

Sunday, March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday of Lent

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Mar. 6 6:00 PM (at Stringtown)
 Tue. Mar. 7 6:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Mar. 8 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher
6:00 PM For the Parish
 Thu. Mar. 9 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Mar. 10 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. Mar. 11 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Francis & Hermina
Zuber;
Cathy McDowell;
Ed & Mary Jo
Zuber
Sun. Mar. 12 8:00 am Katie Hahn;
Helen Hoffman;
James Mark Weiler
 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 FEBRUARY 26

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$5,049 (86) Loose: \$114
 Guatemala: \$65 (6) Black & Indian: \$337 (14)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, March 5

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy**
- **8 AM, CYM assisting at Mass**
- **9 AM, CYM Meeting**
- 6:30 PM, Parish Mission at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, March 6

- 6 PM, Mass, followed by 6:30 PM Parish Mission at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 7

- 6 PM, Mass, followed by 6:30 PM Parish Mission at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 8

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- 12 PM (Noon), East Vicariate Clergy Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- **6 PM Mass, followed by 6:30 PM Parish Mission**

Friday, March 10

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/ Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross/ Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 7 PM, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

- **9 AM, Reconciliation for parish and students**
- **9 AM- 11 AM, Good Samaritan**
- 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

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, March 8

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (3rd-Crane)

Wednesday, March 8 - Thursday, March 9

- 8th Graders to Memphis

Friday, March 10

- No School

Saturday, March 18

- Inaugural Bingo and Auction event starting at 5:30 PM! Enjoy Bingo, games, live and silent auction items! \$25 for single tickets and \$200 to reserve a table of 8. Tickets/tables on sale in the school office. We are also collecting donated wine for our wine pull. You can leave your wine donation in the back of any of our churches.

 Thanks to our families and parishioners for the quick and generous response to our Annual Giving Campaign! We are grateful for your ongoing financial support and prayers.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 20: Bev Norton (#267)
 Feb. 21: Kathy Ochs (#723)
 Feb. 22: Tracy Stevens (#555)
 Feb. 23: Jake Camfield (#286)
 Feb. 24: John Gilbert (#419)

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:

Like Abraham in today's first reading, we are on a journey. The circumstances of our lives are always changing. As we get older, we find that we can't do things the way we used to, so we learn to do things differently.

Change isn't always easy; so, if we're smart, we learn to be flexible. This is true in our spiritual lives also. We must learn to be more sensitive to the many ways the Lord is working in us and through us.

Lent is a time for developing this deeper sensitivity to God's presence and love. St. Paul reminds us that there are a few things that never change. They become the sure foundation for our Christian living:

- God has saved us in Jesus, who has robbed death of its power and has brought us life and immortality.
- Salvation is a grace - a gift of God. We have done nothing and can do nothing to merit it. The gift is ours because God loves us with great compassion.
- We are called to live a holy life, bearing our share of the hardship which living and sharing the gospel entails.

Like Peter, James and John, we have heard and believed the voice from the clouds: "Jesus is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." Listening to Jesus is a vital part of our living a holy life. Our willingness to take the time to listen to Jesus is the primary way that we grow in our sensitivity to God's working in us. Our listening can take many forms:

- Personal prayer
- Meditating on the life and passion of Jesus
- Spiritual reading
- Attentiveness to the needs of the people around us.

Lent is a graced time for moments of listening. What we will hear will point out the direction our journey with the Lord will take. None of us will probably hear a voice from the clouds, as the disciples did. God will speak to us in less obvious ways, but he will speak. He speaks in every event of our lives, in every person who crosses our path. As we grow in greater sensitivity to his presence in everything and everyone around us, we will more easily understand what he is telling us about ourselves and what he wants us to say and do each day. Our daily journey becomes an ever-growing dialogue with our God who loves us and calls us to be one with him.

These days of Lent are graced. Let's be sure we take the time to accept the graces God has prepared for us and grow in our baptismal commitment.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Rise, and be not afraid

There is so much that can occur in one day alone, that can invoke fear, anger, and tremendous hurt. It is very easy to get caught up in the emotions, the thoughts, and the adrenaline. We then use our voices to slander, judge, and invoke fear, anger, and hurt. The present moment is given to each one of us to be Christ-like or Satan-like. These days of Lent strive to live each day with Christ-like love! Our gracious Lord tells us to *Rise and be not afraid!* Rise from your sins -reach for the hand of our Lord- Live a Life of Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

From Bishop McGovern: On Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4, 2023, I will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11 AM in the Cathedral of St. Peter. During this Mass, with the Priests, Deacons, Confirmandi, and members of the Christian Faithful gathered together, I will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick that will be used throughout our Diocese in the coming year.

The Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday this year. Mindful of traditions related to the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop McGovern has granted Catholics in the Diocese of Belleville a dispensation (an exemption) from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Saint Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17, 2023. Catholics who avail themselves of this dispensation are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

Thank you to the 32 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 \$5,571.25 has been pledged by our parish members.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Neil Joseph Ochs. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

The family of Paul Wirth would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and many acts of kindness during this difficult time. All are appreciated more than words can express. Thank you to the ladies of the parish who prepared and served the delicious meal. May God bless all of you!

~ **Welcome New Members to Our Parish** ~
Dustin and Melanie Stinson family

The Funeral Dinner Committee is in need of disposable containers, any size. Please drop them off in the multi-purpose room kitchen.

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.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Thursday, March 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.
Friday, March 10: Fish Fry, serving from 5 PM-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building to benefit Fall Kids Mall. Open to the public. Dine in or carry-out. Adults: \$12, children 12 and under: \$6.
Sunday, March 12: Regional Free Throw Competition at Breese, Mater Dei High School, 1PM. Congratulations to winners that are advancing: Carter Seaman, Hudson Kuhn, Carly Seiler, Briley Wilson, Carly Kessler, Leo Tompson, Kolton McLaren, Knox Dorn, Leah Kuentler, Austin Kuentler, Laney Peavler and Carlie VanBlaricum.
Thursday, March 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Saturday, March 25: State Spelling Bee at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington, 1PM.
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.

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

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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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