

Collection Total for March 19, 2023

Envelopes: \$1005.00
Loose: \$39.01
Total: \$1144.01

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$90.00 (8)
Building Fund: \$328.00 (9)
Easter Flowers: \$35.00 (2)

March Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law
March Missalettes: In Memory of Janice, Albert & Geneva Zuber

-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 stjeholycross to 84576 to get connected

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 26, 9:00am, Stations of the Cross with Children at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
3:00pm, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Monday, March 27, 6:00pm, Reconciliation at St. Sebastian-St. Sebastian
7:00pm, Reconciliation at St. Mary-Mt. Carmel
1:30pm to 5:30pm Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Tuesday, March 28, 1:30pm, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

9:30am, ASAP Prayer Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, March 29, 9:00am, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, CYM led Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 31, 2:00pm, Living Stations of the Cross-at St. Joseph-Olney

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

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

Saturday, April 1,10:00am, Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph School

Tuesday, April 4, 11:00am, Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral-Belleville.

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

7:00pm, Holy Thursday Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, Adoration until 10:00pm

7:00pm, Holy Thursday, Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, April 7, GOOD FRIDAY- OFFICES CLOSED

3:00pm, CYM Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin

7:00pm, Continuation of the Triduum Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross at St. Joseph-Olney and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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Saturday, April 8, HOLY SATURDAY

7:30pm, Continuation of the Triduum with Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph-Olney and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

8:00am Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Olney and **St. Joseph-Stringtown**

10:00am, Easter Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, April 10, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OR EASTER-OFFICES CLOSED

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER will be held at 7 pm on the following dates: Monday, March 27; Monday, April 3; Wednesday, April 5. All are welcome to join us. You do not have to attend all the practices.

PICNIC NEWS:

All raffle items need to be turned in by April 1 we are particularly short on kids and quilt raffle items this year. We are also 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.

OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED religious items will be for sale on April 1, at the 5:00pm mass at St. Joseph-Olney and April 2 at the 8:00am mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and 10:00am at St. Lawrence. On behalf of our Christian workshops in the city of Bethlehem and the surrounding areas, please accept our great appreciation for the opportunity you are giving us to market our Olivewood Handcrafted religious items.

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

“Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me.” What fitting words during Lent to read, and to meditate upon. We are not stuck in our sinfulness -unless we choose - and we are given the assurance that our Father always hears! There is still time in this Lenten season to be heard, to be free and to leave our sins...malice, pride, unforgiveness, anger...at the foot of the cross! Have you been to confession? Make plans to receive this Sacrament during the Lenten season. Then you to will be untied and free...Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK

St. Paul is very clear in today’s second reading. Because of our baptism, Jesus lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Because the Spirit dwells in us, even though our bodies are subject to death as a consequence of sin, our spirit lives. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies to life beyond death. This is the sure promise made to all of us who choose to live, animated by the Spirit.

Today’s Gospel calls us to a deeper faith and trust in Jesus who tells us: “I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life.”

“Do you believe this?”

No one seemed to be prepared for Jesus’ next words and actions. “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Then he shouts: “Lazarus, come out!” And Lazarus comes out, still bound in his linen shroud. Jesus has to tell them to “untie him and let him go free.”

What is your response, my response, as we listen to the events recounted for us? The glory of God revealed in Lazarus’ new life calls us to faith and trust. Physical death only ends our earthly life; there is life beyond the grave - eternal life, resurrection of our bodies! The Spirit who dwells in us will give us a share in Jesus’ glorious risen life.

But before that promise comes true, however, we have an earthly life to complete. Reality must break through the marvelous events we have witnessed.

We know that this miracle hastened the tragic events of Jesus' arrest, suffering and eventual death on the cross. As we listen today, we are reminded that there are daily deaths to self and sin that we must endure in order to share in Jesus' rising. People and events in our daily living will challenge our faith and trust in Jesus as resurrection and life. How we handle these daily deaths to self and sin is often a good indication of how we will handle our final, earthly death. Seeing them as our opportunities to share in Jesus' suffering and death gives us the courage to accept them gracefully.

Let us resolve, then, to use these challenges to deepen our decision to follow Jesus more closely each day. Jesus has told us that our daily deaths to self and sin, and our eventual physical death, will bring us to our promised share in his glorious risen life. May the grace of God and our faithfulness bring us to the fullness of life Jesus has promised us.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Inaugural Bingo/Auction Night: What a success!
 *Thanks to our committee members: Kevin Bookhout, Josy Hart, Beth Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Lora Kocher, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Amber Ochs, Sara Peavler, Carol Potter
 *Thanks to St. Joseph, Stringtown, for hosting.
 *Kudos for the support in our school office - Kristen Eagleson, Jeffrey Rosenberg, and Audrey Jensen.
 *Much appreciation to all of our donors!
 *Finally - we are grateful if you worked and/or attended! We could not have been so successful without you!

Our Annual Giving Campaign is off to a super start! Thank you if you already mailed in your stewardship or treasure and/or prayer.

Wednesday, March 29th - Opera for the Young presentation - thanks to the Olney Arts Council!

Friday, March 31st
 Living Stations of the Cross 2 pm in the church - presented by 8th grade (Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 attend)

St. Joseph School staff works the K of C Fish Fry! Join us!!

Saturday, April 1st - St. Joseph School Enrollment Committee's Egg Hunt for birth - age 5 (and current kindergarten).

Looking ahead....

Thursday, April 6th
 Spring Music Program - 1 pm in the Gymnasium K-4 students
 Early Dismissal 1:50 pm

Friday, April 7th - No School - Good Friday

Monday, April 10th - No School - Easter Monday

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Good Luck! Miles Tompson, Carly Seiler and Katelyn Bookhout, this weekend, will be at the State Spelling Bee at the Bloomington Catholic Central High School.

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

Friday, March 31: Last Fish Fry, 5 -7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Open to the public. Dine in or carry out. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$6. Thank you to all for the fantastic support for the fish fry nights this year! Please, lets have a big turn out to support the St. Joe School!

Palm Sunday is the deadline for Baby Crib donations. All donations accepted! Kudos to all St. Joe School Classes for participating also in a Baby Wipe donation benefit for WIC! (Last year approximately 7,00 baby wipes were donated!)

Wednesday, April 20: Deadline for applications for the Olney Council seniors of a parent member for four \$250 Scholarships. Submit all applications to the K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, Il. 62450. Applications are at the Olney High School Guidance Office and at the back of each church.



Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For Sr. Loretta & Antoinette Volk, PHJC+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, March 27, NO MASS

Tuesday, March 28, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 31, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 1, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For Carolyn Zuber+, & Hermina Zuber+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

03/26/2023

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Lector:

Owen Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Harold Boehl

Gifts:

Paul & Ellen Steber
 Family

Ushers:

Doug Kocher
 Elmer Ochs

Greeters:

Jean, Mona, & Gary
 Kocher

04/02/2023

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