

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

- Mon. Apr. 3 No Mass
Tue. Apr. 4 No Mass
Wed. Apr. 5 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher
Thu. Apr. 6 * HOLY THURSDAY *
TRIDUUM LITURGY/ MASS
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:00 PM For the Parish
7:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Fri. Apr. 7 * GOOD FRIDAY *
TRIDUUM LITURGY/
VENERATION OF THE
CROSS
7:00 PM For the Parish
7:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Sat. Apr. 8 * HOLY SATURDAY *
TRIDUUM LITURGY/
EASTER VIGIL
7:30 PM For the Parish
7:30 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Sun. Apr. 9 * EASTER SUNDAY *
THE RESURRECTION OF
THE LORD
8:00 am For the Parish
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 26

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,399 (85) Loose: \$134
Guatemala: \$36 (4) CRS: \$75 (1)
Flowers: \$1,006 (41)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, April 2

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**

Tuesday, April 4

- 11 AM, Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral-Belleville.
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Wednesday, April 5

- **Rosary, after Mass.**

Thursday, April 6 - Holy Thursday

- **12 PM, Offices Closed**
- Friday, April 7 - Good Friday**
- **Offices Closed**
 - 3 PM, CYM Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, April 10 - Monday Within the Octave of Easter

- **Offices Closed**
- Wednesday, April 12**
- **9:15 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack**

Saturday, April 15

- **5 PM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney**

Sunday, April 16

- 8 AM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 10 AM, First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 10 AM, First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, April 29

- **10 AM, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Sunday, April 2

- Coach Reception, 1 PM - 3 PM, in the MPR. We will honor Mike Adams, Michael Fehrenbacher, Jim Baker, and Jesse Baker for their combined 30 years of service to our basketball programs. Please join us!

Monday, April 3

- Preschool Spring Program, 6 PM, in the church.

Wednesday, April 5

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (1st-Cowman). Rice Bowl Collection during the Mass.

Thursday, April 6

- Spring Music Program, 1 PM, in the gymnasium, K-4 students.
- Early dismissal, 1:50 PM.

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

- No School.

Monday, April 10 - Easter Monday

- No School.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

March 19: Jim Eagleson (#398) \$500
March 20: Bonnie Stokes (#260)
March 21: Richard D. Kieffer (#458)
March 22: Natalie Hopson (#442)
March 23: Dan Kuenstler (#338)
March 24: Randy & Celia Steber (#149)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, 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.

FROM FR. MARK: We have just heard Matthew go to great pains to show us that every event, every happening, every person involved in the passion and death of Jesus fulfills a passage from the Hebrew Scriptures.

The betrayal and abandonment of Jesus by his special friends, the innocent Jesus becoming the victim of religious and political conniving, the darkness and the skies and the dramatic ripping of the Temple veil - all are seen in light of the sacred scriptures of the Jewish people.

The proclamation of the centurion who has witnessed all these events is the surprised

recognition from all the clues: "Clearly this was the Son of God."

With that recognition, Matthew turns our attention back to the fidelity of the women who have been following Jesus from Galilee. They alone remained to witness the fulfillment. All the others had scattered in fear.

We are among the faithful who attend Jesus and will follow him through His passion and death. St. Paul tells us what we must be doing as we journey. We are to learn to live with the attitude that Jesus had toward life and its varied events. Suffering and glory will be so intertwined as to be inseparable. Learning to accept whatever comes as coming from God's hand and doing it in obedience to the will of the God who is my Father, being willing to put aside any position so as to better love God and my neighbor - all of this is having the attitude of Christ.

May we all be open to learning more about life from Jesus this week.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

+ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion +
We stand this day waving our palms in joyful exaltation, shouting "*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*" We so love to cheer, rally the troops, and show our allegiance. That first Palm Sunday Jesus was riding through the town on a colt listening to all the praises from the people! Where would you have been that day? Where are you today? Are you standing waving palms with a contrite heart, and living a life proclaiming that this is The Son of God? Or are you asleep, distracted, and casting judgement?
Jesus remained faithful to God's will to the end - will you remain faithful? There is time remaining this Lent to be on the side of God-not man! There is time to sing and shout,

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Will you endure the journey with steadfast love, or will you cast lots and divide the spoils? A crown of thorns or a crown of glory? What say you? Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Volunteer Now! Lectors, EMHCs, servers, cross-bearers, ushers, greeters and gift-bearers are still needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.

Easter Flower Memorials: The deadline to turn in names for the Easter Flower Memorial list is Sunday, April 9. Please use the envelope labeled 'Easter Flower Offering' included in your March envelope packet.

The Parish and Family Life Committee is sponsoring a special Easter Blessing for all members of the parish. We are providing a free copy of the book, *Holy Moments (A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life)* by Matthew Kelly. Copies of this inspirational book will be available at all the entrances of church for your taking, starting on Holy Thursday service, April 6 through Easter Sunday, April 9. On behalf of the committee, we wish everyone a very Blessed Easter and we hope you enjoy your special gift. Thanks, and God Bless.

The Tri-Parish CYM would like to extend their sincere thanks for the monetary support during the bake sale fundraiser! It was very successful! The youth group is attending a mission trip in June that will allow mission work, faith building activities, daily mass, and fellowship with other high school Catholics from surrounding states. Thank you for helping us reach our goal! We are very blessed!

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic

schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. - Psalm 15

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." - *Bishop Michael McGovern*
Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Wednesday, April 5: Last day for donations to the Baby Crib after St. Joseph-Olney Mass. Kudos to St. Joseph School for an all-class Baby Wipe Program to benefit WIC!

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

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

Thursday, April 20: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

* Deadline at the Olney Post Office for K of C Senior Scholarship Applications! Please send applications to: K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. 62450.

Congratulations to Katelyn Bookhout, receiving 3rd place out of 44 at the Bloomington Catholic Central High School K of C State Spelling Bee. Kudos to Miles Tompson and Carly Seiler placing in the twenties.

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'Renewing the Vision'
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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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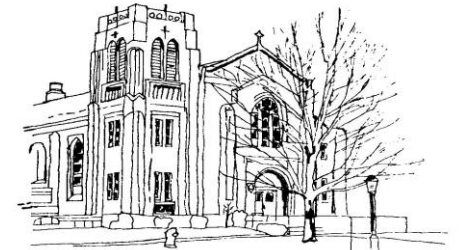
~ Sacraments ~

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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