

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, March 4, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

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

Wednesday, March 6, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 7, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kenneth & Pauline Kistner+”

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

Saturday, March 9, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “J.V. Frohning+” “Don & Alice Line+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 10, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Sharon Correll+” “Lowell & Hermina Buerster+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. February 25, 2024

(62) Envelope Collection: \$2,050.00 Loose \$162.00

Total: \$2,212.00

(4) Building Fund: \$500.00 (1) First Offering:

\$10.00 (2) CSMA: \$220.00 (3) Easter Flowers:

\$70.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday,

February 29th - \$120,630.96 has been received

from 137 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman

(Sister of Ruth Rauch)

CRMH COMMUNION:

Mar. 10 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

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Mar. 31 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

Apr. 14 – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900

Apr. 21 – Martha Deimel (618)-663-8275

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Keith & Pam Blank	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Danny & Lori Quinn
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Kathy Kuentler Tammy Rudolphi Diane Schackmann	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Travis Weber Penni Kuentler Phyllis Eggers
<u>Lectors:</u> Victoria Rudolphi	<u>Lectors:</u> Amy Sandschafer
<u>Money Counters:</u> *Herb & Martha Deimel*	
<u>Ushers:</u> Mark Rudolphi Dave Rauch	<u>Ushers:</u> Michael Kistner James Kistner

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

Wednesday, March 20 – Holy Cross Parish Picnic Heads of Stands Meeting, 6:45pm

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

Monday, March 25 – Blood Drive at Wakefield Fire Department, 1:30-5:30pm

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS:

End of the year statements are available in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout 2023.

PARISH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Parish Office is updating records. If you are not receiving contribution envelopes and would like to be, please contact the Parish Office.

PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING:

There will be a head of stands meeting on Wednesday, March 20th beginning at 6:45pm in the Parish House. Please try to attend if you are able. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 13, 2024

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a Road Rally to be held on Saturday, April 13th.

Registration will begin at 11:00am at Vic's Cafe and will leave promptly at 1:00pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of fun and fellowship! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The days of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving are becoming more familiarize -more readily observed- and yet are still quite hard! Right? The journey might be opening eyes and hearts to “sinful things” filling our lives that separate us from our God! What “sinful things” does God need to prune-cut

away- gently remove from your life? If we do not allow Him to gently remove the “sinful things” (as only HE can!) *We will not grow-we will not flourish-we will not know Love!* God longs to prune- cut away- gently remove everything that hurts us- weighs us down- sadness us- that keeps us from accepting His Amazing Love! Do not delay! Ask God to come into the messiness of your life and help you to let go of everything that is not of Him! Then go - *go quickly-* to the Sacrament of Reconciliation where you will be made a new creature in Christ - be remade whole - and be Loved! 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!*

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

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 cost is \$16.00. If interested in joining contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Month of St. Joseph; March- Stations of the Cross
We will have Family Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Stringtown, on March 6th at 6:30pm. Our families will participate by reading a station of their choice with music from the choir. After Stations we will go to the Parish Hall to share a mini version of the St. Joseph Table with a brief presentation. There will be a Family Craft to take home and add to your Home Altar. There is a Confirmation Check-In and a First Eucharist parent meeting afterwards. **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 OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Joseph School will have its State Recognition/Diocesan Accreditation review Tuesday, March 5th. This rigorous process ensures the best possible education for our collective children. Please keep us in your prayers. **Wednesday, March 6th** - 8th Graders leave for Memphis! **Thursday, March 7th** - 5th Grade Rotary Spelling Bee (over 40% of our class qualified for the next round) **Saturday, March 9th** - Bingo/Auction Night - tickets are sold out. We are grateful for the work and donations of so many to make this event happen! **Looking ahead:** The 8th grade students will provide Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 15th at 2pm and Friday, March 22nd at 9am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday, March 8: Friday Fish Fry serving from 5-7Pm at the Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Fall Mall Kids Program. Carry-outs are available. **Saturday, March 9:** Regional Spelling Bee at Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon. Registration at 9:30AM. Competition begins at 10AM. Good Luck Kyla Matthews and Braden Weidner! **Thursday, March 14:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM **Thursday, March 21:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM **Sunday, March 31:** Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, Olney-St. Joseph. There will be no fellowship breakfast following Mass. Knights led Rosary at 7:40AM before Mass. **Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive:** Please consider almsgiving with a donation to benefit the WIC Program of the Richland Clinic of

the Jasper County Health Department on Whittle Avenue in Olney. All donations are welcome. Diapers and Baby wipes are the critical needs. Please no baby bottles. **Kudos** to all the St. Joe School 3rd-8th grade PE classes for completing the KOC 15 Shot Free Throw Competition. Thanks to Dale Weidner for his assistance and the organization of St. Joe teachers and staff!

FAMILY LIFE EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

We look forward to seeing you all back on our LAST Euchre tournament on Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm at Stringtown Parish Hall. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon with us!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

The March cake/craft drawing will be this weekend Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd. If you are interested in donating items for April-December 2024, please contact the Parish 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.

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.**

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 4:30pm 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. Please contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org **by March 5** to RSVP or obtain more details.

SAINT MARY'S BRUNCH:

Saint Mary's Bunch will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 8am to noon at the St. Mary's Parish Center in Sainte Marie. Menu will consist of sausage links, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads, fruit, and juice, milk, & coffee. Cost of adults will be \$10 and children age 4-10 will be \$5. Children 3 and under are free. Bake sale sponsored by the Youth Group.

CEMETERY NEWS:

Mowing season is around the corner. We ask that if you have any flowers, grave blankets on the ground that they are **removed by 4/1/2024**. Otherwise after this date the grounds will be walked and they will be removed and disposed of. Please remember during the months of April through November, all flowers must be attached to the headstone, as the mowers will mow around them, and weeds left to grow at your loved one's grave. Please help us in keeping our cemetery looking respectful and well kept.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
Thank you to the 28 households that have pledged \$3,923.56 so far!

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When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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