

Sunday, March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Mar. 13	No Mass
Tue. Mar. 14	5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar. 15	8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
Thu. Mar. 16	6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar. 17	8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Mar. 18	4:00 PM (at Wendelin) 5:00 PM Rita Hann
Sun. Mar. 19	8:00 am Paul Wirth; Ed Weiler, Mr. & Mrs. Ves Weiler; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Faller
	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. Kuentler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 5

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,341 (109) Outreach: \$173
Guatemala: \$426 (25) Black & Indian: \$55 (2)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, March 12

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy

Monday, March 13

- 10 AM, Bishop Consultor Meeting in Belleville
- 11 AM, Presbyteral Council Meeting in Belleville
- 1:30 PM, Vicar Forane Meeting with the Bishop in Belleville
- 6:30 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 14

- 9 AM, St. Joseph-Stringtown Investment Portfolio Meeting at Trust Bank

- 6:30 PM, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 15

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9 AM, Reconciliation for parish and students
- 9 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack
- 9 AM - 11 AM, Good Samaritan
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/ Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 17

- 9 AM - 11 AM, Good Samaritan
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, March 19

- 9 AM, St. Joseph Day Social at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Monday, March 20

- 7 PM, Finance Council Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, March 22

- 9 AM, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, March 23

- 9 AM, Lenten Prayer for Clergy at St. Clare-O'Fallon

Friday, March 24

- 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

Saturday, March 25 / Sunday, March 26

- Holylands Arts. Olivewood handcrafted religious items will be for sale.

 St. Joseph School Notes 

Wednesday, March 15

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (3rd-Kessler)
- Reconciliation for students following mass.

Saturday, March 18

- Inaugural Bingo Night at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7 PM. Tickets: Individual \$25, Reserve a table: \$200. Get your tickets in the school office! Bingo, Raffle/Chance games, Auction items - silent and live.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 27: Dennis & Carolyn Carlton (#025)
Feb. 28: Ryan Fehrenbacher (#505)
March 1: Micah Pottorff (#472)
March 2: Mike Seiler (#729)
March 3: Joan Uhl (#186)

Let Us Pray For: Julia Eichhorst, Bob Geiger, Michelle Kessler, 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:

Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we “may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name.”

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her “living water.” He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he’s better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be side-tracked from his goal - to give her water that

will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day.

Jesus moves her to a new level by getting her to face the truth of her present situation. But he doesn’t tell her to “come back when you’ve straightened out your life.” The grace he offers is meant to help her to change – here and now.

Rather than make a commitment now, she says that she’s waiting for the Messiah to come. Now, Jesus can offer her the opportunity for a personal commitment: “I am he.”

The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion.

How great is our thirst during this Lenten season? What is the “food” we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

What will it take for you to be courageous and carry your cross daily? Who do you need to forgive in your life? Do not miss this present moment to take an inward look. Begin with an Examining your Conscience using the 7 Deadly Sins of *Pride: Envy: Sloth: Lust: Covetousness: Gluttony: Anger*. Be assured that the Sacrament of Reconciliation cleanses and heals you of these Deadly (Mortal) sins. Choose to be courageous and let sin Die in YOU! Live a Life of Love that is of God – for God – about God – and in God! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack, in the St. Joseph-Olney multi-purpose room after the Wednesday morning Rosary, about 9 AM. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be

transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Thank you to all of the Social/Family Life Committees for the receptions after each of our nights Lenten Parish Mission presentations.

The cemetery committee will be doing a grounds clean-up on March 25 preparing for the mowing season. All ground decorations will be removed--if you have any you would like to keep, please remove them BEFORE March 18.

Missions International is the non-profit that helps with our sister parish in Guatemala. 100% of your donations are given to our sister parish. Would you like to get more involved in our beautiful faith, The Universal Church? Currently, we are seeking ambassadors for communication with our sister parish. You don't have to be fluent in Spanish, but a smartphone is needed. This is a simple and amazing way to love our neighbors. Please contact Fr. Mark if you are interested. Thank you!

From the family of Neil Ochs: "To all the volunteers who helped with the meal for the funeral, we want to give you a big thank you. The meal was delicious and you all made it so easy on our family to not have to worry about the food. We truly appreciate it. Thank you all."

St. Joseph Parish in Stringtown would like to extend an invitation to join us in the Stringtown Parish Center for donuts and pastries after the 8AM Mass at Stringtown on Sunday, March 19. We will use this time for fellowship and to honor our patron saint, St. Joseph.

High School Youth are planning to attend a mission trip to Montague, Michigan in June. There will be a bake sale to help fundraise money to cover the cost of their trip. A bake sale will be held after the masses in Olney on March 18 and 19; and after the Stringtown and Wendelin masses on March 25 and 26. Please consider supporting the youth during this time.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Thursday, March 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Friday, March 17: Fish Fry, serving from 5 PM-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building to benefit Olney Valor Quilters. Open to the public. Dine in or carry-out. Adults: \$12, children 12 and under: \$6.
Sunday, March 19: "Into the Breach Tour" at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Lawrenceville, IL. at 1PM with a light lunch being served in the parish hall. The "Into the Breach Tour" is open to all men, women and families who want to learn more of the call of God in their lives. The Knights of Columbus Chapter and State officers will be present to discuss being a Catholic man in the world today, with an exemplification for Men that are interested in joining the Knights! Be A KNIGHT!

Saturday, March 25: Four winners advance to the State Spelling Bee at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington, 1 PM.

Sunday, March 26: K of C led Rosary, 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

Wednesday, April 20: Deadline for applications for \$250 Scholarships to Olney Seniors whose father is a Council member. Please mail applications to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL 62450.

Baby Crib Charity Drive to benefit WIC (Women, Infants & Children) in church during Lent. Needed items are diapers and baby wipes, blankets, quilts, sleepers, onesies, teething, sippy cups (no baby bottles,) baby lotions, shampoo and diaper cream.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
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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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