February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent +Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, February 19, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 20, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 21, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 22, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Harold Rauch+"

Friday, February 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Saturday, February 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ronald Hemrich+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 25, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Leo & Mary Iffert and Deceased Family+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Sun. February 11, 2024

(63) Envelope Collection: \$2,289.25 Loose \$172.00 **Total:** \$2,461.25

(13) Building Fund: \$965.00 (1) First Offering: \$5.00 (1) Black & Indian Mission: \$100.00 (23) Easter Flowers: \$945.00 (1) Cemetery: \$25.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, February 14th - \$108,105.38 has been received from 112 donations – Thanks to all that have donated so far!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, Kamdyn Jones, Leota Humphreys (Caroline Trimble's Aunt)

CRMH COMMUNION:

Feb. 18 – Diane Schackmann (217)-343-8799 **Mar. 10 –** Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

Mar. 17 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS SATURDAY **SUNDAY** Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet: Eric & Kristi Gregg & Milissa Weber Sandschafer **Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:** Emma Rudolphi Ellen Weber Marcia Street Josy Hart Jeannie Nix Jason Warfel Lectors: Lectors: Jennifer Rudolphi Robin Deckard **Money Counters:** *Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster* **Ushers: Ushers:** Michael Kuenstler **Aaron Eggers**

Dusty Smithenry

MASS SERVERS:

Daniel Baker

Sat. Feb 17 – Mattux Hart, Ian Kessler Sun. Feb. 18 – Nora & Alex Street Sat. Feb. 24 – Hank & Boyd Weidner Sun. Feb 25 – Karly & Ethan Deckard

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 18 – Euchre Tournament at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm

Monday, February 19 – Parish Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

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

OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm

Wednesday, February 21 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Thursday, February 22 – Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross, 7pm

Friday, February 23 – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS:

End of the year statements are available in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout 2023.

PARISH COUNCIL:

A big thank you to Chris Waller, Heather Blank, Gregg Weber, and Sheryl Klingler for your time serving on the Finance/Parish Council. Our outgoing members are a blessing to our congregation and love their faith. We would like to welcome Dusty Smithenry and Holly Nettleton to our council. We would like to thank Tammy Rudolphi for being our St. Joseph School Board representative and wishing Holly Nettleton great success in replacing Tammy starting the 24/25 school year.

THANK YOU:

SISTERS IN CHRIST, BROTHERS IN CHRIST, MC4C, AND ALL OUR PARISH FAMILY,

You touched our hearts with your concern, prayers, cards, and many acts of kindness during the death of our father, Roy Eggers. God has placed good friends in our lives, and we are blessed. Thank you!

Aaron & Phyllis Eggers

THANK YOU:

Thank you to the following for volunteering their time to clean out the church basement and crawl space to prepare for the HVAC system and moisture barrier: Derek Iffert, Kaleb Iffert, Ian Kessler, Dan Kessler, Ben Street, Shad Street, Alex Street, Clint Bergbower, Blaine Bergbower, Carl Weidner, Hank Weidner, Clara Weidner, and Nathan Rudolphi.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Our condolences to Mike Smithenry and all family and friends of Betty Smithenry. Betty died last Saturday, February 10th.

May Betty rest in the peace and love of our Lord.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The season of Lent provides the opportunity for one to *die with Christ*. To let those bad habits-behaviors- attitudes-opinions- ultimately "vices" to die. They must die so that God can be *-more*- so that HE will be what fills our hearts with kindness-compassion-generosity-forgiveness-ultimately with "virtue." Are you willing to journey more intimately towards the heart of the Father? Then begin with dying by praying, fasting, and giving alms. Journey onward this Lent -carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting and Almsgiving! - and you will Rise with HIM at Easter. *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if you are interested in joining.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

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: Lord, bless our family.

All of us now together, those who are far away, all who are gone back to you.

May we know joy!

May we bear our sorrows in patience.

Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other.

Let us be grateful to each other.

We have all made each other what we are.

O Family of Jesus,

watch over our family! Amen.

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

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, February 19th - No School Presidents'
Day Tuesday, February 20th - FFA Petting Zoo
Prek - 1st Grades Saturday, February 24th Boosters Pasta Dinner (featuring Joe's famous
sauce) and PTO Carnival in the gymnasium - join
us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday, February 23: Fish Fry Night, 5-7pm, Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Senior Citizens Center. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Sunday, February 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40am, before St. Joseph-Olney Mass. **Monday, February 26**: Saint Joseph School 5th Grade Knights of Columbus Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes - \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4, \$2, \$2, \$2

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th &

28th: Olney Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition during St. Joseph School 3rd-8th Grade PE Classes.

High School Seniors Olney Council \$250 Scholarships information forms are now available in the High School Guidance Office and at the back of the three sister parish churches.

Olney Council Knights of Columbus Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive now has cribs at Stringtown and Olney churches. During Lent, please consider a donation to benefit young mothers and their babies for the Richland County Clinic of the Jasper County Health Department.

Kudos to the 6th, 7th & 8th Spelling Bee winners at Olney St. Joe this week of cash prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$7, \$4, & \$2. ^2 participants with the following winners in order of winning place: Korynn Snider, Kylah Matthews, Yzabella Biyok, Mattux Hart, Braden Weidner, Judah Dicks, and Bella Stevens. Top three winners qualify for the Regional Spelling Bee in Peterburg.

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for **1** final person to join our team. This is a 3-year commitment that

meets at least monthly through August. Preferably, we are seeking individuals who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If interested or have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch (618-553-6839). Thank you!

SPIRTUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble to set up an appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th and Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournaments. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

If you are interested in donating items for April-December 2024, please contact the Parish Office.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney begins this Wednesday will continue every Wednesday at 9:15am and again at 7:00pm in 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 also use our imaginations to enter the scene, create the characters, and be there in the world of the reading.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 9th at Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine. If you are able to donate wine, you may put your bottles in the special box in the back of church. Please have all donations dropped off before March 3rd. Thanks for your support!

ST. ANDREW DINNER:

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and

The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering an introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation.

This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100 From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Thank you to the 17 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$2,681.20 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

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When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.



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