

Sunday March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, March 20, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 21, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 23, NO MASS

Friday, March 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 25, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Una Kocher+”

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Delbert & Bill Buerster and Dawn Wurster+”

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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 12, 2023

(55) Envelopes \$1969 Loose \$271 (19) Building \$1275 (3) CSMA \$550 (2) Easter Flowers \$75

TOTAL: \$4140.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Wyatt Hayes (Grandson of Herb & Martha Deimel), Tim Schnautz, Norma Weidner, Doug Frichtl, Sam & Hermena Medernach

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To the Mary Beth Coan Family. Her sister, Janice Steber died recently. “May Janice rest in the peace and love of our Lord.”

The rectory re-purpose project is almost complete. Holy Cross is grateful to so many who

gave graciously of their time and talent to reimagine this space for future use.

*Office staff-Fr. Mark, Savannah Lenear, Martha Buerster and Ashley Hinterscher

*Prepping the space-Ashley Hinterscher and Carla Kuhl *Ben Niebrugge *Prepping for Fr. Mark's collectibles auction-Heather Blank, Pam Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Sheryl Klingler, Tammy Rudolphi, and Chris Waller

*Auction pickup-Pam Blank, Kelly Geier, Tonya Hall

*Design Decisions-Samantha Brazil

*Interior Design, LLC, Cindy Blank, Heather Blank, Tammy Rudolphi *Saturday demolition/furniture moving crew-Cindy Blank, Heather and Kevin Blank, Sharon and Brent Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tony Kuentler, Ben Niebrugge, Tammy and Dave Rudolphi *Pick-ups, deliveries, unloading- Kelly Geier, Chris Waller, Carl Weidner, (young) Hank Weidner, Tim Weidner *Flooring, lights, bathrooms, putting back to normal-Linus Kocher, Paul Lybarger, Ben Niebrugge *Filling the dumpster-Kelly Geier *Businesses: BJ's Interior Decorating (Bonnie Hancock, Barb and Greg Ammerman), Hahn Flooring, King's Furniture, Sean Stanley (carpet layers), Wright at Home (window treatments)

| *March Liturgical Ministers* | |
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| Saturday | Sunday |
| Open/Lock/Greet: | Open/Lock/Greet: |
| Sheryl Klingler | Gregg & Milissa Weber |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Eucharistic Ministers: |
| Breanne Buerster | Patrick Slover |
| Lectors: | Lectors: |
| James Kistner | Kylie Rauch |
| Money Counters: | |
| Herb & Martha Deimel | |
| Ushers: | Ushers: |
| Greg Sandschafer | Danny Quinn |
| Daniel Baker | Aaron Eggers |

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. March 18 Isaac & Ben Street

Sun. March 19 Mattux Hart, Ian Kessler

Sat. March 25 Briley Wilson, Levi Rudolphi

Sun. March 26 Grace & Stella Warfel

CRMH COMMUNION:

Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275 March 19th

Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225 April 9th

Lynn Weidner (618) 723-2426 April 16th

Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799 April 30th

Jason Warfel (618) 562-5822 May 14th

Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 May 21st

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 19, 9:00am, St. Joseph Day Social at St. Joseph-Stringtown

6:00PM, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, March 20, 7:00pm, Finance Council Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, March 22, 9:00am, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, March 23, 9:00am, Lenten Prayer for Clergy at St. Clare-O’Fallon

Friday, March 24, 2:00pm, Living Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Olney

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

6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, March 26, 9:00am, Stations of the Cross with Childre3n at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

3:00pm, Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Tuesday, March 28, 1:30pm, Personnel Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville

Wednesday, March 29, 9:00am, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney

9:00am, Reconciliation for parish and students at St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm, CYM led Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 30, 2:00pm, Living Stations of the Cross-at St. Joseph-Olney

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

6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

LIVING STATIONS:

Practice for high school youth-Wednesday March 22-immediatley after Stations of the Cross.

PICNIC NEWS:

Heads of Stand meeting on Tuesday March 21st at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED religious items will

be for sale on March 25 after the 4:00pm mass at Holy Cross and on March 26 after the 8:00am mass at St. Joseph-Olney and 10:00am at Holy Cross Wendelin. Then the following week, On April1, at the 5:00pm mass at St. Joseph-Olney and April 2 at the 8:00am mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and 10:00am at St. Lawrence. On behalf of our Christian workshops in the city of Bethlehem and the surrounding areas, please accept our great appreciation for the opportunity you are giving us to market our Olivewood Handcrafted religious items.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are planning to attend a mission trip this summer to Montague, Michigan in June. There will be a bake sale to help fundraise money to cover the cost of their trip. A bake sale will be held after the masses in Olney on March 18th and 19th. They will also be hosting a bake sale after Stringtown and Wendelin masses on March 25th and 26th. Please consider supporting the youth during this time.

