

Collection Total for February 25, 2024

Envelopes: \$885.00 (29)
Loose: \$34.00
Total: \$919.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Easter Flowers: \$260.00 (10)

Building Fund: \$270.00 (2)

First Offering: \$5.00 (1)

March Bulletins: For the Parish

March Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 3 – Euchre Tournament at St. Joseph-Stringtown Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm

Tuesday, March 5 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Stringtown Study, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm
OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm

Friday, March 8 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 10 – Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7:00am-11:30am

Sunday, March 17 – Donuts at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

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 book will be available on Tuesday February 27. with Day One beginning on Thursday, February 29.

The cost is \$16.00. If interested in joining contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The days of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving are becoming more familiarized -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!*

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

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!

SAVE THE DATE:

Mass and St. Joseph Table Celebration at St. Joseph-Stringtown on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Matthew 18:20; More details in upcoming bulletins.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

In addition to the Stations of the Cross listed on the Lenten flier, there will be Stations of the Cross **every** Friday beginning at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown during Lent (except Good Friday). On Friday, March 8th, Fr. Steven will provide Reconciliation and conclude the Stations with Benediction. We hope everyone will take the time to attend and reflect on the suffering Jesus went through for our salvation. If you would like to sign up to lead Stations, please sign up on the schedule in the back of church. Thank you!

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, All are welcome. 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 Mathews 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(Women, Infants & Children) 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 Knights of the Columbus 15 Shot Free Throw Competition. Thanks to Dale Weidner for his assistance and the organization of St. Joe teachers and staff!

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.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the expenses are welcomed.

The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting will be Monday, March 11th, at 7:00pm (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center. **The Committee Chairs are:** Financial – Lisa Boehl, Raffle – Hank & Nina Ginder, Food Stand – Francis Ochs Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50 – Janice Zwilling, Kitchen (Dinner) – Lisa Boehl, Basket Stand – Mona Kocher, Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & games) – Ethan & Delaney Steber, Kids Games – Doug & Shelly Seaman, Grounds & Maintenance – Scott Seiler

If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices in preparation for Easter will be held at 7pm on: 3/11, 3/20, 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

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!

Holy Cross Family Life Committee

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Our speaker will be Tristan Mitchell, Richland County CEO Program. Refreshments will be provided by Kathy Zuber and Janice Zuber.

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 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. 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.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 16 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 \$2,907.40 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!

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Lelia Volk+"

Monday, March 4, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Herman Zwilling+"

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

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

Saturday, March 9, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bill, Catherine, & Nadine Zwilling+"

"Carolyn Zuber+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

03/03/2024

Servers:

Kaitlyn Ginder*

Haley Ginder

Kaitlyn Kocher

Lector:

Owen Kocher

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Lisa Boehl

Harold Boehl

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Alex Schneider

Ray Schneider

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary

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03/10/2024

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Jared Weidner

Lector:

Shelly Seaman

EMHC:

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