

Collection Total for March 3, 2024

Envelopes: \$940.00 (35)
Loose: \$72.50
Total: \$1,012.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$70.00 (2)

Easter Offering: \$100.00 (1)

Holy Land/Good Friday \$50.00 (1)

March Bulletins: For the Parish

March Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 10 – Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7:00am-11:30am

Tuesday, March 12 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Stringtown Study, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm
OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm

Friday, March 15 – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Joseph Stringtown, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 17 – Donuts at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

Tuesday, March 19 – St. Joseph Table Celebration and Mass, 6pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Friday, March 22 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Our new book will be: 30 Day Eucharistic Revival by Fr. Donald Calloway. It will offer daily readings from St. Peter Julian Eymard- Apostle of the Eucharist-insights from Fr. Calloway, reflection questions and prayers. You will discover a deeper meaning and experience of the Holy Eucharist.

The book will be available on Tuesday February 27. with Day One beginning on Thursday, February 29. If interested, contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our third week of Lent might find you still trying to get into the groove. The distractions of life with issues, agendas, regrets, and warmer temperatures could have you overwhelmed, exhausted, and numb. Do not fear, or be worried, this is the Lenten journey... Yes, we are called to Pray (be it simple, on your knees, or behind the wheel of your car)- Fasting (less sugary items, less social media, tv, gossip) Almsgiving (not as many online purchases as usual, giving some energy on tasks, leaving a larger tip). All of this and more, is YOU becoming less and giving GOD room to move in. Take the step forward to push a little more towards Praying- [pick up those beads, open the Bible, set an alarm to pray for 10 seconds every hour....] Fasting- [say No to sugary treats, turn off the notifications- do not open the app {*your world will not fall apart if you do not stay current with social media*}, if you cannot say anything nice--- SHHH!] -Almsgiving- [no purchases for a week, clean your closets {less is more}, surprise someone with a gift card]. If YOU do not die with Christ- you will not RISE with HIM! We have 3 weeks to go- Pray-Fast-Give Alms- out of thanksgiving and gratitude for sufferings of Jesus... that he would do just for YOU alone! If you do not *die with Christ*, you will not RISE with HIM! Journey onward and carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting- and Almsgiving! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Month of St. Joseph

March- Stations of the Cross

Live Your Catholic Faith: Say out loud everyday

*No one will Rise from the dead who has not First Died with Jesus! **Ask yourself this daily** What do I need to have die within me? so that I will rise with Jesus! **Our Family Prayer:***

St. Joseph, watch over me and care for me just as you cared for the child Jesus; and by your help, may I come to know your Son, and to grow in strength and wisdom and live in the favor of God. Amen.

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney; **First Eucharist:** April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION AND MASS:

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Olney and Holy Cross Wendelin to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration on March 19th with Mass at 6:00pm in the church followed by fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind, especially sweet breads.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

In addition to the Stations of the Cross listed on the Lenten flier, there will be Stations of the Cross **every** Friday beginning at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown during Lent (except Good Friday). We hope everyone will take the time to attend and reflect on the suffering Jesus went through for our salvation. If you would like to sign up to lead Stations, please sign up on the schedule in the back of church. Thank you!

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting its annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on Sunday, April 14 after 8:00 am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by April 7 to Sherrie Zwilling or Jamie Kocher at 812-699-1300.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

This past week, the school completed its IL State Recognition and Diocesan Accreditation Process. This thorough review of our school is an important part of our commitment to excellence in education and Catholic Faith formation. The nine-person team was impressed by our engaged, faith-filled classrooms and beautifully maintained facility. We are incredibly proud of our staff and grateful for the support of our parishes.

Bingo Bash - Saturday, March 9th starting at 5 pm - Thanks to everyone who is supporting this fantastic fundraiser.

Our trash bag sales began this week - if you want quality trash bags, contact a school student.

