

Collection Total for April 2, 2023

Envelopes: \$1800.00
Loose: \$237.00
Total: \$2037.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Holy Land: \$55.00 (3)
Easter Flowers: \$20.00 (1)
Religious Edu: \$145.00 (7)
Building Fund: \$300.00 (4)

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

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, April 10, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTIVE OF EASTER-OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday, April 11, 9:30am, ASAP Prayer Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Wednesday, April 12, 9:00am THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, April 15, 5:00pm, First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am, First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am, First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am, First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin
1:00pm, Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, April 17, 7:00pm, School Board Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00pm, Finance Council Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 19, 11:00am, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Friday, April 21, 6:00pm-10:30pm Wendelin Wine Tasting at the Holy Cross Parish Center Admission \$10.00 (includes glass and tasting). Domestic beer available for purchase. Food trucks and Live music by Corey Evitts! Wineries include Alto Vineyards, The Pour Vineyard, West of Wise Winery and Wyldewood Winery Illinois. (No admittance to anyone under the age of 21)

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

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

Will be holding their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m., at the Stringtown Parish Center. Egg Hunt will be for those ages birth through 5th grade. Please join us for the egg hunt, refreshments, and fellowship!

St. Joseph Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 16 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 Mercy 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.

SISTERS IN CHRIST

Come and join the NEW study- 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Micheal Gaitley, MIC., begins on April 12 to May 13. The cost of the book is \$25.00. It will be a Marian study with Consecration to the Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 14th at Holy Cross 10:00 am Mass. Our Summer book study will begin mid-May and more information will be forthcoming. Contact Kristi or Caroline if you are interested.

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

+A Joyous Easter to you and all your loves+
Our God is not dead - The tomb is empty - He is Alive! Our Lord fought the battle of sin and death and WON! Our Lord did this for each one of us! Live a life that mirrors the love of God. Live a life that draws you deeper and deeper into the heart of the Father. Live a life of abundance in God - not the world-and be transformed by that beautiful Love - the Love that Ran Red! The tomb is empty - go forth and live this Easter different than ever before - Live Believing - Live Joyously - Live Alleluia - and Live a Life of Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN

Dear Friends in Christ,
As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of the diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly.
I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ's victory of sin and death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: "Happy Easter!" Like the first Christian who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem and encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God's children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts and fill all of us with

the incredible gift of peace. This is day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

In the Risen Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

FROM FR. MARK

My friends, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Christ!

Throughout the Lenten season, we prepared ourselves to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion and death culminating in his rising from the dead. We accompanied Christ through his suffering on the cross which led us to the empty tomb.

Today, our churches will be filled with joyous acclamations of "Alleluia!" announcing Jesus' triumph over death! This is the beginning of a new life for them and for us, too, as we renew our baptismal promises.

As we gather with friends and family, I pray that the light of the Risen Christ will fill our hearts with joy. May this joy move us to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all those we encounter. Know that I will pray for you throughout this Easter season asking God to strengthen your Catholic faith and your love for the Eucharist.

May God bless us all.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Joseph Parish is accepting cover letters and resumes for full-time educator positions and the head of maintenance position for St. Joseph Church and School.

-We are closed for admission to kindergarten, second and fourth grades for the 2023-24 school year.

Monday, April 10th - No School
Saturday, April 15th - First Communion for St. Joseph, Olney

We are grateful for the tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign. Our printer proof letter will go out in June. Donations received before May will be recognized in that mailing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, April 13: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, April 16: State Finals of the K of C Free Throw at Effingham St. Anthony High School, 1PM. Good Luck Briley Wilson, Leah Kuenstler, and Leo Tompson!

Thursday, April 20: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. Deadline for K of C \$250 Senior Scholarship applications whose father is an Olney Council member, at K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. 62450.

Thank you very much for all the support for the eight K of C Fish fry Nights!

We welcome new Knights of Columbus member, Colby Steber - Stringtown Parish

Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



HAPPY EASTER



Sunday April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday of the resurrection of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, April 8, **HOLY SATURDAY TRIDUUM LITURGY/EASTER VIGIL**

7:30pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

7:30pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, April 9, EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

Thursday, April 13, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, April 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney "For First Communicants"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For George Ochs+, & Neil Ochs+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

04/09/2023

Servers:

Ian Kocher

Kaitlin Kocher

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Janette Kocher

Gifts:

Tom & Kathy Kocher

Ushers:

Natalie Zwilling

Isaac Zwilling

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

04/16/2023

Servers:

Mallory Kocher

Owen Kocher

Lector:

Beth Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Gary Kocher

Gifts:

Brian & Amy Ochs

Ushers:

Scott Seiler

Colby Steber

Greeters:

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