

Sunday, March 26, 2023
5th Sunday of Lent

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Mar. 27	No Mass
Tue. Mar. 28	5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar. 29	8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Mar. 30	6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar. 31	8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Apr. 1	4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
	5:00 PM Living & Deceased of the Dan & Helen Steber family
Sun. Apr. 2	8:00 am Rita Hann; Helen Hoffman
	8:00 am (at Stringtown)
	10:00 am (at Wendelin)
	10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dr. Herb Brokhof
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 19

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$3,608 (67) Loose: \$144
Guatemala: \$60 (2) CRS: \$365 (11)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, March 26

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**
- 9 AM, Stations of the Cross with Children at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 3 PM, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Monday, March 27

- 6 PM, Reconciliation at St. Sebastian-St. Sebastian
- 7 PM, Reconciliation at St. Mary-Mt. Carmel

Tuesday, March 28

- 1:30 PM, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Wednesday, March 29

- **Rosary, after Mass.**

- **9:15 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 6:30 PM, CYM led Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 31

- **2 PM, Living Stations of the Cross**
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Tuesday, April 4

- 11 AM, Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral-Belleville.

Thursday, April 6 - Holy Thursday

- **12 PM, Offices Closed**
- **7 PM, Holy Thursday Mass, Adoration until 10 PM**
- 7 PM, Holy Thursday Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

- **Offices Closed**
- 3 PM, CYM Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- **7 PM, Continuation of the Triduum Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross**
- 7 PM, Continuation of the Triduum Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday

- **7:30 PM, Continuation of the Triduum with Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass**
- 7:30 PM, Continuation of the Triduum with Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

- **8 AM, Easter Mass**
- 8 AM, Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 10 AM, Easter Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, April 10 - Monday Within the Octave of Easter

- **Offices Closed**

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, March 29

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (1st-Horstmeyer).
- Opera for the Young presentation - thanks to the Olney Arts Council!

Friday, March 31

- Living Stations of the Cross, 2 PM in the church, presented by our 8th grade. Grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will attend.
- St. Joseph School staff works the K of C Fish Fry! Join us!!

Saturday, April 1

- Enrollment Committee's Egg Hunt for birth - age 5 (and current kindergarten).

Thursday, April 6

- Spring Music Program, 1 PM in the gymnasium, K-4 students.
- Early dismissal, 1:50 PM.

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

- No School.

Monday, April 10 - Easter Monday

- No School.

* Inaugural Bingo/Auction Night: What a success! Thanks to our committee members: Kevin Bookhout, Josy Hart, Beth Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Lora Kocher, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Amber Ochs, Sara Peavler, Carol Potter. Thanks to St. Joseph-Stringtown for hosting. Kudos for the support in our school office- Kristen Eagleson, Jeffrey Rosenberg and Audrey Jensen. Much appreciation to all of our donors! Finally, we are grateful if you worked and/or attended! We could not have been so successful without you!

* Our Annual Giving Campaign is off to a super start! Thank you if you already mailed in your stewardship of treasure and/or prayer.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

March 13: Beth Shan (#681)
March 14: Carl Kocher (#349)
March 15: Maddy Corley (#367)
March 16: Brian Hinterscher (#096)
March 17: Pam & Steve Runyon (#249)

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.

FROM FR. MARK: St. Paul is very clear in today's second reading. Because of our baptism, Jesus lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Because the Spirit dwells in us, even though our bodies are subject to death as a consequence of sin, our spirit lives. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies to life beyond death. This is the sure promise made to all of us who choose to live, animated by the Spirit.

Today's Gospel calls us to a deeper faith and trust in Jesus who tells us: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life." "Do you believe this?"

No one seemed to be prepared for Jesus' next words and actions. "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Then he shouts: "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus comes out, still bound in his linen shroud. Jesus has to tell them to "untie him and let him go free."

What is your response, my response, as we listen to the events recounted for us? The glory of God revealed in Lazarus' new life calls us to faith and trust. Physical death only ends our earthly life; there is life beyond the grave - eternal life, resurrection of our bodies! The Spirit who dwells in us will give us a share in Jesus' glorious risen life.

But before that promise comes true, however, we have an earthly life to complete. Reality must break through the marvelous events we have witnessed.

We know that this miracle hastened the tragic events of Jesus' arrest, suffering and eventual death on the cross. As we listen today, we are reminded that

there are daily deaths to self and sin that we must endure in order to share in Jesus' rising. People and events in our daily living will challenge our faith and trust in Jesus as resurrection and life. How we handle these daily deaths to self and sin is often a good indication of how we will handle our final, earthly death. Seeing them as our opportunities to share in Jesus' suffering and death gives us the courage to accept them gracefully.

Let us resolve, then, to use these challenges to deepen our decision to follow Jesus more closely each day. Jesus has told us that our daily deaths to self and sin, and our eventual physical death, will bring us to our promised share in his glorious risen life. May the grace of God and our faithfulness bring us to the fullness of life Jesus has promised us.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me." What fitting words during Lent to read, and to meditate upon. We are not stuck in our sinfulness -*unless we choose* - and we are given the assurance that our Father always hears! There is still time in this Lenten season to be heard, to be free and to leave our sins...malice, pride, unforgiveness, anger...at the foot of the cross! Have you been to confession? Make plans to receive this Sacrament during the Lenten season. Then you too will be *untied and free*...Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Volunteer Now! Lectors, EMHCs, servers, cross-bearers, ushers, greeters and gift-bearers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.

Easter Flower Memorials: Please use the envelope labeled 'Easter Flower Offering' included in your envelope packet. On the reverse side of the envelope, please print clearly the name of the person the memorial is for. For married couples, please list the names together on the same line (for example: John & Jane

Doe). A list of the memorials will be published later.

The Parish and Family Life Committee is sponsoring a special Easter Blessing for all members of the parish. We are providing a free copy of the book, *Holy Moments (A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life)* by Matthew Kelly. Copies of this inspirational book will be available at all the entrances of church for your taking, starting on Holy Thursday service, April 6 through Easter Sunday, April 9. On behalf of the committee, we wish everyone a very Blessed Easter and we hope you enjoy your special gift. Thanks, and God Bless.

Choir practice for Easter! All invited! Practicing Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM at Wendelin and Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 PM at Olney. Contact Rhonda Kuenstler at 618-689-1106.

Olivewood handcrafted religious items will be for sale on April 1 after the 5 PM mass at St. Joseph-Olney and April 2 at the 8 AM mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and 10 AM at St. Lawrence.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Sara Ann Kelley. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Friday, March 31: Last Fish Fry, 5 PM -7 PM at the Olney City Park Community Building to benefit St. Joseph School. Open to the public. Dine in or carry-out. Adults: \$12, children 12 and under: \$6. Thank you to all for the fantastic support for the fish fry nights this year! Let's have a big turn out to support St. Joseph School!
Wednesday, April 20: Deadline for applications for \$250 Scholarships to Olney Seniors whose father is a Council member.

Palm Sunday is the deadline for Baby Crib donations. All donations accepted! Kudos to all St. Joseph School classes for participating in a Baby Wipe donation benefit for WIC. Last year approximately 7,000 individual baby wipes were donated!

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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 4:15 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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