

Collection Total for February 26, 2023

Envelopes: \$705.00
Loose: \$141.00
Total: \$846.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$45.00 (3)
Easter Flowers: \$184.00 (10)

March Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law
March Missalettes: In Memory of Janice, Albert & Geneva Zuber

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

PARISH NEWS:

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Carolyn Zuber who died this past week.

***Please return your Time, Talent, and Task letters by March 12th.** They can be mailed to Lora Kocher or left in the back of church. If you have questions, please contact Janette Kocher or Mary Ochs at the numbers listed in your letter*.

Join us for donuts and pastries in the Parish Center after Mass on Sunday, March 19th. We will take this time for fellowship and to honor our patron Saint, St. Joseph.

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 5, 8:00am, CYM assisting at Mass at St. Joseph-Olney
9:00am, CYM Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, Parish Mission at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Monday, March 6, 6:00pm, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown followed by 6:30pm, Parish Mission at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, March 7, 6:00pm Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville followed by
6:30pm, Parish Mission at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 8, 12:00pm (Noon), East Vicariate Clergy Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin
6:00pm Mass at St. Joseph-Olney followed by
6:30pm, Parish Mission at St. Joseph-Olney
Friday, March 10, 12:00pm (noon) Finance Council 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
7:00pm, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Monday, March 13, 10:00am, Bishop Consultor Meeting in Belleville
11:00am, Presbyteral Council Meeting in Belleville
1:30pm, Vicar Forane Meeting with the Bishop in Belleville
6:30pm, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, March 14, 9:00am, St. Joseph-Stringtown Investment Portfolio Meeting at Trust Bank
6:30pm, First Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 15, 9:00am, Reconciliation for parish and students at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 17, 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Our parishes will be engaged in a Lenten Parish Mission., Sunday, March 5 at 6:30pm at Holy

Cross-Wendelin. Then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we will begin with mass at 6:00pm followed with a reflection by Dr. Ginter. I encourage to attend each of these four nights. On the Friday's of Lent, mass will be celebrated at 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney. Please note the days and times of Reconciliation and the praying of the Stations of the Cross.

PICNIC NEWS:

This year's Picnic Committee consists of Paige Ginder 618-843-0324, Ross Ginder 618-843-4314, and Carli Ginder 618-843-6704 and we're needing another couple or two to join our committee this year. Contact one of us three if you're interested in joining. Also we are now accepting donations towards picnic expenses as well as raffle prizes.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community club will be rescheduling their meeting for Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm. Our speaker will be Brittany Bass from Bass Boards Charcuterie as she will discuss her creative artistry in charcuterie board making.

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:

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.

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. Want to Make A Difference in the Life of a Child? Retired too Soon and Still Want to Teach and/or Lead? Why not Collect Your Retirement and Work in a Catholic School? We Want You and Our Students Need You! Come Share Your Expertise and Passion in a Faith Based Setting! Contact the Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education at officeofeducation@diobelle.org for More Information!

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 they 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.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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.

Wednesday, March 8th and Thursday, March 9th - 8th Graders to Memphis
Friday, March 10th - No School

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, March 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Friday, March 10: Fish Fry Night, 5-7PM to benefit the Fall Kids Mall at the Olney City Park Community Building. Dine in or Carry Out. Open to the public. Adults \$12. Children 12 and under \$6.
Sunday, March 12: Regional Free Throw Competition at Breese , Mater Dei High School,

1PM. Registration and practice throws at 12:30. Free Throw Shot District winners that are advancing to Breese; Carter Seaman-20, Hudson Kuhn-16, Carly Seiler-14, Briley Wilson-11, Carly Kessler-11, Leo Tompson-11, Kolton McLaren-11, Knox Dorn-112, Leah Kuenstler-16, Austin Kuenstler-9 Laney Peavler-9 and Carlie Van Blaricum-3.

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 at 7:40AM before the Olney, St. Joe Mass.

Wednesday, April 20: Deadline for applications for \$250 Scholarships to Olney Seniors whose father is a Council member. Applications are at the Guidance office at the Olney High School and at the back of churches.

The Olney Knights of Columbus Baby Crib Charity Drive to benefit WIC(Women, Infants & Children) has baby cribs in the St. Joe churches of Olney and Stringtown during Lent. Needed items are diapers and baby wipes. All donations in the baby cribs are accepted like blankets, quilts, sleepers, onesies, teethers, sippy cups (no baby bottles,) baby lotions, shampoo and diaper cream.

Remember in our prayers...

Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



**Sunday March 5, 2023
 Second Sunday of Lent**

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Monday, March 6, 6:00pm, at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Tuesday, March 7, 6:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, March 9, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 11, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Sr. Antoinette Volk, PHJC+, Sr. Loretta Volk, PHJC+, Hermina Zuber+"
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

<u>03/05/2023</u>	<u>03/12/2023</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Julian Seamen Carter Seamen	<u>Servers:</u> Annabelle Seiler Sadie Seiler
<u>Lector:</u> Owen Kocher	<u>Lector:</u> Anita Seiler
<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Mary Ochs	<u>Eucharist Minister:</u> Scott Seiler
<u>Gifts:</u> Shelly Seaman	<u>Gifts:</u> Natalie Zwilling
<u>Ushers:</u> Lester Zuber Tom Kocher	<u>Ushers:</u> Brian Ochs Luke Seiler
<u>Greeters:</u> Natalie Zwilling	<u>Greeters:</u> Owen Kocher

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