

*Sunday, April 7, 2024*  
*2nd Sunday of Easter*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

- Mon. April 8 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
 Tue. April 9 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. April 10 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher**  
 Thu. April 11 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. April 12 8:00 am Special Intention**  
**5:00 PM Confirmation**  
**Sat. April 13 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Jeff, Jeanette & Jamie Ping**  
**Sun. April 14 8:00 am Herman Zwilling**  
 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 31**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
 Easter: \$12,569 (125) Loose: \$776  
 Envelopes: \$1,130 (13) Flowers: \$155 (5)  
 Good Friday: \$350 (16) Rice Bowl: \$50 (2)

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, April 7**

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

**Monday, April 8**

- The Parish Office is closed.

**Tuesday, April 9**

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.

**Wednesday, April 10**

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9 AM – 12 PM, Good Samaritan.
- 9:15 AM, Bible Study, 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 use our imaginations to enter into the scene, create the characters and be there in the world of the reading.

- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

**Thursday, April 11**

- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life Committee meeting.

**Friday, April 12**

- 9 AM – 12 PM, Good Samaritan.
- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.
- 5 PM, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney.

**Sunday, April 14**

- 8:00 AM-10:30 AM, Tri-Parish CYM fundraiser breakfast at St Joseph-Olney. Hope to see you there!

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Monday, April 8**

- No School - Eclipse Day!

**Wednesday, April 10**

- 8:05 AM, School Mass (1st).

**Friday, April 12**

- Confirmation. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

**Saturday, April 13**

- Preschool Screening.

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 May 1st is the deadline to be included in our printer proof letter for this year's annual giving campaign. Thanks to so many for your quick and generous response!

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- March 25: Allie Amerman (#578)
- March 26: Rick Harmon (#645)
- March 27: Carol Kistler (#067)
- March 28: Deb Zuber (#026)
- March 29: Lyndia Kuykendall (#664)
- March 31: Kaci & Brent Wells (#045) **\$500**

**Let Us Pray For:** John Bower, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, Fr. Mark Stec 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.*

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

What a world we live in- one week ago we were in Holy Week-the most solemn week of the year. We journeyed alongside our Lord- we wept, felt contrition, and emptiness. Then came Easter and we were overjoyed- our hearts were filled with Alleluia- He is Risen! And yet, somehow amid it all- *we continue to fail- we still prefer our sinfulness.* The question comes to mind, are we just living the “moments” with little to no time spent allowing our hearts and souls to be transformed? Seriously, last week was Holy Week- is there anything about those days that remain, or do we just quickly pick up, and move onto the next “moment- the next moment- the next moment?” Providentially, Our Good and Gracious God knew we would need ongoing help-....and He offers us Mercy- Divine Mercy! *...let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy... — Divine Mercy in My Soul, Diary of St. Faustina, n. 848* Do not let this “moment” pass you by -spend some time this day and ask (beg) for God’s Mercy- for all that we fail to do- *mea*

*culpa-mea culpa- mea maxima culpa! ---He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice... Diary n. 1146*

St. Faustina, pray for us! Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

**Family Catechesis Month of The Blessed Sacrament**

**Live Your Catholic Faith:**

Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish.

**Our Family Prayer:**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Sunday, April 14 to make any changes for the May and June schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.

**Deepest sympathy** to the family of Dallas Stone. May he rest in the peace of God’s love.

**St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish** invites you to join us on Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 PM in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reception in the Parish Center to follow.

**2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
*Serve the Lord with gladness! -Psalm 100*

“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!

**Respect Life Corner:** If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. In the Belleville diocese, go here for help: Project Rachel (diobelle.org). If you would like resources for other regions, go here: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion” [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)*

**Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching.** A Small Group Interactive Program on Zoom, 10 Consecutive Thursdays-- April 25 - June 27, 6PM-8PM. Facilitators: Beth Gutzler and Cheryl Sommer. Grounded in Catholic social teaching, this program guides participants in exploring the Gospel’s call to respond to poverty in our communities, nation and world, and equips participants with practical tools to take action in effective and sustainable ways. The program contains extensive resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is encouraged for use in Catholic parishes. For more information, go to <https://justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/>

[JustFaith-Catholic-Program-1-Program-Booklet.pdf](#)

Register at: <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-st-louis-spring-2024-small-group/>

**April is Child Abuse Awareness Month:** Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing, and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. However excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offense against the human dignity.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

**Thursday, April 11:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Friday, April 12:** 4th Degree Honor Guard at Olney Confirmation.

**Sunday, April 14:** State Finals of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition, St. Anthony High School.

**Thursday, April 18:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Friday, April 19:** Deadline for the Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications.

**Kudos** to St. Joseph Church-Olney and St. Joseph Church-Stringtown for a successful Baby Crib Drive for Women, Infants and Children in Richland County! Diapers-1,576, baby wipes-2,474, onesies-14, quilts-3, sleepers-11, pants-14, outfits-15, and blankets, pacifiers, hats, toys, powders, ointment, knitted shoes, nail clipper, socks, t-shirts, books, hooded towels, wash cloths, bars of soap, diaper bag and bibs.

St. Joseph Church  
 208 South Elliott St.  
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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 4:30 PM – 4:45 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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