

**Collection Total for March 31, 2024**

Envelopes: \$3,212.50 (45)  
Loose: \$105.50  
**Total: \$3,318.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Holy Land Good Friday: \$395.00 (13)**

**Good Friday Loose: \$158.00**

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**April Bulletins: For the Parish**

**April Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, April 6** – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am

**Sunday, April 7** – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 1pm

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

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

**Friday, April 12** – Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm

**Saturday, April 13** – Holy Cross Road Rally

**Sunday, April 14** – CYM Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at St. Joseph-Olney

**Stringtown Community Club Senior Citizens Breakfast, Following 8am Mass**

**Monday, April 15** – Stringtown Picnic Committee Chair Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7pm

**Sunday, April 21** – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Following 8am Mass

**Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28** – First Eucharist Weekend at All Parishes

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

The New book is "Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska" the Saint of Divine Mercy, it will begin on Tuesday,

April 9. Come join us at 10:00am and share in the Easter joy.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

What a world we live in- one week ago we were in Holy Week-the most solemn week of the year. We journeyed alongside our Lord- we wept, felt contrition, and emptiness. Then came Easter and we were overjoyed- our hearts were filled with Alleluia- He is Risen! And yet, somehow amid it all- *we continue to fail- we still prefer our sinfulness.*

The question comes to mind, are we just living the “moments” with little to no time spent allowing our hearts and souls to be transformed? Seriously, last week was Holy Week- is there anything about those days that remain, or do we just quickly pick up, and move onto the next “moment- the next moment- the next moment?” Providentially, Our Good and Gracious God knew we would need ongoing help-....and He offers us Mercy- Divine Mercy! *...let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy... —Divine Mercy in My Soul, Diary of St. Faustina, n. 848* Do not let this “moment” pass you by -spend some time this day and ask (beg) for God’s Mercy- for all that we fail to do- *mea culpa- mea culpa- mea maxima culpa! ---He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice... Diary n. 1146* St. Faustina, pray for us! Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

**April - Divine Mercy**

**Live Your Catholic Faith** – Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish.

Send a “Thank You”- “Praying for You”- “You are Special”- “Get Well” card.

Pray a Rosary for them and support their works. Participate in: Sisters in Christ, Brothers in Christ, Family Catechesis, Stringtown Study, CYM Schedule an appointment for Spiritual Direction. Live the Easter Joy! **Our Family Prayer** - Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

**PARISH OFFICE UPDATE:**

The Parish Office is in the process of updating records and parishioner information. If you are not receiving contribution envelopes from St. Joseph-Stringtown and would like be, please contact Ashley. Thank you!

**STRINGTOWN DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

St. Joseph Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 7th at 1:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reception in the Parish Center to follow.

**SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:**

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting its annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on Sunday, April 14 after 8:00am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. **Please RSVP by April 7 to Sherrie Zwilling or Jamie Kocher at 812-699-1300.**

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to be included in our printer proof letters for this year’s annual giving campaign. Thanks to so many for your quick and generous response!

**Monday, April 8** – No School – Eclipse Day!

**Friday, April 12** – Confirmation – Please keep our confirmandi in your prayers.

**Saturday, April 13** – Preschool Screening

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, April 11:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting, 7pm.

**Friday, April 12:** 4th Degree Honor at Olney Confirmation

**Sunday, April 14:** State Finals of the K of C Free Throw Competition at St. Anthony High School in Effingham!

**Thursday, April 18:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Friday, April 19:** Deadline for the Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors.

**Kudos** to St. Joseph churches in Olney and Stringtown for a successful Baby Crib Drive for Women, Infants & Children in Richland County! Diapers-1576, baby wipes-2,474, onesies 14, quilts-3, sleepers-11, pants-14, outfits-15, blankets -and other donations such as; pacifiers, hats, toys, powers, ointment, knitted shoes, nail clipper, socks, t-shirts, books, hooded towels, wash cloths, bars of soap, diaper bag, and bibs. Many thanks to Janette Kocher for organizing the Stringtown Baby Crib!

**Sunday, April 28:** Knight led Rosary at 7:40AM.

**\*Stringtown Baby Crib donations; Quilts-3, diapers-631, baby wipe sheets-1264, pants-6, wash cloths-4, pacifiers-7, nail clippers. sleepers-3, outfits-17. two pair of socks, 7 - t-shirts, 4- toys, 3-blankets, and hooded towels, ointment, powder, and three pairs of night slippers.**

**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.

**2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**

**The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st.** Cash donations for the expenses and raffles are welcomed. **Noodle Day** is scheduled for April 27th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church. **The Picnic Committee Chair’s next meeting** will be Monday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center. **The Committee Chairs are: Financial** – Lisa Boehl, **Raffle** – Hank & Nina Ginder **Food Stand** – Francis Ochs, **Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50** – Janice Zwilling, **Kitchen (Dinner)** – Lisa Boehl, **Basket Stand** – Mona Kocher, **Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games)** – Ethan & Delaney Steber, **Kids Games** – Doug & Shelly Seaman, **Grounds & Maintenance** – Scott Seiler

**If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson.**

**Picnic Raffle:** If parishioners have not been contacted or you would like to donate a main raffle, quilt or kids raffle item, please contact Nina or Hank in the next week because the raffle lists will be typed for distribution on the first Sunday in May.

**DONUTS AND QUILTS:**

This disease is very devastating when it affects a family member or someone you know. This is no cure as of now, but with continued research we hope to someday carry the **white flower**, which represents a cure. This year, my project to raise money for research will be a variety of baby quilts, lap quilts, and throws. They will be on display during Donut Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Parish Center. Reasonable prices. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Zuber at 618-869-2306.

**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. A basket and 50/50 winner will be drawn at each stop. Also, a cash/gift certificate raffle will conclude the afternoon. Must be present to win prizes, so plan to spend the day with us.

**2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*  
Thank you to the 20 households that have pledged \$3,127.40 so far!

**EMMAUS DAYS:**

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

**DIOCESAN SPRING FARM BLESSING:**

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Spring Farm Blessing**, which will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. “Farm Blessing” signs will guide you or directions are available on the flier in the church. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

***Remember In Our Prayers***

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber, Fr. Mark Stec

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine**

**Mercy**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, April 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
“Mike & Ellie Kocher+” “Barbara Ann Ochs+”

**Monday, April 8, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
“Ed & Janel Ginder+”

**Tuesday, April 9, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, April 10, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, April 11, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, April 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, April 13, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, April 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
“Bill & Catherine Zwilling+, Nadine Zwilling+”  
“Herman & Joann Rudolphi+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**04/07/2024**

**Servers:**

Kerigan Kocher\*  
Mallory Kocher  
Gus Kocher

**Lector:**

Jocelyn Kocher

**EMHC:**

Harold Boehl  
Lisa Boehl  
Jamie Kocher

**Gifts:**

Chad & Jenny  
Hancock Family

**Ushers:**

Evelyn Volk  
Tom Kocher

**Greeters:**

Doug & Lora  
Kocher Family

**04/14/2024**

**Servers:**

Kaitlyn Ginder\*  
Haley Ginder  
Nathaniel Zwilling

**Lector:**

Natalie Zwilling

**EMHC:**

Janette Kocher  
Josie Kocher  
Scott Seiler

**Gifts:**

Elmer & Mary  
Ochs

**Ushers:**

Doug Kocher  
Harold Boehl

**Greeters:**

Jean Kocher  
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