ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for April 27, 2025

Envelopes: $1,115.00 (30)
Loose: $26.00
Total: $1,141.00

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
Building Fund: $25.00 (2)
Catholic Home Mission: $320.00 (8)
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April Bulletins: Olney Knights of Columbus
April Missalettes: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber Wedding Anniversary
Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule. Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is $100 to sponsor missalettes.
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Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass
Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7:00-11:30am.

2025 GRADUATES:

Please submit names of graduates, school, degree, special honors, and a photo if you wish to Ashley by May 18th. These can be texted, called in, or emailed. Please be certain that you get a reply, as sometimes the email goes to spam if you select that route. Thank you!

NOTE FROM ASHLEY:

Parish Office at Stringtown will be **CLOSED** all week next week. I will be working offsite. Please feel free to call/text my cell phone if you need assistance.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

+Feed my sheep-Tend my sheep-Follow Me+
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SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Our summer book is "Love Like a Saint," by Elizabeth M. Kelly. The book will be available Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and on Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Leeland Richard Stewart, son of Mitchell & Kenzie (Zwilling) Stewart. Leeland was baptized last Sunday, April 27th. Godparents are Laura Sterchi and Rachel Foerster.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to our track team on a successful season and good luck as they wrap up the Diocesan tournament and State Meet these next two weekends.
Thursday, May 8- 1st Grade Razzle Dazzle Writing program in the Church at 8:15am.

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.
Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at the Parish Center. A donation sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church. If you unable to contribute physically but would like to help financially toward the purchase of eggs and flour, there will be a donation jar in the back as well. **Picnic Chairs** are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance).

VBS ENVELOPES:

Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the vestibule of church. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection and will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available regarding VBS at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day). "My sheep hear my voice. I give them eternal life ... " The word of God is the gift of everlasting life. It is the love that calls forth life, that seeks out life. This and lots more at this week's Bible Study.

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2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today…no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

CYM QUILT RAFFLE: **Drawing this Sunday, May 4th!**

CYM will be raffling a quilt after Mass on May 4th at Holy Cross. The quilt is 84"x90" (queen) and was donated by Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman. Tickets are $5 each. Proceeds will benefit Mission Trip! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS:
Starting on Thursday, May 8, at 5:30pm. This will be every Thursday evening prior to Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

LETTER FROM BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN:
Dear Friends in Christ,
On March 31, our Holy Father Pope Francis appointed me the new Archbishop of Omaha. As I will soon conclude my ministry as Bishop of Belleville, I thank all of you for your prayers and for sharing your faith with me throughout the past five years. I enjoyed being your Bishop and have seen many signs of hope for the future of our diocese. I hope that the seeds we have planted will, with God's blessing, come to fruition in the years ahead. For more reflections on these years, please read our Diocesan newspaper, The Messenger, April 24, 2025.
I ask for your prayers during this time of transition. Also, please keep the intention of a new bishop in your daily prayers as the diocese awaits the Holy Father's appointment of a new shepherd.
After May 1, you may write me at the Archdiocese of Omaha, 2222 N. 111th St., Omaha, NE 68164-3817
With gratitude in the love of Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS*:*
Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Ralph McIntire

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Lelia Volk+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
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05/04/2025
Servers:
Amity Zuber
Don Seiler
Julian Seaman
Lector:
Hank Ginder
EMHC:
Grayson Sterchi
Jenny Hancock
Gary Zwilling
Gifts:
Tom Kocher
Family
Ushers:
Scott Seiler
Luke Seiler
Greeters:
Ralph & Sue McIntire
Children's Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

05/11/2025
Servers:
Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Nathaniel Zwilling
Lector:
Beth Kocher
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Owen Kocher
Gifts:
Ray Schneider
Family
Ushers:
David Muhs
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

Sunday, May 4th, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

✞ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✞

Mon. May 5	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. May 6	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. May 7	**8:05 am**	
	Florine, Marj, & George Weidner	
Thu. May 8	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. May 9	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***
Sat. May 10		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	***Delbert & Cleone Gumble***	
	Jim & Mary Steber	
Sun. May 11		
8:00 am	***For Mothers***	
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

OUR MAY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 27th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $7,507 (93) Loose: $228
Easter: $960 (15) Guatemala: $45 (4)
Easter Flowers: $60 (3) CSMA: $100 (1)
Good Friday: $40 (2) Home Missions: $315 (11)
Building Fund: $205 (6)

Let Us Pray For: Margaret Burgener, Keith Kocher, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

Congratulations to newly baptized *Claire June Abell* and *Jack David Abell*, children of David and Paige (Ireland) Abell.

