

Collection Total for April 16, 2023

Envelopes: \$770.00
Loose: \$42.00
Total: \$812.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$290.00 (5)

April Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

April Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

PARISH NEWS:

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Leila Volk who died and was buried from St. Joseph-Stringtown Church this past week.

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, April 22, 4:00pm, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, April 24, 1:30pm, Personal Board meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Tuesday, April 25, 9:30am, ASAP Prayer Group St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, April 26, 1:00pm, Spring Farm Blessing at St. Patrick-Enfield

Thursday, April 27, 7:00pm, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, April 29, 10:00am, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, May 1, 7:00pm, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Sunday, May 7, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin Closing Family Catechesis and Sacrament Recognition. Treats and Fellowship in the parish hall after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE in preparation for Confirmation
Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church-Stringtown

PICNIC NEWS:

We are looking for donations to buy meat and other meal related items. Please contact Carli, Ross, or Paige Ginder with any questions

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

is having their Mother Daughter Banquet on Monday May 8th at 6pm in the St. Joseph Church Parish Center. If you are a member and would like to attend, please call by Apr. 24th and let us know how many will be coming. Contact persons are Mary Zwilling 618-562-8433 or Mary Ochs 618-837-0111.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

If the tomb was full then our lives would be empty but because the tomb was empty our lives are full and with purpose. I heard this recently and found it very fitting with the Gospel reading from Luke. The well-known story of the Walk of Emmaus references the empty tomb and our Lord being made present in the Breaking of the Bread. It is interesting to reflect on how just a few weeks ago our Lord walked the Via Dolorosa (the Way of Suffering) and today he walks on the Road to Emmaus. This walk was not one of suffering but *redemption-restoration-resurrection-our*

Resurrection of life in Him! The tomb is empty, and we are *Full and with Purpose* because we have Jesus-truly present- Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity- in the breaking of the Bread that occurs at every Mass. Do you recognize Jesus on the road you walk? Begin this day walking a more robust and purposeful life- *a Eucharistic Life-* it is a Life of Love! Journey onward my fellow sojourners.

FROM FR. MARK:

In today's Gospel Luke gives us a feel for the disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus. He also gives us the essentials for a Christian liturgy. Once the Scriptures have been opened and the bread has been broken and shared, the eyes of the disciples who have gathered are opened ever wider and once again Jesus is recognized among us. We are so moved in our faith by this encounter that we rush out to share the good news we have come to recognize more clearly as word and sacrament were celebrated.

Notice the disciples' remark: "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" Their words indicate an eagerness and an openness to listening to whatever Jesus was saying to them. That attitude of openness and eagerness to listening to Jesus' words allowed their hearts to be touched by what they heard.

We have to bring that same attitude of openness and eagerness to listen to our celebration. We have to be attentive to the Scriptures readings for they are the living word of God, meant to teach us about our lives and how God is working in them. We also have to come to each celebration of Eucharist with an active faith, believing that Jesus is present, offering himself to the Father for our sins and feeding us with his Body and Blood to strengthen us on our journey.

It's very easy for all of us to come to Eucharist out of routine and forget that we encounter our God in the celebration. The more alive our faith is as we celebrate, the deeper the word of God can speak to us and the more fully we are nourished. We will be

able to experience what the disciples on the road experienced - our hearts burning within us as Jesus speaks to us and nourishes us.

Perhaps, then, we will feel a greater urgency to share the good news we have experienced in faith-filled, Jesus-filled living.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

First Communion thanks to....

Lori Kilpatrick for sewing our First Communion altar cloth

Carol Zuber for baking each child and catechist an individual cake

Casey Hemrich for preparing our school children for First Holy Communion

Jeffrey Rosenberg for preparing the gifts and the church

Kim Kocher for preparing the parish materials
Parents and families for sharing their children with us and placing faith first in their lives

Friday, April 28th - 4th Grade State Fair Presentations in the MPR & Music Shoppe Instrument Trials

Saturday, April 29th - Confirmation

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, April 29: 4th Degree Honor Guard at 10AM Olney Confirmation.

Sunday, April 30: 4th Degree Ministry at Olney 8AM Mass. Fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant following Mass.

++ K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM.

Congratulations to Briley Wilson and Leah Kuenstler for placing 3rd and Leo Tompson 4th in the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Finals at Effingham St. Anthony High School!

Welcome Fr. Felix as a Knights of Columbus new member!

Men 18 years and older, are you considering being a Knights of Columbus member? This calendar year new members in the Olney Council can join for

free dues. Contact Hank at 6188433016 or email Hank at hnginder76@hotmail.com for more information.

Knight of the Month- Carl Sager- Wood Monk carver to benefit Olney Council K of C Charities.

Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



Sunday April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, April 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Neil, Dorothy, & Norman Kocher+”

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, April 24, NO MASS

Tuesday, April 25, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 27, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, April 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 29, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ochs+, Vincent, Lorena Mae Boehl & Michael Boehl+”

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

04/23/2023 **04/30/2023**

Servers:

Natalie Ochs
 Mitchell Ochs

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Elmer Ochs

Gifts:

Werner & Janette Kocher

Ushers:

Owen Kocher
 Natalie Zwilling

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher

Servers:

Carter Seaman
 Julian Seaman

Lector:

Hank Ginder

Eucharist Minister:

Lisa Boehl

Gifts:

Shelly Seaman

Ushers:

Harold Boehl
 Jared Boehl

Greeters:

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