and students for the Baby Wipe Program!

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 12: Olney Knights of Columbus Honor Guard at Confirmation at 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 fish fry night support! The charities that benefit were: Mentor Richland County, Senior Citizens Center, Richland County Hope, Fall Kids Mall, St. Joseph 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!

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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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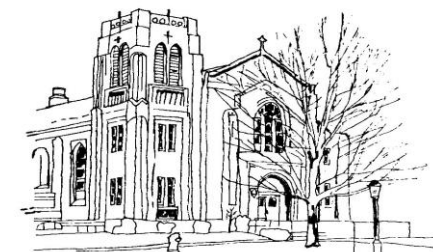
~ **Sacraments** ~

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

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 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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