

**Collection Total for March 24, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,192.00 (30)  
Loose: \$30.00  
**Total: \$1,222.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Easter Flowers: \$100.00 (1)**

**Easter: \$25.00 (1)**

**Building Fund: \$40.00 (2)**

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**March Bulletins: For the Parish**

**March Missalettes: For the Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, April 2 – 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

**Wednesday, April 3 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm**

**Saturday, April 6 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.**

**Friday, April 12 – Confirmation at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm**

**Sunday, April 14 – CYM Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Stringtown Community Club Senior Citizens Breakfast, Following 8am Mass**

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

The New book is "Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska" the Saint of Divine Mercy, it will begin on Tuesday, April 9. Come join us at 10:00am and share in the Easter joy.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

Alleluia! Our God has Risen from the dead! Alleluia!

A Joyous Easter be yours and may it be filled with gratitude, wonder and awe, and love! Journey onward living a life of being thankful, kind, forgiving-be Christ-like- in all that you do. Let the joy of the resurrection flood your soul!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! J.O.Y.S

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

**April - Divine Mercy** – We will have a Divine Mercy Service, April 3 at 6:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross Wendelin. There will be an update on Closing Family Catechesis Mass, Family recognition, Sacrament party, a few surprises and information on our summer plans. There will be a Check-In for Confirmation and First Eucharist, with practice for both Sacraments afterwards. **Live Your Catholic Faith** – Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish.

Send a “Thank You”- “Praying for You”- “You are Special”- “Get Well” card.

Pray a Rosary for them and support their works. Participate in: Sisters in Christ, Brothers in Christ, Family Catechesis, Stringtown Study, CYM

Schedule an appointment for Spiritual Direction. Live the Easter Joy! **Our Family Prayer** - Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,

Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ,

in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

The CYM will be hosting a pancake & sausage breakfast at St. Joseph Olney on Sunday, April 14th. More info to follow!

**STRINGTOWN DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

St. Joseph Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 7th at 1:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reception in the Parish Center to follow.

**SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:**

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting its annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on Sunday, April 14 after 8:00am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by April 7 to Sherrie Zwilling or Jamie Kocher at 812-699-1300.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

School resumes Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder there will not be school Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy Easter from the staff at St. Joseph School!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Friday, April 12:** 4th Degree member Honor Guards at the Olney Confirmation with three members in the new Regalia.

**Sunday, April 14:** Kolsyn Erwin advancing to the State Free Throw Competition at St. Anthony High School in Effingham!

**Thursday, April 18:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Friday, April 19:** Deadline for the Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors. See the application for details located at the back of church or contact the Guidance Office.

**Many thanks** for all the donations for the Annual Knights of Columbus Baby Crib Charity Drive to benefit the Women, Infants and Children in Richland County. The Baby Cribs were taken out of the church on Wednesday and delivered to the Richland Clinic. Kudos to St. Joseph School staff and students with 22,666 individual baby wipe

sheets delivered Friday! Winning classes were Kindergarten- 4,552; 2nd grade - 4,984; 5th grade - 1,896; & 7th grade - 2,740.

**Sunday, April 28:** Knight led Rosary at 7:40AM.

**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 and raffles are welcomed. **Noodle Day** is scheduled for April 27th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church after Easter. **The Picnic Committee Chair’s next meeting** will be Monday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. (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. Picnic Raffle:** Main, Quilt, & Kid Raffle items. If you have not been contacted and wish to donate raffle items, please contact Nina or Hank! Raffle books are tentatively to be available for distribution on May 5th.

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:**

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30pm at Michel's Dairy Farm for a tour. After the tour, we will have our regular meeting at the Parish Center. Michel's Dairy Farm is located at 6670 Seven Hills Lane. No refreshments were planned due to the tour.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**Congratulations to the following candidates!**

**Paige Abell** - St. Philomena, Sponsor: Allyson Padilla

**Sarah Fehrenbacher** - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sponsor: Maria Rudolphi

**Tyler Fitch** - St. Adrian, Sponsor: Rita Kocher

**Noah Heuerman** - St. Hubert, Sponsor: Amy Sandschafer

**Hannah Kuenstler** - St. Agnes, Sponsor: Dan Kuenstler

**Chelsey Oilar** - St. Brigid of Ireland, Sponsor: Herman Zuber

**Tommy Oilar** - St. Benedict, Sponsor: Jason Brown

**Stormi Raines** - St. Zelig Martin, Sponsor: Sadie Gassman-Kocher

**Andria Shan** - St. Zelig Martin, Sponsor: Ann Rudolphi

**Emily Steber** - Mother Frances Cabrini, Sponsor: Kenzie Macke

There will be a Reception to "Welcome" our O.C.I.A. members to the Catholic faith in the multi-purpose room immediately following the Easter Vigil. Plan to stop in and share in the Easter Joy. Thank you to the Parish and Family Life Committee for hosting.

**HOLY CROSS ROAD RALLY:**

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a Road Rally to be held on Saturday, April 13th. Registration will begin at 11:00am at Vic's Cafe and will leave promptly at 1:00pm. A basket and 50/50 winner will be drawn at each stop. Also, a cash/gift certificate raffle will conclude the afternoon. Must be present to win prizes, so plan to spend the day with us.

**2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*

Thank you to the 20 households that have pledged \$3,127.40 so far!

**EMMAUS DAYS:**

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

***Remember In Our Prayers***

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber, Fr. Mark Stec



**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, March 31, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"

**Monday, April 1, 6:30pm** at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Herman Zwilling+"

**Tuesday, April 2, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, April 3, 8:05am** at St. Joseph-Olney 1:30pm at Carle RMH 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor "Special Intention"

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, April 5, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, April 6, 9:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, April 7, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Mike and Ellie Kocher+" "Barbara Ann Ochs+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**03/31/2024**

**Servers:**

Emmitt Kocher\*

Mitchell Ochs

Brady Ochs

**Lector:**

Kathy Kocher

**EMHC:**

Janette Kocher

Josie Kocher

Jenny Hancock

**Gifts:**

Gary & Beth

Kocher Family

**Ushers:**

Luke Seiler

Scott Seiler

**Greeters:**

Seaman Family

**04/07/2024**

**Servers:**

Kerigan Kocher\*

Mallory Kocher

Gus Kocher

**Lector:**

Jocelyn Kocher

**EMHC:**

Harold Boehl

Lisa Boehl

Jamie Kocher

**Gifts:**

Chad & Jenny

Hancock Family

**Ushers:**

Evelyn Volk

Tom Kocher

**Greeters:**

Doug & Lora

Kocher Family

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm