

*Sunday, April 9, 2023*  
*Easter Sunday*

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

- Mon. Apr. 10 No Mass  
Tue. Apr. 11 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Apr. 12 8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn**  
Thu. Apr. 13 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Fri. Apr. 14 8:00 am Special Intention**  
**Sat. Apr. 15 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM 1st Communion**  
**Sun. Apr. 16 8:00 am Ted Eagleson, James Mark Weiler**  
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 APRIL 2**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$7,566 (86) Outreach: \$97  
Guatemala: \$375 (19) Flowers: \$357 (14)

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Monday, April 10 - Monday Within the Octave of Easter**

- **Offices Closed**
- Wednesday, April 12**
- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9:15 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

**Friday, April 14**

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**

**Saturday, April 15**

- **5 PM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, April 16**

- **8 AM, First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown**
- **10 AM, First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**
- **10 AM, First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin**
- **1 PM, Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney**
- Monday, April 17**
- **7 PM, School Board Meeting**
- Tuesday, April 18**
- **6 PM, Finance Council Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**
- Wednesday, April 19**
- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **9:15 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack**
- **11 AM, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

**Friday, April 21**

- **6 PM-10:30 PM, Wine Tasting at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center. Admission \$10 (includes glass and tasting). Domestic beer available for purchase. Food trucks and live music by Corey Evitts! Wineries include Alto Vineyards, The Pour Vineyard, West of Wise Winery and Wyldewood Winery Illinois. (No admittance to anyone under the age of 21)**

**Saturday, April 29**

- **10 AM, Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Monday, April 10 - Easter Monday**

- No School.

**Wednesday, April 12**

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (KN).

**Saturday, April 15**

- First Communion for St. Joseph, Olney

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\* St. Joseph Parish is accepting cover letters and resumes for full-time educator positions and the head of maintenance position for St. Joseph Church and School.

\* Thanks to the enrollment committee for a fantastic Easter egg hunt!

\* We are closed for admission to kindergarten, second and fourth grades for the 2023-24 school year.

\* We are grateful for the tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign. Our printer proof letter will go out in June. Donations received before May will be recognized in that mailing.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- March 27: Shaylee Clow (#519)  
March 28: Gavin Lathrop (#753)  
March 29: Matt Zuber (#632)  
March 30: Dan & Karen Kocher (#012)  
March 31: Anne Hahn (#714)

**Let Us Pray For:** Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Eleanor Steber, 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.*

**EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of the diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly.

I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ's victory of sin and death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: "Happy Easter!" Like the first Christian who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem and encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God's children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts and fill all of us with the incredible gift of peace. This is day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

In the Risen Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern

**FROM FR. MARK:**

My friends, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Christ!

Throughout the Lenten season, we prepared ourselves to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion and death culminating in his rising from the dead. We accompanied Christ through his suffering on the cross which led us to the empty tomb.

Today, our churches will be filled with joyous acclamations of "Alleluia!" announcing Jesus' triumph over death! This is the beginning of a new life for them and for us, too, as we renew our baptismal promises.

As we gather with friends and family, I pray that the light of the Risen Christ will fill our hearts with joy. May this joy move us to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all those we

encounter. Know that I will pray for you throughout this Easter season asking God to strengthen your Catholic faith and your love for the Eucharist.

May God bless us all.

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

+A Joyous Easter to you and all your loves+  
Our God is not dead - The tomb is empty - He is Alive! Our Lord fought the battle of *sin and death* and WON! Our Lord did this for each one of us! Live a life that mirrors the love of God. Live a life that draws you deeper and deeper into the heart of the Father. Live a life of abundance in God - not the world-and be transformed by that beautiful Love -*the Love that Ran Red!* The tomb is empty - go forth and live this Easter different than ever before - Live Believing - Live Joyously - Live Alleluia - and Live a Life of Love! *Keep to the J.O.Y.S*

**Easter Flower Memorials:** The deadline to turn in names for the Easter Flower Memorial list is today, Sunday, April 9. Please use the envelope labeled 'Easter Flower Offering' included in your March envelope packet.

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Sunday, April 16 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. We still need your help! Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.

**St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish** invites you to join us on Sunday, April 16 at 1 PM in the church as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion followed by reciting the Divine Mercy 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.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Thursday, April 13:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.  
**Sunday April 16:** State K of C Free Throw at St. Anthony High School in Effingham, 1PM. Practice shots and registration at 12:30 PM. Good luck to 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. Joseph-Olney Confirmation.  
**Sunday, April 30:** K of C led Rosary at 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.  
\* 4th Degree Ministry volunteer at the 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney. Fellowship breakfast following Mass at an Olney local restaurant.

**Thank you** very much for all the support for the eight K of C Fish Fry nights!  
**Kudos** to all the donations in the Baby Cribs for WIC! Thanks to all the St. Joseph School staff and students for every class participation in the Baby Wipe Program for WIC!  
**We welcome** new Knights of Columbus member, Colby Steber - Stringtown Parish.

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450  
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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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Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee  
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ **Sacraments** ~  
Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.  
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 4:30 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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Kristen Eagleson.....Administrative Assistant  
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