

Collection Total for March 5, 2023

Envelopes: \$1860.00
Loose: \$118.00
Total: \$1978.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Education: \$135.00 (7)
Building Fund: \$80.00 (3)
Easter Flowers: \$165.00 (5)
C.S.M.A: \$700.00 (2)

March Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law
March Missalettes: In Memory of Janice, Albert & Geneva Zuber

-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

***Please return your Time, Talent, and Task letters by March 12th.** They can be mailed to Lora Kocher or left in the back of church. If you have questions, please contact Janette Kocher or Mary Ochs at the numbers listed in your letter*.

Join us for donuts and pastries in the Parish Center after Mass on Sunday, March 19th. We will take this time for fellowship and to honor our patron Saint, St. Joseph.

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 12, Daylight Savings Time Begins
Monday, March 13, 10:00am, Bishop Consultor Meeting in Belleville
11:00am, Presbyteral Council Meeting in Belleville
1:30pm, Vicar Forane Meeting with the Bishop in Belleville
6:30pm, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, March 14, 9:00am, St. Joseph-Stringtown Investment Portfolio Meeting at Trust Bank
9:30am, St. Joseph-Stringtown ASAP Prayer Group
6:30pm, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 15, 9:00am, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney
9:00am, Reconciliation for parish and students at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 17, 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Sunday, March 19, 9:00am, St. Joseph Day Social at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Monday, March 20, 7:00pm, Finance Council Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wednesday, March 22, 9:00am, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Thursday, March 23, 9:00am, Lenten Prayer for Clergy at St. Clare-O’Fallon
Friday, March 24, 2:00pm, Living Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack in the MPR room (after the Wednesday Morning Rosary, about 9:00am) at St. Joseph-Olney Mass. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed though insights on this most privileged

and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.
THANK YOU to all of the Social/Family Life Committees for the reception after each of our nights Lenten Parish Mission presentations.

Choir practices for Easter will be held at 7 pm on the following dates: Thursday, March 16; Monday, March 20; Thursday, March 23; Monday, March 27; Monday, April 3; Wednesday, April 5
All are welcome to join us. You do not have to attend all the practices.

High School Youth are planning to attend a mission trip this summer to Montague, Michigan in June. There will be a bake sale to help fundraise money to cover the cost of their trip. A bake sale will be held after the masses in Olney on March 18th and 19th. They will also be hosting a bake sale after Stringtown and Wendelin masses on March 25th and 26th. Please consider supporting the youth during this time.

PICNIC NEWS:

This year’s Picnic Committee consists of Paige Ginder 618-843-0324, Ross Ginder 618-843-4314, and Carli Ginder 618-843-6704 and we’re needing another couple or two to join our committee this year. Contact one of us three if you’re interested in joining. Also we are now accepting donations towards picnic expenses as well as raffle prizes.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community club will be rescheduling their meeting for Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm. Our speaker will be Brittany Bass from Bass Boards Charcuterie as she will discuss her creative artistry in charcuterie board making.

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS
CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

What will it take for you to be courageous and carry your cross daily? Who do you need to forgive in your life? Do not miss this present moment to take an inward look. Begin with an Examining your Conscience using the 7 Deadly Sins of *Pride: Envy: Sloth: Lust: Covetousness: Gluttony: Anger.* Be assured that the Sacrament of Reconciliation cleanses and heals you of these Deadly (Mortal) sins. Choose to be courageous and let sin Die in YOU! Live a Life of Love that is of God - for God - about God - and in God! [Keep to the J.O.Y.S.](#)

FROM BISHOP McGOVERN:

The Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday this year. Mindful of traditions related to the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop McGovern has granted Catholics in the Diocese of Belleville a dispensation (an exemption) from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Saint Patrick’s Day on Friday, March 17, 2023. Catholics who avail themselves of this dispensation are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent. On Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4, 2023, I will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11 AM in the Cathedral of St. Peter. During this Mass, with the Priests, Deacons, confirmandi, and members of the Christian Faithful gathered together, I will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick that will be used throughout our Diocese in the coming year. Want to Make A Difference in the Life of a Child? Retired too Soon and Still Want to Teach and/or Lead? Why not Collect Your Retirement and Work in a Catholic School? We Want You and Our Students Need You! Come Share Your Expertise and Passion in a Faith Based Setting! Contact the Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education at officeofeducation@diobelle.org for More Information!

FROM FR. MARK

Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he

wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we “may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name.”

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her “living water.” He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he’s better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be side-tracked from his goal - to give her water that will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day. Jesus moves her to a new level by getting her to face the truth of her present situation. But he doesn’t tell her to “come back when you’ve straightened out your life.” The grace he offers is meant to help her to change – here and now. Rather than make a commitment now, she says that she’s waiting for the Messiah to come. Now, Jesus can offer her the opportunity for a personal commitment: “I am he.” The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion. How great is our thirst during this Lenten season? What is the “food” we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, March 15th - Reconciliation for students following mass.

Saturday, March 18th - Inaugural Bingo Night - St. Joseph, Stringtown, Parish Center Doors open at 5:30 pm Bingo starts at 7 pm. Tickets: Individual \$25, Reserve a table: \$200 Get your tickets in the school office! Bingo, Raffle/Chance games, Auction items - silent and live

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, March 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. **Friday, March 17:** Fish Fry, serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Olney Valor Quilters. Dine in or Carry Out. Adults: \$12, Children 12 and under: \$6.

Saturday, March 25: Four winners advance to the Sate Spelling Bee at Bloomington Central Catholic School, 1PM. **Sunday, March 26:** K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM at Olney, St. Joseph. **Wednesday, April 20:** Deadline for the Applications for the \$250 Olney Council Senior Scholarships whose father is a member. Please mail applications to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, Il. 62450. **Baby Crib Charity Drive** to benefit WIC located in church during Lent. Needed items are diapers, baby wipes, blankets, quilts, sleepers, onesies, layetts, teethers, toys, sippy cups, baby lotions and shampoo and diaper cream (no baby bottles.) All donations accepted.

Knights of Columbus are hosting an "Into The Breach Tour." The Into the Breach Tour is open to all men, women and families who want to learn more of the call of God in their lives.

When: Sunday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: St. Lawrence Catholic Church Lawrenceville, IL. With: A light lunch being served in the parish hall.

The Knights of Columbus Chapter and State officers will be present to discuss being a Catholic man in the world today, with an exemplification for Men that are interested in joining the Knights! Be A KNIGHT!

Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



Sunday March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Sr. Antoinette Volk, PHJC+, Hermina Zuber+, Carolyn Zuber+”
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Monday, March 13, NO MASS
Tuesday, March 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, March 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 18, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bob & Francella Dohm+, Mary & Holly Kocher+”
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

<u>03/12/2023</u>	<u>03/19/2023</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Annabelle Seiler Sadie Seiler	<u>Servers:</u> Grayson Sterchi Jared Weidner
<u>Lector:</u> Anita Seiler	<u>Lector:</u> Laura Sterchi
<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Scott Seiler	<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Jenny Hancock
<u>Gifts:</u> Natalie Zwilling	<u>Gifts:</u> Rick & Robbie Ginder
<u>Ushers:</u> Brian Ochs Luke Seiler	<u>Ushers:</u> Harold Boehl Jared Boehl
<u>Greeters:</u> Owen Kocher	<u>Greeters:</u> Werner & Janette Kocher

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