

*Sunday, March 20, 2022*  
*3rd Sunday of Lent*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar 21 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
Tue. Mar 22 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Mar 23 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher**  
Thu. Mar 24 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Sat. Mar 26 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Jim & Mary Steber family;**  
**Jim Kuentler;**  
**Linda Gumble**  
**Sun. Mar 27 8:00 am Mary Ann Kuentler**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Bill and Judy Spitz family  
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuentler, CPA

**OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 13**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$6,880.90 (74) Loose: \$111  
Guatemala: \$251 (13) Black & Indian: \$165 (5)

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, March 20**

- Coffee and doughnuts after Mass in the multi-purpose room. Please join us!

**Monday, March 21**

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 2 & 3) at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Tuesday, March 22**

- 5 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 3) at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, March 23**

- Rosary, after Mass
- 9 AM, Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 3)

- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

- 6:30 PM, Synod Discussion at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Thursday, March 24**

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 3) at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, March 25**

- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Sunday, March 27**

- 11 AM, Synod Discussion at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, March 28**

- 1:30 PM, Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 4) at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Tuesday, March 29**

- 5 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 4) at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, March 30**

- Rosary, after Mass
- 9 AM, Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 4)
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

**Thursday, March 31**

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 4) at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, April 1**

- 2 PM, Living Stations of the Cross
- 4 PM, Fish Fry at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Saturday, April 2**

- 2 PM, Peavler/Schnepper Wedding

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Wednesday, March 23**

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (KN- Frye).

**Wednesday, March 23 / Thursday, March 24**

- 8th graders to Memphis

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Thank you for the amazing response to our annual giving campaign! We are very grateful for your spiritual and financial support.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

March 7: McKenzie Mitchell (#003)  
March 8: Lori Uhl (#129)  
March 9: Dixie Johnson (#470)  
March 10: Paul & Helen Donsbach (#050)  
March 11: Hannah & Erik Jensen (#168)

**Let Us Pray For:** Willy Deimel, Mike Dowty, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Kay Rowark, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow and Ed Zuber.

*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.*

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
**+ J.O.Y.S.+**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. The season of Lent offers the opportunity for death to be journeyed. Each and every day we are to leave more and more of this world behind and grasp for the heavenly treasure! We can become very rudimentary in our lives- in that we live like we have all the time in the world! Understand, our time here is fleeting- we are not promised the

next moment. So journey onward living a life of Love in God's love and mercy! God has proven his love-are you proving yours? Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER:**

On Tuesday of Holy Week, April 12, 2022, at 11:30 AM. During this Mass, with the Priests, Deacons, Confirmandi, and members of the Christian Faithful gathered together, Bishop McGovern will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick that will be used throughout the Diocese in the coming year. Because of the easing of COVID restrictions, we are now able to gather together in person at the Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed and recorded to allow parishioners the opportunity to view the Mass. Please let Fr. Mark, Fr. Felix or Deacon Steve know if you are interested in attending.

**Deepest sympathy** to the family of Linda Harper (Caroline Trimble's mother). May she rest in the peace of God's love.

**Cemetery News:** In preparation for mowing season, Spring cleanup at the cemetery will begin soon. Please remove all ground decorations that you wish to keep by March 26; otherwise, they will be disposed of. As a reminder, per cemetery rules, no free-standing decorations are permitted due to difficulties while mowing and maintaining.

**Healing Blankets** are intended to comfort the recipients by knowing that they are being prayed for, for whatever the case: illness, grief, loss or loneliness. The blanket is a reminder of the love and prayers of our parish community. Our prayer that is ironed on to the blanket says it all: *"This blanket was sewn with love and blessed. Know that you are covered by the prayers and love of St. Joseph's members. In Jesus' name we pray*

that you will be healed." With each blanket, a person receives a booklet called "You are Covered in Prayer" and a letter that explains what the blanket is all about. To request a blanket, come to the Parish Office. There is no cost, but a donation would be accepted to help offset the expense of this ministry.

### Annual Catholic Relief Services Collection March 26/27

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection next week support international relief and solidarity efforts on behalf of Catholics in the U.S. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of natural disaster and war, including the current war in Ukraine. After initial emergency response, CRS continues the work of rebuilding and long-term resilience for communities. For a more complete description of programs funded go to [www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection](http://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection).

*Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15.*  
*Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.*  
*1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12.*  
*Luke 13:1-9.*

**Reflecting on a Tree and a Bush.** In Luke's parable, the gardener wants to give the unproductive fig tree a second chance. Here is an image of God's tending to all of us – always wanting the opportunity for second (and third and fourth and...) chances. In the Exodus account, God, in an unconsumed burning bush, speaks to Moses. Both vineyard and Horeb are holy ground, places for God's saving activity.

- \* How will I work the holy ground of my life this week, this Lent?
- \* What fruit will my life bear?
- \* How will I listen and respond to what God calls out to me?

### ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

**Friday, March 25:** Fish fry Night to benefit the Fall Kids Mall. Serving from 5 PM-7 PM at the Olney City Community Park Building. Kudos to last week volunteer workers; Andy Herman, Elliot & Samantha Brazil, Steve, Lauren & Austin Tibbs, Steve, Dan, Kyle & Preston Kuenstler, Cindy Peters, Janice Pampe, Kim Harrell, Tony & Stacey Steber, and Dan Zwilling.

**Sunday, March 27:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the St. Joseph-Olney 8 AM Mass.

**The Baby Crib** is in church for the Charity Drive to benefit WIC. All donations are welcome. Diapers ages zero to three are most needed.

**Congratulations** to the Regional Free Throw winners in Breese at Mater Dei High School – Kelysse Weiler and Carter Seaman! Great effort for Lauren French, Kolton McLaren, Landree Nelson, Camden Blank, Carly Seiler, Kooper Kuhn, and Nora McClain. Winners now qualify for the State Championship at St. Anthony in Effingham.

**The State Spelling Bee Finals** in Petersburg, IL is on Saturday, April 2. Olney Council qualifiers are Owen Kocher, Kylie Kocher and Dee McKinney.

**Kudos** to Emma Hefferman for winning the International Soccer Kick Championship!

**Welcome** Curtis Ochs from the Wendelin Parish as a new K of C Member!

**Knights of the Month** – Tony Steber and Dan Zwilling as volunteers for all of the Fish fry Nights!

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450  
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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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