

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, February 19th - No School Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 20th - FFA Petting Zoo Prek - 1st Grades
Saturday, February 24th - Boosters Pasta Dinner (featuring Joe's famous sauce) and PTO Carnival in the gymnasium - join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday, February 23: Fish Fry Night, 5-7pm, Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Senior Citizens Center. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Sunday, February 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40am, before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

Monday, February 26: Saint Joseph School 5th Grade Knights of Columbus Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes - \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4, \$2, \$2, \$2

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th: Olney Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition during St. Joseph School 3rd-8th Grade PE Classes.

High School Seniors Olney Council \$250 Scholarships information forms are now available in the High School Guidance Office and at the back of the three sister parish churches.

Olney Council Knights of Columbus Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive now has cribs at Stringtown and Olney churches. During Lent, please consider a donation to benefit young mothers and their babies for the Richland County Clinic of the Jasper County Health Department.

Kudos to the 6th, 7th & 8th Spelling Bee winners at Olney St. Joe this week of cash prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$7, \$4, & \$2. ^2 participants with the following winners in order of winning place: Korynn Snider, Kylah Matthews, Yzabella Biyok, Mattux Hart, Braden Weidner, Judah Dicks, and Bella Stevens. Top three winners qualify for the Regional Spelling Bee in Peterburg.

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for **1** final person to join our team. This is a 3-year commitment that

meets at least monthly through August. Preferably, we are seeking individuals who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If interested or have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch (618-553-6839). Thank you!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble to set up an appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th and Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournaments. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

If you are interested in donating items for April-December 2024, please contact the Parish Office.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney begins this Wednesday will continue every Wednesday at 9:15am and again at 7:00pm 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 9th at Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine. If you are able to donate wine, you may put your bottles in the special box in the back of church. Please have all donations dropped off before March 3rd. Thanks for your support!

ST. ANDREW DINNER:

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us.

The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation.

This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Thank you to the 17 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 \$2,681.20 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!

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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