

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, February 26, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Hermena Medernach+”

Friday, March 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 2, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”

4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Betty Smithenry+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 3, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Wilbert Blank+” “Clifford & Gertrude Rauch+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. February 18, 2024

(60) Envelope Collection: \$2,912.25 Loose \$259.00

Total: \$3,171.25

(6) Building Fund: \$300.00

(1) First Offering: \$5.00

(1) Cemetery: \$20.00

(2) CSMA: \$60.00

(5) Easter Flowers: \$225.00

(2) Black and Indian Missions: \$32.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, February 21st - \$116,075.96 has been received from 131 donations – Thanks to all that have donated so far!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, Kamdyn Jones, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch)

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Keith & Pam	Danny & Lori
Blank	Quinn
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
Kathy Kuentler	Travis Weber
Tammy Rudolphi	Penni Kuentler
Diane Schackmann	Phyllis Eggers
Lectors:	Lectors:
Victoria Rudolphi	Amy Sandschafer
Money Counters:	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Mark Rudolphi	Michael Kistner
Dave Rauch	James Kistner

CRMH COMMUNION:

Mar. 10 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

Mar. 17 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

Mar. 31 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

Apr. 14 – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900

Apr. 21 – Martha Deimel (618)-663-8275

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Feb. 24 – Hank & Boyd Weidner

Sun. Feb. 25 – Karly & Ethan Deckard

Sat. Mar. 2 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi

Sun. Mar. 3 – Cora Warfel, Brooke Bergbower

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 27 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of

St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm

There will not be OCIA this week!

Wednesday, February 28 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Thursday, February 29 – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross, 7pm

Friday, March 1 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

Saturday, March 2 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am with Confessions beginning at 8:15am

Friday, March 8 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS:

End of the year statements are available in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout 2023.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

How is your Lenten journey going with the intention to *Pray, Fast and Give Alms*?

The focus to *PRAY* by reading the Word of God daily, delving into that one “special” book you selected, or offering a rosary everyday- might find you with dust on your Bible, the “special book” buried under the latest discount code coupons and the rosary beads still in a pocket (somewhere).

The decision to *FAST* from eating between meals, no sweets or alcohol, maybe less portions- might have you feeling strong or quite possible hungrier and carrying snacks in your pocket.

The choice to *GIVE ALMS* by offering kindness, extending forgiveness, or spending your money on wholesome purchases a bit cranky, frustrated and a porch filled with random boxes of stuff.

IF this is your Lenten journey- *do not be discouraged*-do not let the stumbles, weak moments, emotion driven purchases- give you permission to toss in the towel! You are given the opportunity to have a new start each day- to Begin Again. 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!*

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Our new book will be: 30 Day Eucharistic Revival by Fr. Donald Calloway. It will offer daily readings from St. Peter Julian Eymard-Apostle of the Eucharist-insights from Fr. Calloway, reflection questions and

prayers. You will discover a deeper meaning and experience of the Holy Eucharist. The book will be available on Wednesday, February 28 with Day One beginning on Thursday, February 29. The cost is \$16.00. If interested in joining contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

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: Lord, bless our family.

All of us now together, those who are far away, all who are gone back to you.

May we know joy!

May we bear our sorrows in patience.

Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other.

Let us be grateful to each other.

We have all made each other what we are.

O Family of Jesus,

watch over our family! Amen.

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney **First Eucharist:** April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Join us for our Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival - Saturday, February 24th!

March 9th - Bingo Bash - tables are sold out!

Thanks to everyone who is supporting the school through donations, attendance, and working the event!

Looking ahead: The 8th grade students will provide Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 15th at 2pm and Friday, March 22nd at 9am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, February 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40am, before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

Monday, February 26: Saint Joseph School

5th Grade Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes - \$10, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$2.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th &

28th: Free Throw Competition during St. Joseph School 3rd-8th Grade PE Classes.

Friday, March 1: Fish Fry Night serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Richland County Hope. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Remaining Fish Fry Nights are for Fall Kids Mall, St. Joe School, & Olney Valor Quilters.

High School Seniors Olney Council \$250

Scholarships information forms are now available in the High School Guidance Office and at the back of the three sister parish churches.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive now has cribs at Stringtown and Olney churches. During Lent, please consider a donation to benefit young mothers and their infants for the Richland County Clinic of the Jasper County Health Department. Diapers of all sizes are the critical needs. All other items are welcome such as baby wipes and blankets. Please no baby bottles.

Three winners of the 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spelling Bee qualify for the Regional Competition at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon on Saturday, March 9th, registration at 9:30AM, with start time at 10AM.

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for 1 final person to join our team. This is a 3-year commitment that meets at least monthly through August.

Preferably, we are seeking individuals who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If interested or have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch (618-553-6839). Thank you!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Our 2nd Euchre tournament took place Sunday, February 18th with 32 players. Thank you to all who came out and had a fun day!
1st place—Kent Will ---60 pts---\$48.00

2nd place—Marilyn Smithenry –57 pts---\$9.60
Stacey Smithenry –57 pts---\$9.60
Seth Meinhart ---57 pts---\$9.60

3rd place---Connor Will ---56 pts---\$19.20
It was a very nice afternoon. We look forward to seeing you all back on our LAST Euchre tournament on Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm at Stringtown Parish Hall. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon with us!

Family Life Committee

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

The next cake/craft drawing will be held on Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd. If you are interested in donating items for April-December 2024, please contact the Parish Office.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am and again at 7:00pm 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 9th at Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine. If you are able to donate wine, you may put your bottles in the special box in the back of church. Please have all donations dropped off before March 3rd. Thanks for your support!

ST. ANDREW DINNER:

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men

ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. Please contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org by **March 5** to RSVP or obtain more details.

SAINT MARY'S BRUNCH:

Saint Mary's Bunch will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 8am to noon at the St. Mary's Parish Center in Sainte Marie. Menu will consist of sausage links, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads, fruit, and juice, milk, & coffee. Cost of adults will be \$10 and children age 4-10 will be \$5. Children 3 and under are free. Bake sale sponsored by the Youth Group.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 23 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 \$3,703.56 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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