Friday, March 15th - Living Stations presented by our eighth graders 2pm in the church School Staff works the Fish Fry - join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, March 9th is the Regional Spelling Bee at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon at 10AM. Good Luck to Kately Bookhout, Kaylah Matthews, and Braden Weidner! Also Saturday at 10:30 is the Regional Free Throw Competition at Mater Dei High School. The Olney Council winners that qualify to advance are Adam Kessler, Hudson Bible, Kolsyn Erwin, Ezra Dicks, Leo Hallam, Gentry Hough, Delana Sterchi, Breeann Ochs, Lauren French, Leah Kuenstler, Bella Stevens, and Mallory Kocher. Jack Ridgely and Vella Kuenstler are 8-year-old winners that participate for fun, but receive winner plaques and patches.

Thursday, March 14: 3rd Degree Meeting, 7PM.

Friday, March 15: Friday Fish Fry Night, serving 5-7PM, to benefit the St. Joe School. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Thursday, March 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM

Sunday, March 31: Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney. There will be no fellowship breakfast. Knights led Rosary at 7:40AM before Mass.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive: Only a few more weeks to donate for young mothers and their

infants in Richland County. Please consider almsgiving. Diapers are a critical need. All donations are welcome except baby bottles. **High School Seniors** consider a \$250 scholarship. Applications are at the back of church or at the Guidance Office.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am in Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll also use our imaginations to enter the scene, create the characters, and be there in the world of the reading.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the expenses are welcomed. The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting will be Monday, March 11th, at 7:00pm (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center. **The Committee Chairs are:** Financial – Lisa Boehl, Raffle – Hank & Nina Ginder, Food Stand – Francis Ochs Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50 – Janice Zwilling, Kitchen (Dinner) – Lisa Boehl, Basket Stand – Mona Kocher, Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & games) – Ethan & Delaney Steber, Kids Games – Doug & Shelly Seaman, Grounds & Maintenance – Scott Seiler
If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson.

Picnic Raffle: Almost all donations from the raffles have been contacted for this year. If you wish to remain anonymous, or be added to the picnic raffle, contact Hank or Nina Ginder. Raffle books are tentatively to be distributed May 1st.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices in preparation for Easter will be held at 7pm on: 3/11, 3/20, 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Our last Euchre tournament was held Sunday, March 3rd at Stringtown Parish hall with 28 players in attendance.

- 1st place—Doug Iffert --\$42.00 –60pts
- 2nd place—Dave Kocher --\$12.60 –57pts
Jim Kocher --\$12.60 –57pts
- 3rd place—Lawrence Pilman --\$16.80 –55pts

We would like to thank all the players that came out for the last 3 months to play in either extreme cold or in beautiful weather! We hope you all had a wonderful time! We would also like to thank Herb and Martha Deimel for donating popcorn and Michelle Rauch for the homemade cookies.

Big kudos to Stringtown Parish for allowing us to use their parish hall while our hall was not available.

Without them, this would not have been possible this year. We will look forward to seeing you all next winter. --HC Family Life Committee

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 16 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$2,907.40 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bill, Catherine, and Nadine Zwilling+" "Carolyn Zuber+"

Monday, March 11, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Tuesday, March 12, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 13, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Albert & Geneva Zuber+" "Gene and Esther Kistner+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

03/10/2024

Servers:

- Silas Sager*
- Levi Weidner
- Jared Weidner

Lector:

Shelly Seaman

EMHC:

- Beth Kocher
- Gary Kocher
- Owen Kocher

Gifts:

Bill Zuber

Ushers:

- Ian Kocher
- James Schneider

Greeters:

- Sam & Mary
- Zwilling

03/17/2024

Servers:

- Delana Sterchi*
- Austin Kuenstler
- Gavin Kuenstler

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

- Elmer Ochs
- Mary Ochs
- Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Doug & Lora Kocher Family

Ushers:

- Brian Ochs
- Elmer Ochs

Greeters:

- Ralph & Sue
- McIntire

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