

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, March 18, NO MASS
Tuesday, March 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wednesday, March 20, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, March 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Patricia & Gib Volk+”
Friday, March 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Harold & Rosemarie Buerster+”
“Robert N. Kocher & Bernadette Kocher+”
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 24, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 10, 2024

(70) Envelope Collection: \$2,413.25 Loose \$140.00

Total: \$2,553.25

(13) Building Fund: \$615.00, (2) Easter Flowers: \$150.00, (14) Catholic Relief: \$594.00, (3) Easter Offering: \$150.00, (1) Catholic Home Mission: \$20.00, (1) Cemetery \$20.00, (3) Good Friday \$40.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, March 13th - \$165,112.75 has been received from 158 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Maurice Will, Fr. Mark Stec

CRMH COMMUNION:

Mar. 17 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506
Mar. 31 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225
Apr. 14 – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900
Apr. 21 – Martha Deimel (618)-663-8275

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Keith & Pam	Danny & Lori
Blank	Quinn
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>
Kathy Kuentler	Travis Weber
Tammy Rudolphi	Penni Kuentler
Diane Schackmann	Phyllis Eggers
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Victoria Rudolphi	Amy Sandschafer
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Mark Rudolphi	Michael Kistner
Dave Rauch	James Kistner

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Mar. 16 – Hank & Clara Weidner
Sun. Mar. 17 – Nora & Alex Street
Sat. Mar. 23 – Ian Kessler, Ellee Nettleton
Sun. Mar. 24 – Grace & Stella Warfel

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 17 – Parish Penance Service at St. Joseph-Olney, 2pm
Tuesday, March 19 – 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
 St. Joseph Table Celebration and Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6pm
 OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm
Wednesday, March 20 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm
Holy Cross Parish Picnic Heads of Stands Meeting, 6:45pm
Thursday, March 21– Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross, 7pm
Friday, March 22 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

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
Monday, March 25 – Blood Drive at Wakefield Fire Department, 1:30-5:30pm
Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday – Parish Office will close at 12pm.
Holy Thursday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm
 Holy Thursday Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 7pm
Friday, March 29 – Good Friday – Parish Office is 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
 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

PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING:
 There will be a head of stands meeting on Wednesday, March 20th beginning at 6:45pm in the Parish House. Please try to attend if you are able. Thank you!

FATHER MARK UPDATE AND ADDRESS:
 As many of you probably already know, Father Mark was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer recently. Please keep him in your thoughts and 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., PO Box 160 Mascoutah, IL 62258

HOLY CROSS ROAD RALLY:

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a Road Rally to be held on Saturday, April 13th. Registration will begin at 11:00am at Vic’s Cafe and will leave promptly at 1:00pm. Route will continue to Harry’s, The Railyard, Muddy Saloon, and BJ’s Saloon. All vehicles welcome. \$10 per person and includes tickets to enter raffle prize at each stop. There will also be a 50/50 at each stop. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE:

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

THANK YOU:

We would like to recognize and thank the youth that helped at the Family Life Center breakfast in Newton last Saturday! Ethan Deckard, Karly Deckard, Ian Kessler, Kaitlin Kocher, Caden Kocher, Kylie Kocher, Blair Grove, Nora Street, Alex Schneider, Grace Warfel, and Stella Warfel

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!

LADIES RETREAT:

On March 1-3, 2024 Celeste Cooper, Cheryl Colwell, Angie Weidner, Shelby Weidner and Lynn Weidner went to Our Lady of Snows/King’s House for a silent retreat. The theme was “I See You”. Presenters were very good. If you have questions about silent retreats, you can talk with any of these ladies.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him....

will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-*Begin Again*-embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished-*perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary*- flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! *God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son*- St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! J.O.Y.S

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

30 Day Eucharistic Revival by Fr. Donald Calloway. If interested, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you for the tremendous response to our annual giving campaign! Your generosity is amazing. Cutoff date for printer proof letter: May 31st. **Our school students** are selling trash bags as our final fundraiser of the year. See any school student to order yours! **Wednesday, March 20:** Lenten Reconciliation for school students

Thursday, March 21st: 7th and 8th grade students to Springfield and trash bag orders due!

Friday, March 22nd: Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th graders 9am in the church and K-4 Spring Music Program 2pm in the gymnasium

Saturday, March 23rd: Egg Hunt for birth - kindergarten

- 9:30 - 10 cookies and pictures with the Easter Bunny in the cafeteria
- 10 am - egg hunt in the grassy lot across from the gymnasium

Spring Break – No School Monday, March 25th - Friday, March 29th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, March 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM

Friday, March 22: Last Fish Fry, serving from 5-7PM to benefit Olney Valor Quilters, at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Wednesday, March 27: Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive will be taking out the baby cribs . All donations accepted except baby bottles. Baby diapers and baby wipes are the critical items.
Sunday, March 31: Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney. There will be no fellowship breakfast. Knights led Rosary at 7:40AM before Mass.

Kudos to the Spelling Bee and Free Throw participants! Congratulations to Kyla Matthews 5th place, Katelyn Bookhout 7th place and Braden Weidner 10th place at the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee in O'Fallon! **Free Throws:** Kolysn Erwin 1st place and qualifies in April for the state competition in Effingham; 2nd place - Bella Stevens, Adam Kessler, and Ian Kocher; 4th place Hudson Bible; and a great effort by Delana Sterchi, Erza Dicks, and Chesney Schuetz!

April 19th: Deadline for the High School Scholarships!

BIBLE STUDY:

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

ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION AND MASS:

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Olney and Holy Cross Wendelin to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration on March 19th with Mass at 6:00pm in the church followed by fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind, especially sweet breads.

ST. ISIDORE SPRING BREAKFAST:

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek on Sunday, March 17 from 7am-noon. The menu includes whole hog sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade breads and rolls. They will also have a Country store with raffles, baked goods, and mystery boxes.

CEMETERY NEWS:

Mowing season is around the corner. We ask that if you have any flowers, grave blankets on the ground that they are **removed by 4/1/2024**. Otherwise after this date the grounds will be walked and they will be removed and disposed of. Please remember during the months of April through November, all flowers must be attached to the headstone, as the mowers will mow around them, and weeds left to grow at your loved one's grave. Please help us in keeping our cemetery looking respectful and well kept.

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Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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