Congratulations to newly baptized *Leah Marie Michels*, daughter of Seth and Lauren (Buerster) Michels.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, May 3rd

- Mass for Joe O'Fallon, Maren Zuber, and Ruth Matheny.

Sunday, May 4th

- Mass for Dudley Chamberlin, Alvin Zuber, and Mary Ann Kuenstler.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass.
- 10:00 am, May Crowning at Holy Cross.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross

Tuesday, May 6th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 4th and 8th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, May 7th

- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day). "My sheep hear my voice. I give them eternal life ... " The word of God is the gift of everlasting life. It is the love that calls forth life, that seeks out life. This and lots more at this week's Bible Study.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Saturday, May 10th

- Middle School Youth Group in Olney after 5 pm Mass.
- Come and join your fellow parishioners for cookies and refreshments after the 5 PM mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy treats and fellowship!!

Sunday, May 11th – Mother's Day

- Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!

St. Joseph School News

- **Congratulations** to our track team on a successful season and good luck as they wrap up the Diocesan tournament and State Meet these next two weekends.
- Thursday, May 8 - 1st Grade Razzle Dazzle Writing program in the Church at 8:15am
- The 8th graders will have their Science Fair boards on display this weekend in the MPR for anyone wishing to see them.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Thanks** to everyone who participated in our Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection. We were able to send a gift of $1317.09 to Catholic Relief Services and $440 to our local Good Samaritan.
- The Parish and Family Life committee will meet on May 8th at 5:30 pm in the sewing room.
- **Ladies Book Study**: A Tuesday evening Ladies Group will begin on May 20th. We will meet from 5:00-6:00 pm in Conference Room B. The book for the next 7 weeks will be "Love Like A Saint." The book and other items will be available and lots of joyous conversation. If you have questions, please reach out to Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.
- **New security system for the parish entrance:** There is a new system in place by the parish office doors. These doors will no longer be unlocked throughout the day. To enter please press the call button on the side of the door, say your name and the reason for your visit, and someone from the office will let you in. **These doors will be unlocked before masses.** We are very appreciative for this new security system that will keep our church and school buildings safer.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Apr. 28: Kathy Martin (#020)
Apr. 29: Tom Zuber (#690)
Apr. 30: Terrence Schrey (#484)
May 1: Mary Getty (#538)
May 2: Ray & Erlene Friend (#787)

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

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Vocation Corner: May 4th

Today's Gospel story is the powerful question of Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me?" Then Jesus charges him to "Feed my Sheep". This charge is given to each and every one of us. We are all called to tend to the flock in our Parish but also to those who are not among us. We must fulfill this through the living out our own vocation – single, married, religious or ordained. We must encourage and support each other to the max to live our calling. Prayerfully we ask for help to discern our call, perhaps even to the priesthood or religious life.

Respect Life Corner: May 4th

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Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January 15-20, 2026
Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville
Retreat Leaders: Fr. Bob Flannery, Sue Huett Asbeck, and Cheryl Sommer
Initial Registration Deadline June 30, 2025

Registration is now open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on behalf of U.S. Catholics. Pilgrimage cost is $2994. To register go online to gocatholictravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Sommer-2026-Mexico-Brochure.pdf.

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With gratitude in the love of Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

~ St. Joseph Church ~

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Jeffrey Rosenberg .....Trustee
Elliot Brazil.....Trustee

~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:
Wednesday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ Sacraments ~

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

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Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal
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Kristen Eagleson……...Financial Manager

School Board: Angel Padilla *(Chairperson)*, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher *(St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative)*, Holly Nettleton *(Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative)*

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

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8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**;** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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May Bulletins: In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Ochs and Hinterscher Families

May Missalettes: For the Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:

Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley**. Price to sponsor for a month is $100 for bulletins and $100 for missalettes.**

MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Jeannie Nix	Kim Smithenry
Bev Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Sherry Geier	Missy Buerster
Christine Hall	Marcia Street
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
Money Counters:	
*Mark & Jeannie Nix *	
Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Toby Hall	Dusty Smithenry
Michael Kuenstler	Shad Street
Kelly Geier	Ben Street
Daniel Baker	Danny Quinn

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. April 27, 2025

(63) Envelope Collection: $2,051.00 Loose: $364.21 **Total: $2,415.21** (4) Building Fund: $300.00, (7) Easter Offering: $595.00, (1) Rebuild: $500.00, (1) Holy Land: $25.00, (10) Home Mission: $285.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, April 23rd – $**272,448.57** has been received from 383 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Carl Kessler

CRMH COMMUNION:

May 11 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225
May 18 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506
June 8 – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900
June 15 – Martha Deimel (618)-663-8275
June 29 – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. May 3 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi
Sun. May 4 – CYM
Sat. May 10 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. May 11 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner

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Monday, May 19 – American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30pm.