CYM is assisting with mass on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. The youth will assist with all duties of mass except unlocking/opening the church, and Eucharistic Minister. CYM will also have a meeting directly after mass this date.

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR WENDELIN has been set for Easter Sunday, April 9th directly after mass. Birth to 4th grade will be invited to hunt eggs. Fingers crossed that the Easter Bunny hops over to our event!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH in Stringtown would like to extend an invitation to join us in the Stringtown parish center for donuts and pastries after the 8:00 Mass at Stringtown on Sunday, March 19th. We will use this time for fellowship and to honor our patron saint, St Joseph.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM-Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again-embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished-perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary- flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son- St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! J.O.Y.S

FROM FR. MARK

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear another of those wonderful stories found in John's Gospel. Each story is told to teach us something, to get us to look deeper into life. This is a story of light and sight - about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and tragically refusing to see the light. Jesus, the light of the world, gives sight to the man who has been blind from birth. The waters of the pool of Siloam wash away the muddy earth from his eyes, and he sees - an obvious reference to the waters of Baptism.

It's hard to believe that the Pharisees could be so obstinate in their refusal to believe what the man reported to them. They are blinder than the man ever was Even the parents are afraid to believe their own son's story, for fear of being put out of the synagogue. The Gospel points out that Jesus wasn't only interested in the man's bodily sight. He

came to give him "saving sight" - the fullness of faith in him as God's Son and Savior of the world. The man's belief in Jesus cost him his place in the synagogue. The final scene of the story shows us the tragedy that is unfolding. Those who took great pride in their religious sight are not open to the light that Jesus brings. They are the truly blind.

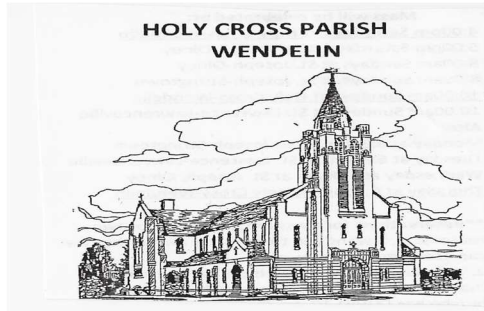
Each of us from time-to-time shares in the various attitudes displayed in the Gospel story. Sometimes we are like the man born blind and Jesus must give us sight. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we're reluctant to see his workings in those around us. Like the man's parents, we can be afraid to acknowledge the light of Christ because others may criticize us, or worse, reject us. The Gospel is encouraging us to live faithfully by the light that Jesus gives us. The conclusion of the Gospel is a warning: there are no privileged people in the community of faith. Jesus is the source of the light by which we all see. If we choose to be our own light, we risk eternal blindness. May each of us have the courage to examine our own way of seeing and again choose Jesus as our light.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

In the bulletin today, we have an Empower IL brochure. This is a great way to support families who want a full-time faith-based education at St. Joseph School. Your gift also provides you with a 75% IL state tax credit, so it is a win-win! If you have questions, please contact the school office (395-3081) or visit empowerillinois.org/donate St. Joseph School currently has 16 students approved for scholarships with 9 children still unfunded for the 23-24 school year.

Thanks to everyone who donated, attended, worked, and supported our inaugural bingo night! Special thanks to our committee members: Kevin Bookhout, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuentler, Ashley Kuhn, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Amber Ochs, Sara Peavler, Carol Potter, Jennifer Cummins-Zuber, Janice Zwilling! Thank you to St. Joseph, Stringtown, for hosting the event for our collective children!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday, March 24: Fish Fry, serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building Dine in/ carry out. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$6.
Saturday, March 25: State Spelling Bee at Bloomington, 1PM.
Sunday, March 26: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM before the Olney St. Joe Mass.
Sunday, April 16: State K of C Free Throw Competition at Effingham, 1PM.
Knights of the months: February-Mike Ginder and March- Dan Zwilling.
Baby Crib Charity Drive to benefit WIC located in church during Lent. (no baby bottles.) All donations accepted.

2023 PICNIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Treasure: Rachel Frichtl
Co-Treasure: Tim Weidner
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