

## Collection Total for February 19, 2023

Envelopes: \$904.00  
Loose: \$38.00  
**Total: \$942.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Black & Indian Missions: \$80.00 (3)  
Religious Edu: \$5.00 (1)  
Building Fund: \$275.00 (4)  
The Messenger: \$5.00 (1)

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**February Bulletins:** In Memory of Norman Kocher

**February Missalettes:** Rick Ginder Family

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### -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

**St. Joseph church in Stringtown** will be saying the Rosary every Sunday morning before Mass starting at 7:35am. Everyone is invited to come early and participate. Prayers are powerful and much needed in our world today. Also, If you would like to help by leading the Rosary please sign up in the back of the church.

**The CYM youth and leaders** would like to thank everyone that helped support the Spaghetti Lunch last Sunday at Holy Cross. The meal was a success, and we had a great turnout!

### PARISH EVENTS:

**Saturday, February 25,** 4:30pm, Pasta

Dinner/Carnival at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, February 26,** 11:00am Confirmation

Retreat at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, February 27, 7:00pm, Finance Council at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Tuesday, February 28,** 1:30pm, Personnel Board Meeting in Belleville

**Wednesday, March 1,** 9:00am, Confirmation

Retreat at St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm, Family Catechesis/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Thursday, March 2,** 7:00pm, Finance Council at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, March 3, 9:00am, First Friday Communion 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Sunday, March 5,** 8:00am, CYM assisting at Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

9:00am, CYM Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm, Parish Mission at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, March 6, 6:30pm, Parish Mission at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Tuesday, March 7,** 6:30pm, Parish Mission at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, March 8,** 12:00pm (Noon), East Vicariate Clergy Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

6:30pm, Parish Mission at St. Joseph-Olney

**Friday, March 10, 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

7:00pm, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

### 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.

### JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS

#### CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

*Not Today Satan-* Do you find yourself thinking this or saying this phrase throughout the day? Possibly you wish you had, or even wished someone would have told you to say it sooner. These days of Lenten penitence one might find themselves a bit more vulnerable-*it is here where the evil one lies in wait to strike!* Have courage and be assured-God is bigger than the strikes and we are to trust! So this Lent serve God in all that you say and do – Live a Lent of Trust and Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

#### FROM FR. MARK

St. Matthew's Gospel provides details of the nature of the test that Jesus experienced in the desert: to be a different kind of Messiah, to find a quicker or more spectacular way to win people over, to employ a one-shot way of doing God's Will that would make everybody happy.

In other words, Jesus was tempted to be someone other than who God called him to be. This test in the desert was simply the beginning. The temptation dogged Jesus every day of his ministry. The voices came in all different shapes and sizes - expelled demons, Pharisees, Sadducees, family, friends, even some of his closest disciples. Screaming, whispering or shrieking, the voices of temptation tried to dissuade Jesus from being himself, to lose his focus, to abandon his mission, to turn away from his role in God's plan of salvation. Even as the life drained out of his body on Golgotha, Jesus still heard the voices of temptation taunting, "You saved others, save yourself. Come down from that cross."

All of us are tempted to be someone other than who God calls us to be. Voices around us, voices within us attempt to convince us that we would be happier, healthier, more successful, powerful and persuasive if we were someone - anyone - other than who we are.

We are most like Jesus when we strive to be faithful to God's plan for us. We are most like Jesus when we are faithful to our unique role in God's plan of salvation for others. We are most like Jesus when we refuse the temptation to settle for less, to sell ourselves short, to look for a short cut. We flirt

with the easier, the more convenient, or the more popular way of trying to do what is right, of trying to do what is good, of trying to do what is just.

### ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to the many family members and parishioners who attended Ash Wednesday mass with us. It made the beginning of Lent that much more special for our children and staff.

**Saturday, February 25th** - Join us for the Boosters Pasta Dinner - featuring Joe's special sauce! Thanks to Tony and Tiffany and the Trupiano family's ongoing commitment to our school. We will serve 4:30 - 7 pm in the cafeteria. Take out is available. The PTO Carnival is happening in the gymnasium - play some games and have a great time!

**Mark your calendars** for our March 18th Inaugural Bingo and Auction event starting at 5:30 pm! Enjoy Bingo, games, live and silent auction items! \$25 for single tickets and \$200 to reserve a table of 8. Tickets/tables on sale in the school office. We are also collecting donated wine for our wine pull. You can leave your wine donation in the back of any of our churches.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

**Friday, March 3:** Friday Fish Fry, serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. This week to benefit the Richland County Hope Program. Open to the Public. Dine in or Carry Out. Adults \$12, Children 12 and under \$6.

**Thursday, March 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Sunday, March 12:** Regional Free Throw Competition, 1PM. 12 winners from the 176 participants at St. Joe qualify to participate at Breese Mater Dei, High School.

**Thursday March 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

**Saturday, March 25:** State Spelling Bee at Central Catholic High School, Bloomington, IL. 1PM. Four winners qualify out of the 72 participants from St. Joe School. The qualified winners in order are Miles Tompson, Rebekah Fleming, Carly Seiler, and Katelyn Bookhout.

**Sunday, March 26:** K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM before the Olney St. Joe Mass.

**Wednesday, April 20:** Deadline for \$250 Olney Council member Senior Scholarships. Four to be awarded. Please submit to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL 62450, before the deadline. Applications are at the Olney High School and at the back of the Olney Council sister parishes.

Kudos to new member Dale Weidner and an all day volunteer at the K of C Free throws at St. Joe!

**Remember in our prayers...**

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



**Sunday February 26, 2023**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, February 26,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bob & Francella Dhom+, Mary & Holly Kocher+”**  
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Monday, February 27,** 6:30Pm, at St. Joseph-Stringtown “George Ochs”  
**Tuesday, February 28,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, March 1,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, March 2,** 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Friday, March 3,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Saturday, March 4,** 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, March 5,** 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

**MINISTERS LIST**

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