

**Sunday March 12, 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, March 13, NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 14, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

**Thursday, March 16, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Joseph & Annette Weber+, Lorraine & Marie Smithenry+"

**Friday, March 17, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, March 18, 4:00pm,** at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Melvin & Helen Rudolphi+"

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, March 19, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Francis, Hermina & William Zuber+"

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 5, 2023**

(63) Envelopes \$3128 Loose \$248 (31) Building \$1973 (3) CSMA \$270 (6) Easter Flowers \$195 (1) Easter Offering \$5.00 (2) First Offering \$10.00 (2) Catholic Relief Services \$60

**TOTAL: \$5889.00**

**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 SYMPATHY:**

To Jim & Celeste Cooper & Family. M. Joann Burton, sister of Jim, died recently. May she Rest in God's love & peace.

**\*March Liturgical Ministers\***

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

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. March 11** Noah & Victoria Rudolphi

**Sun. March 12** Ben & Nora Street

**Sat. March 18** Isaac & Ben Street

**Sun. March 19** Mattux Hart, Ian Kessler

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 March 12<sup>th</sup>

Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275 March 19<sup>th</sup>

Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225 April 9<sup>th</sup>

Lynn Weidner (618) 723-2426 April 16<sup>th</sup>

Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799 April 30<sup>th</sup>

Jason Warfel (618) 562-5822 May 14<sup>th</sup>

Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 May 21<sup>st</sup>

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, March 12,** Daylight Savings Time Begins

**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, THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney  
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

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

**6:00pm, Last 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

**THE MASS, facilitated by Deacon Jack in the MPR room (after the Wednesday Morning Rosary, about 9:00am) at St. Joseph-Olney Mass.** Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. **THANK YOU to all of the Social/Family Life Committees for the reception after each of our nights Lenten Parish Mission presentations.**

**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!

**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.

**PICNIC NEWS:**

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

**CEMETERY NEWS:**

Mowing season will soon be upon us. You have until March 31st to remove any flowers, grave blankets from your loved ones graves. After this time, any items left on the ground will be removed and disposed of in preparation of mowing season. PLEASE REMEMBER, during mowing season April thru October, ALL FLOWERS must be off the ground to make it easier to maintain our cemetery

**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

What will it take for you to be courageous and carry your cross daily? Who do you need to forgive in your life? Do not miss this present moment to take an inward look. Begin with an Examining your Conscience using the 7 Deadly Sins of *Pride: Envy: Sloth: Lust: Covetousness: Gluttony: Anger*. Be assured that the Sacrament of Reconciliation cleanses and heals you of these Deadly (Mortal) sins. Choose to be courageous and let sin Die in YOU! Live a Life of Love that is of God - for God - about God - and in God! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

#### FROM FR. MARK

Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we "may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name."

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her "living water." He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he's better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be side-tracked from his goal - to give her water that will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day. Jesus moves her to a new level by getting her to face the truth of her present situation. But he doesn't tell her to "come back when you've straightened out your life." The grace he offers is meant to help her to change - here and now. Rather than make a commitment now, she says that she's waiting for the Messiah to come. Now, Jesus can offer her the opportunity for a personal commitment: "I am he." The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion. How great is our

thirst during this Lenten season? What is the "food" we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

#### ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

**Wednesday, March 15th** - Reconciliation for students following mass

**Saturday, March 18th** - Inaugural Bingo Night - St. Joseph, Stringtown, Parish Center, Doors open at 5:30 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm Tickets: Individual \$25, Reserve a table: \$200 Get your tickets in the school office! Bingo, Raffle/Chance games, Auction items - silent and live

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

**Thursday, March 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7:30PM. **Friday, March 17:** Fish Fry, 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Olney Valor Quilters. Dine in/Carry Out. Open to the public. Adults: \$12, Children 12 and under: \$6.

**Saturday, March 25:** Spelling Bee at Bloomington Central Catholic School, 1PM. **Sunday, March 26:** K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM at Olney, St. Joseph.

**Wednesday, April 20:** Deadline for the Applications for the \$250 Olney Council Senior Scholarships whose father is a member. Mail applications to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. 62450.

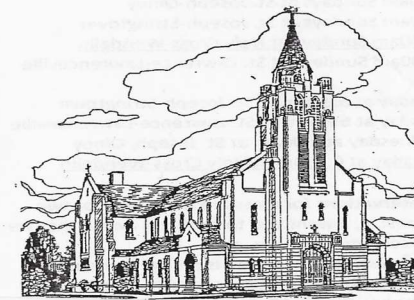
**Baby Crib Charity Drive** to benefit WIC located in church during Lent. Needed items are diapers, baby wipes, blankets, quilts, sleepers, onesies, layetts, teethers, toys, sippy cups, baby lotions and shampoo and diaper cream(no baby bottles.) All donations accepted.

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My eyes are always on the Lord, for he  
rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me  
and have mercy on me, for I am alone and  
poor

HOLY CROSS PARISH  
WENDELIN



Knights of Columbus are hosting an "Into The Breach Tour."

The Into the Breach Tour is open to all men, women and families who want to learn more of the call of God in their lives.

When: Sunday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: St. Lawrence Catholic Church Lawrenceville, IL.

With: A light lunch being served in the parish hall. The Knights of Columbus Chapter and State officers will be present to discuss being a Catholic man in the world today, with an exemplification for Men that are interested in joining the Knights!

Be A KNIGHT!

Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)

Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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