

March 10, 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Monday, March 11, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, March 12, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 13, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Eva G. Herdes+”

Friday, March 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Ronald Hemrich+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 17, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Wayne Stark+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 3, 2024

(66) Envelope Collection: \$2,833.50 Loose \$305.00

Total: \$3,138.50

(40) Building Fund: \$2,015.00

(5) CSMA: \$1,750.00

(3) Easter Flowers: \$120.00

(1) Catholic Relief: \$20.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, March 6th - \$153,730.96 has been received from 144 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Maurice Will

CRMH COMMUNION:

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Mar. 17 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

Mar. 31 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

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

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Mar. 9 – Martin Stephans, Mattux Hart

Sun. Mar. 10 – Brooke & Braden Weidner

Sat. Mar. 16 – Hank & Clara Weidner

Sun. Mar. 17 – Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 12 – 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

OClA, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm

Wednesday, March 13 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Thursday, March 14 – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross, 7pm

Friday, March 15 – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Joseph Stringtown, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 20 – Holy Cross Parish Picnic Heads of Stands Meeting, 6:45pm

Friday, March 22 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

Monday, March 25 – Blood Drive at Wakefield Fire Department, 1:30-5:30pm

PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING:

There will be a head of stands meeting on Wednesday, March 20th beginning at 6:45pm in the Parish House. Please try to attend if you are able. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Micah Reid Eastin, son of Shelby (Borroughs) Eastin and Jarvis Eastin, who was baptized on February 18, 2024. Godparents were Evan and Jenna Smith.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 13, 2024

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. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of fun and fellowship! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our third week of Lent might find you still trying to get into the groove. The distractions of life with issues, agendas, regrets, and warmer temperatures could have you overwhelmed, exhausted, and numb. Do not fear, or be worried, this is the Lenten journey... Yes, we are called to Pray (be it simple, on your knees, or behind the wheel of your car)- Fasting (less sugary items, less social media, tv, gossip) Almsgiving (not as many online purchases as usual, giving some energy on tasks, leaving a larger tip). All of this and more, is YOU becoming less and giving GOD room to move in. Take the step forward to push a little more towards Praying- [pick up those beads, open the Bible, set an alarm to pray for 10 seconds every hour....] Fasting- [say No to sugary treats, turn off the notifications- do not open the app {*your world will not fall apart if you do not stay current with*

social media}, if you cannot say anything nice--- SHHH!] -Almsgiving- [no purchases for a week, clean your closets {less is more}, surprise someone with a gift card]. If YOU do not die with Christ- you will not RISE with HIM! We have 3 weeks to go- Pray-Fast-Give Alms- out of thanksgiving and gratitude for sufferings of Jesus... that he would do just for YOU alone! 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:

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. If interested, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Month of St. Joseph; March- Stations of the Cross 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 Prayer:** St. Joseph, watch over me and care for me just as you cared for the child Jesus; and by your help, may I come to know your Son, and to grow in strength and wisdom and live in the favor of God. Amen.*

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

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

This past week, the school completed its IL State Recognition and Diocesan Accreditation Process. This thorough review of our school is an important part of our commitment to excellence in

education and Catholic Faith formation. The nine-person team was impressed by our engaged, faith-filled classrooms and beautifully maintained facility. We are incredibly proud of our staff and grateful for the support of our parishes.

Bingo Bash - Saturday, March 9th starting at 5pm - Thanks to everyone who is supporting this fantastic fundraiser. **Our trash bag sales** began this week - if you want quality trash bags, contact a school student. **Friday, March 15th** - Living Stations presented by our eighth graders 2 pm in the church
School Staff works the Fish Fry - join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, March 9th is the Regional Spelling Bee at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon at 10AM. Good Luck to Kately Bookhout, Kaylah Matthews, and Braden Weidner! Also Saturday at 10:30 is the Regional Free Throw Competition at Mater Dei High School. The Olney Council winners that qualify to advance are Adam Kessler, Hudson Bible, Kolsyn Erwin, Ezra Dicks, Leo Hallam, Gentry Hough, Delana Sterchi, Breeann Ochs, Lauren French, Leah Kuentler, Bella Stevens, and Mallory Kocher. Jack Ridgely and Vella Kuentler are 8-year-old winners that participate for fun, but receive winner plaques and patches. **Thursday, March 14:** 3rd Degree Meeting, 7PM. **Friday, March 15:** Friday Fish Fry Night, serving 5-7PM, to benefit the St. Joe School. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available. **Thursday, March 21:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM **Sunday, March 31:** Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney. There will be no fellowship breakfast. Knights led Rosary at 7:40AM before Mass. **Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive:** Only a few more weeks to donate for young mothers and their infants in Richland County. Please consider almsgiving. Diapers are a critical need. All donations are welcome except baby bottles. **High School Seniors** consider a \$250 scholarship. Applications are at the back of church or at the Guidance Office.

FAMILY LIFE EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Our last Euchre tournament was held Sunday, March 3rd at Stringtown Parish hall with 28 players in attendance. **1st place**—Doug Iffert --\$42.00 – 60pts, **2nd place**—Dave Kocher --\$12.60 –57pts and Jim Kocher --\$12.60 –57pts, **3rd place**—Lawrence Pilman --\$16.80 –55pts We would like to thank all the players that came out for the last 3 months to play in either extreme cold or in beautiful weather! We hope you all had a wonderful time! We would also like to thank Herb and Martha Deimel for donating popcorn and Michelle Rauch for the homemade cookies. Big kudos to Stringtown Parish for allowing us to use their parish hall while our hall was not available. Without them, this would not have been possible this year. We will look forward to seeing you all next winter. Family Life Committee

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

The March cake/craft drawing was held last weekend Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd. Thanks to everyone that participated in our cake/craft drawing this month. **Thanks** to Darlene Richardson for donating a homemade pecan pie and greeting cards, assorted candies, and two spring towels for Saturday. **Thanks** to Ruth Rauch for donating the baby afghan and Paula Frohning for the homemade Ding Dong cake on Sunday.

Thank you to Paula Frohning and Rachel Bergbower for selling tickets on Sunday morning.

Winners:

Saturday – Harold and Beverly Weidner

Sunday – Myron and Rhonda Weidner

Total amount collected was \$503.00!

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.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION AND MASS:

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Olney and Holy Cross Wendelin to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration on March 19th with Mass at 6:00pm in the church followed by fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind, especially sweet breads.

ST. ISIDORE SPRING BREAKFAST:

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek on Sunday, March 17 from 7am-noon. The menu includes whole hog sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade breads and rolls. They will also have a Country store with raffles, baked goods, and mystery boxes.

CEMETERY NEWS:

Mowing season is around the corner. We ask that if you have any flowers, grave blankets on the ground that they are **removed by 4/1/2024**. Otherwise after this date the grounds will be walked and they will be removed and disposed of. Please remember during the months of April through November, all flowers must be attached to the headstone, as the mowers will mow around them, and weeds left to grow at your loved one's grave. Please help us in keeping our cemetery looking respectful and well kept.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 33 households that have pledged \$5,673.56 so far!

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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