

Collection Total for March 26, 2023

Envelopes: \$823.00
Loose: \$125.00
Total: \$948.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$15.00 (1)
Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

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.

The 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!

PARISH NEWS:

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjeholycross to 84576 to get connected.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER will be held at 7 pm on the following dates: Monday, April 3;

Wednesday, April 5. All are welcome to join us. You do not have to attend all the practices.

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!

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 4, 9:30am, ASAP Prayer Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown
11:00am, Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral-Belleville.

Thursday, April 6, HOLY THURSDAY
12:00pm, Offices Closed

Friday, April 7, GOOD FRIDAY- OFFICES CLOSED
Saturday, April 8, HOLY SATURDAY
THE ST. JOSEPH-STRINGTOWN CHOIR WILL BE ASSISTING AT THE TRIDUUM MASSES AT ST. LAWRENCE-LAWRENCEVILLE.

Sunday, April 9, EASTER SUNDY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Monday, April 10, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTIVE OF EASTER-OFFICES CLOSED

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
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

SENIOR CITIZENS BREAKFAST will be April 2 after Mass. Anyone who will be 65 or older by the end of 2023 can attend, including spouses. Please RSVP to Jamie Kocher, 812-699-1300 or Mary Ochs, 618-837-0111 by March 28th if you would like to enjoy breakfast with us.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB will be having their meeting on Tuesday, April 4th at 7pm in the parish center. We will be choosing new officers, so if you wish to be involved in that voting process, please come join us. Members who are signed up to provide refreshments are Kathleen Zuber and Janice Zuber. Thank you!

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!

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

+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

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.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Please join us for a coach reception this Sunday, April 2nd from 1 - 3 pm! We will honor Mike Adams, Michael Fehrenbacher, Jim Baker, and Jesse Baker for their combined 30 years of service to our basketball programs.

Monday, April 3rd - Preschool Spring Program at 6 pm in the church

Wednesday, April 5th - Rice Bowl Collection during the Children's Mass

Thursday, April 6th - Spring Music Program K-4 at 1 pm & Early Dismissal 1:50 pm

No School Friday, April 7th or Monday, April 10th - Easter Break

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, April 2: Last day for the Baby Crib at Stringtown or contact Hank Ginder.

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

Sunday April 16: State K of C Free Throw at Effingham St. Anthony's High School, 1PM. Good Luck, 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.

Saturday, April 29: 4th Degree Honor Guard at St. Joe Olney Confirmation.

Sunday, April 30: 4th Degree Ministry volunteer at the 8AM Olney, St. Joe Mass. K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM. Fellowship breakfast following Mass at an Olney local restaurant.

Congratulations to Katelyn Bookhout, receiving third 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.



Remember in our prayers...
Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

**Sunday April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday**

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, April 3, NO MASS

Tuesday, April 4, NO MASS

Wednesday, April 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 6, HOLY THURSDAY-TRIDUUM LITURGY/MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

7:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, April 7, GOOD FRIDAY LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

TRIDUUM LITURGY/VENERATION OF THE CROSS

7:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 7:00pm at St.

Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

MINISTERS LIST

04/02/2023

Servers:

Nathaniel Zwilling

Alex Schneider

Lector:

Beth Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Jean & Gary Kocher

Ushers:

Owen Kocher

Ray Schneider

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher

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:

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