

Sunday, February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 26 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Feb. 27 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Feb. 28 8:05 am Rev. Jose Mathai
Thu. Feb. 29 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. March 1 8:00 am Eulalia Kocher
Sat. March 2 9:00 am (at Wendelin)
4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Leroy Debolt;
Jeanette Ping
Sun. March 3 8:00 am Mary Ann Kuenstler
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

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OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 18

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$11,861.25 (94) Loose: \$236
Guatemala: \$25 (2)
Black and Indian Missions: \$193 (10)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Saturday, February 24 / Sunday, February 25

- 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, February 25

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Tuesday, February 27

- 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.
- No O.C.I.A.

Wednesday, February 28

- Rosary, after Mass.
- Bible Study, 9:15AM and again at 7:00 PM 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 use our imaginations to enter into the scene, create the characters and be there in the world of the reading.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, March 1 - First Friday

- 8 AM, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 AM.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Olney.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

Saturday, March 2 - First Saturday

- 9 AM, First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, with confession beginning at 8:15 AM.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Saturday, February 24

- 4:30 PM - 7 PM, Boosters Pasta Dinner featuring Joe's sauce and the PTO Carnival. Join us for dinner and games!

Wednesday, February 28

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (4th-Hough).

Saturday, March 9

- Bingo Bash - tables are sold out! Thanks to everyone who is supporting the school through donations, attendance, and working the event!

Looking ahead...The 8th grade students will provide Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 15 at 2 PM and Friday, March 22 at 9AM.

St. Joseph School is seeking the following personnel for the 2024-25 school year: Kindergarten teacher, Primary classroom aide, and School office manager. Qualified applicants, please send resume and cover letter to:

Josy Hart, St. Joseph School
520 East Chestnut Street
Olney, IL 62450

Please indicate in your cover letter which position(s) you would like to be considered for. Thank you for your interest in St. Joseph School.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 12: Laurel Houchin (#742)
Feb. 13: Alec Kocher (#640)
Feb. 14: Kathy Martin (#145)
Feb. 15: Keith Kocher (#554)
Feb. 16: David Kocher (#799)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Ben Kessler, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, 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

How is your Lenten journey going with the intention to *Pray, Fast and Give Alms*? The focus to *PRAY* by reading the Word of God daily, delving into that one "special" book you selected, or offering a rosary everyday- might find you with dust on your Bible, the "special book" buried under the latest discount code coupons and the rosary beads still in a pocket (somewhere).

The decision to *FAST* from eating between meals, no sweets or alcohol, maybe less portions- might have you feeling strong or quite possible hungrier and carrying snacks in your pocket.

The choice to *GIVE ALMS* by offering kindness, extending forgiveness, or spending your money on wholesome purchases- might have you feeling a bit cranky, frustrated and a porch filled with random boxes of stuff.

IF this is your Lenten journey-*do not be discouraged*-do not let the stumbles, weak moments, emotion driven purchases- give you permission to toss in the towel! You are given the opportunity to have a new start each day- to Begin Again. 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 the Holy Family
February- Eucharistic Adoration

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.

St. Joseph Church-Olney is seeking job applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant. Please send resume and cover letter to:

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520 East Chestnut Street
Olney, IL 62450.

Please indicate in your cover letter that you are interested in the position of Administrative Assistant. Thank you.

2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 29 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 \$5,446.25 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!

Respect Life Corner: “The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

Euchre Tournament: Please join us on March 3 at 2 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournament sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life. 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!

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Monday, February 26: St. Joseph School 5th Grade Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes of \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4, \$2, \$2 and \$2.
Tuesday, Feb. 27 & Wednesday, Feb. 28: Free Throw Competition during 3rd-8th grade PE Classes.
Friday, March 1: Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Richland County Hope. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available. Remaining Fish Fry Nights are for Fall Kids Mall, St. Joseph School and Olney Valor Quilters.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive: The crib is now in church during Lent. Please consider a donation to benefit young mothers and infants. Diapers of all sizes are the critical needs. All other items are welcome such as baby wipes and blankets, etc. No baby bottles.

High School Seniors: Olney Council Knights of Columbus \$250 Scholarship information forms are now in the Guidance Office and in the back of the church.

Three winners of the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Spelling Bee qualify for the Regional Competition at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O’Fallon, Saturday, March 9, registration at 9:30AM with start time at 10 AM.

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208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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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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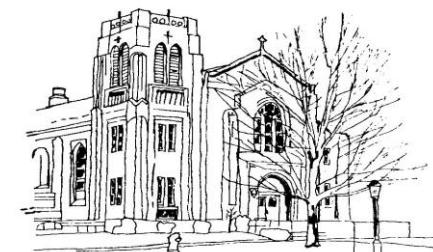
~ **Sacraments** ~

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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