

Sunday, March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar 4 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Mar 5 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar 6 8:05 am Fr. James Dougherty
Thu. Mar 7 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar 8 8:00 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
Sat. Mar 9 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM James Mark Weiler; Ed & Mary Jo Zuber; Virginia Ochs
Sun. Mar 10 8:00 am Ed Weiler, M/M Ves Weiler; M/M Wm. Faller; Leota Humphreys
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Marie Beal
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuentler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 25

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,653.25 (84) Loose: \$231
Guatemala: \$48 (3)
Black and Indian Missions: \$100 (3)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Saturday, March 2 / Sunday, March 3

- The Rosary will be prayed before each of the Masses through March 16/17. It will begin a half hour prior to the start of Mass. If you would like to lead the rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Sunday, March 3

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

Tuesday, March 5

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the church vestibule.

- 7 PM, O.C.I.A.

Wednesday, March 6

- Rosary, after Mass.
- 9:15 AM, Bible Study, 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 use our imaginations to enter into the scene, create the characters and be there in the world of the reading.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, March 8

- 12 PM (Noon), Finance Council.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, March 6

- 8th Graders leave for Memphis.
- 8:05 AM, School Mass (4th-Stallard).

Thursday, March 7

- 5th Grade Rotary Spelling Bee (over 40% of our class qualified for the next round).

Saturday, March 9

- Bingo/Auction Night - tickets are sold out. We are grateful for the work and donations of so many to make this event happen!

* **St. Joseph School** will have its State Recognition/Diocesan Accreditation review Tuesday, March 5. This rigorous process ensures the best possible education for our collective children. Please keep us in your prayers.

* **St. Joseph School** is seeking the following personnel for the 2024-25 school year: Kindergarten teacher, Primary classroom aide, and School office manager. Qualified applicants, please send resume and cover letter to:

Josy Hart, St. Joseph School
520 East Chestnut Street
Olney, IL 62450

Please indicate in your cover letter which position(s) you would like to be considered for. Thank you for your interest in St. Joseph School.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 19: Ed Kocher (#644)
Feb. 20: Sarah Barthelme (#546)
Feb. 21: Laura Kocher (#004)
Feb. 22: Alisha Duenas (#256)
Feb. 23: Athan Hinterscher (#040)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Marlene Harris, Ben Kessler, Don Kocher, Rose Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Ruth Matheny, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, 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.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
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- 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 Wednesday, March 6 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.

St. Joseph Church-Olney is seeking job applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant. Please send resume and cover letter to:

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520 East Chestnut Street
Olney, IL 62450.

Please indicate in your cover letter that you are interested in the position of Administrative Assistant. Thank you.

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.

~ **Welcome New Member to Our Parish** ~
Lisa Britton

Meals for Moms would like to welcome Carder Hix Kocher, the son of Sadie Gassmann-Kocher and Luke Kocher, born on 12-8-2023.

Euchre Tournament: Please join us on March 3 at 2 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournament sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available

with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Friday, March 8: Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 PM – 7 PM, at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Fall Kids Mall. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Saturday, March 9: Regional Spelling Bee at Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon. Registration at 9:30 AM. Competition begins at 10 AM. Good luck Kylah Matthews and Braden Weidner!

Thursday, March 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, March 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, March 31: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40 AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

* Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, at St. Joseph-Olney. There will be no fellowship breakfast following Mass.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive: Please consider almsgiving with a donation to benefit the WIC Program (Women, Infants & Children) of the Jasper County Health Department - Richland Clinic. All donations are welcome. Diapers and baby wipes are the critical needs. Please no baby bottles.

Kudos to all the St. Joseph School 3rd-8th grade PE classes for completing the Knights of Columbus 15 Shot Free Throw Competition. Thanks to Dale Weidner for his assistance and the organization of St. Joseph School teachers and staff!

St. Joseph Church
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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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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ **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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