

Collection Total for January 29, 2023

Envelopes: \$865.00
Loose: \$69.00
Total: \$934.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

First Offering: \$ 5.00 (1)
Building Fund: \$40.00 (2)

February Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

February Missalettes: Rick Ginder Family

-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

St. Joseph Stringtown Mass Intention book open for 2023, January through June.

St. Joseph church in Stringtown will be saying the Rosary every Sunday morning before Mass starting at 7:35am. Everyone is invited to come early and participate. Prayers are powerful and much needed in our world today. Also, If you would like to help by leading the Rosary please sign up in the back of the church.

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 7, 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist" at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, February 10, 7:00pm, Euchre at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Tuesday, February 14, 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist" at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Sunday, February 19, 10:30-12:30 CYM Spaghetti lunch at Holy Cross Parish Center. Everyone Welcome!!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

We begin a new book study. If you are interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble. We will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. -this is an 8-week study.**

SAVE THE DATE:

We are having a **Lenten Quad-Parish Renewal on March 5-8, a night at each of our parishes!** Dr. Mark Ginter will be our speaker and I have added his bio:

Dr. Mark Ginter, catechist, theologian, author, and speaker, works to cultivate a new springtime of the Church through the new evangelization. As a husband, father, and grandfather, he works to renew Catholic family life. In 1997, he received a PhD in theology and psychology from Marquette University. For over 38 years, Dr. Ginter has taught in parishes, high schools, universities, and seminaries. Writing the first academic article on St. John Paul II's new evangelization, he met that great pope on Jan. 5, 2005. He led the publication of the recently released book, Spirit of God: Short Writings on the Holy Spirit. Currently, Dr. Ginter serves as strategic partnership liaison fellow for Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute.

Holy Cross March 5 - "Please, may I introduce you to my Friend, the Holy Spirit?".

St. Joseph Stringtown March 6 - "How did extraordinary faith at 16 help me to face my brother's sudden death?"

St. Lawrence March 7 - "What hope do I have that my children and I will remain Catholic until the end?"

St. Joseph Olney March 8 - "How do I love God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength?"

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS
CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Let your light shine for the glory of God. Jesus is the Light of the world, and we are to reflect His Light. Does your life reflect the Light of God? Or it is focused on self? Does it glorify God? Or self? The Light and Glory of God is one of patience and kindness, it is not jealous or pompous, it is not inflated or rude, it does not seek its own interest or is quick tempered, it does not brood or rejoice over wrongs. If these are diminished or lacking - then your light is hidden - maybe not to the world - but to God! Take a moment and ask God if he sees your light? Journey onward to living a Life of Love and let - God's Light Shine from You - for the Glory of God. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK

Looking ahead at the church calendar, February 11 is the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. What is the significance of the apparitions at Lourdes and other places? What is the meaning of Marian apparitions in general?

In our world of rationalism and secularism, of materialism and consumerism, God and the supernatural realm seem far removed from most people. Yet He continues to intervene in human history by sending the mother of Jesus when the Christian faith is challenged and under attack.

The human family needs to be reminded, sometimes in a dynamic and supernatural way, that God exists, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a universal call to goodness and holiness, that we are all responsible before our Maker for our choices.

Apparitions are a wake-up call for a corporate examination of conscience about how well we may be responding to God's manifold invitations to

personal salvation and world peace. So how are we responding to Him?

The Church is necessarily both cautious and open in the matter of private revelation. She must discern what is false. And she must avoid the risk of losing credibility as the guardian of public revelation by too hastily confirming a reported private revelation or apparition.

Yet we can clearly observe the abundant blessings of Mary's action in private revelation. Her appearance is a heaven-sent reminder, an invitation to the world to live the Gospel fully and to assist the Church in its continuing mission of evangelization.

What would the 16th century have been without Guadalupe? Or the 19th and 20th centuries without the Miraculous Medal revealed at Rue de Bac in Paris, without Lourdes, without Fátima? We can thank God for the tremendous graces and blessings that result from authentic apparitions of Mary.

Pope John Paul II taught us to see that Marian doctrine and devotion are indeed both Christ-centered and Church-centered. Mary is the perfect model for the People of God in their journey to become, with Jesus and herself, co-redeemers and intercessors for each other and all humankind.

Knowing and teaching the whole truth about Mary is thus the best means to teach the whole truth about Jesus and His saving incarnation, about His redemption and about His Church. The full truth about Mary safeguards the full truth about Jesus.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who made Catholic Schools Week so special and joyful!

Thanks to the VFW for supporting our kids through the fantastic spaghetti dinner!

Tuesday, February 7th - K of C Hoop Shoot competition - thanks to Hank Ginder for organizing and running this program for us!

Wednesday, February 8th - Stewardship of Treasure collection at school mass

Congratulations to our Boys' Team for winning the regional championship! Good luck to them at the State Competition this weekend.

Mark your calendars - St. Joseph School St. Patty's Day Bingo Night - including bingo, games, silent and live auctions! Saturday, March 18th - Doors open at 5:30 pm - Games begin at 7 pm. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200 - call the school office 395-3081

If you are willing to donate an item for our auctions, please contact Lora Kocher (618-843-8126), Amanda Nelson (217-621-5884), or the school office (618-395-3081).

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

Will host their monthly meeting on next Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm at the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be from SWAN organization discussing the programs that they offer and ways they assist the community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Tuesday February 7: Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shoot-Out at St. Joe School for PE classes, grades, 3rd - 8th. Twelve winners from the age divisions qualify to advance to St. Anthony Effingham High School for Regionals and the State Tournament.

Thursday, February 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, February 10: First Fish Fry Night, 5PM-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please participate and support Richland County charitable organizations.

Thursday, February 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Events: Knights of Columbus Spelling Bees: 1. St. Joe School 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Cash Prizes. Four winners advance to the State competition in Petersburg. 2. Cash prizes for 5th grade student Spelling Bee at St. Joe School
*****Do you know a male 18+, practical Catholic, interested in being a Knights of Columbus member? Text Hank at 6188433016. Only a 24-minute video on your phone or laptop.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Save the Date: Illinois March For Life

March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL 10:00 am Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza 12:00 pm Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd Street

12-5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave.
1:00 pm March around the Capitol Building

THE MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL:

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 4-5, 2023



SUBSCRIPTION COST: Print - \$30 | Electronic - \$25 | Both - \$35
Make checks payable to The Messenger

Remember in our prayers...

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier,
Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber



Sunday February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, February 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Pike, Mary, & Janel Ginder, & Nadine Zwilling+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, February 6, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Tuesday, February 7, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

Thursday, February 9, NO MASS

Friday, February 10, NO MASS

Saturday, February 11, 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Kathy Zuber+, Barbara Ochs+"

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

02/05/2023

Servers:

Kaitlin Kocher

Kylie Kocher

Lector:

Anita Seiler

Eucharist Minister:

Janette Kocher

Gifts:

Jim & Thelma Muhs

Ushers:

Doug Kocher

Owen Kocher

Greeters:

Gary & Beth Kocher

02/12/2023

Servers:

Mallory Kocher

Owen Kocher

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

Eucharist Minister:

Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

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Ushers:

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Luke Seiler

Greeters:

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