CARD SHOWER:

Card shower for Wilmajean Geier's 100th birthday on May 22. Drop off cards or mail to: Wakefield Mill & Elevator, 7371 N Wakefield Rd, Newton, IL 62448. ***Happy 100th Birthday, Wilmajean!***

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Georgianna Weber will be 92 years young on Friday, May 9. She would appreciate birthday wishes. Please send cards to 7588 N. Wakefield Rd, Newton, IL 62448 or stop by for a visit! ***Happy 92nd Birthday, Georgianna!***

2025 GRADUATES:

Please submit names of graduates, school, degree, special honors, and a photo if you wish to Ashley by May 18th. These can be texted, called in, or emailed. Please be certain that you get a reply, as sometimes the email goes to spam if you select that route. Thank you!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

+Feed my sheep-Tend my sheep-Follow Me+ Jesus asked Simon Peter, do you love me more than these? Simon answered, Yes, Lord, you know that I love you! We too, are asked this question every day! What is your response, are you saying, Yes, or are you saying, you know I do but? The way we live shows *who we love and what we serve*. Our Lord asked us to Feed his sheep- how are we

doing? Do we treat others kindly with offerings of love and forgiveness? - How are we tending to the sheep? Do we spend time listening – loving or - judging - excluding? Jesus is asking – What is your response? Let the response be, Yes, Lord you know that I love you! Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

BAPTISM:
To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:
Picnic committee **is still looking** for a member to join their committee. Contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367 with questions. **Please prayerfully consider serving!** The picnic is the parish's biggest fundraiser each year and it takes a full committee to make it a success.

PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:
If you need to change your job for any reason at the picnic, please contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Christine Hall 618-544-2019, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305, or Kim Correll 618-676-5789 **by May 28**. After that you will need to find your own replacement.

VBS ENVELOPES:
VBS contribution envelopes are available in church. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Our summer book is "Love Like a Saint," by Elizabeth M. Kelly. The book will be available Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and on Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Starting on Thursday, May 8, at 5:30pm. This will be every Thursday evening prior to Mass. Please text/call Ashley to secure a date for you to assist with Exposition. Fr. Felix will offer a *"brief training"* for all who are interested at this time.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Congratulations to our track team on a successful season and good luck as they wrap up the Diocesan tournament and State Meet these next two weekends. **Thursday, May 8**- 1st Grade Razzle Dazzle Writing program in the Church at 8:15am.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:
Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter. "My sheep hear my voice. I give them eternal life ... " The word of God is the gift of everlasting life. It is the love that calls forth life, that seeks out life.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, May 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, May 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, May 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Kudos to the following 4th Degree Honor Guard at Confirmation**: Matt Zuber, Jason Warfel, Larry Zuber, Rodney Ochs, Dan Kuenstler, Cecil Ochs, Dan Zwilling, Ramon Kocher, Scott Seiler, and Hank Ginder.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:
Cake/craft drawing this weekend with proceeds going to CYM Mission trip! Still weekends available to sponsor drawings for 2025. Sign-up sheet located in vestibule or by calling/texting Ashley.

CYM QUILT RAFFLE: **Drawing this Sunday, May 4th!** CYM will be raffling a quilt after Mass on May 4th at Holy Cross. The quilt is 84"x90" and was donated by Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman. Tickets are $5. Proceeds will benefit Mission Trip!

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:
Hope in the Lord – A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on **YOU**. Please make your contribution today! ***Thank you for helping Holy Cross hit our parish goal!***

LETTER FROM BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN:
Dear Friends in Christ, On March 31, our Holy Father Pope Francis appointed me the new Archbishop of Omaha. As I will soon conclude my ministry as Bishop of Belleville, I thank all of you for your prayers and for sharing your faith with me throughout the past five years. I enjoyed being your Bishop and have seen many signs of hope for the future of our diocese. I hope that the seeds we have planted will, with God's blessing, come to fruition in the years ahead. For more reflections on these years, please read our Diocesan newspaper, The Messenger, April 24, 2025.I ask for your prayers during this time of transition. Also, please keep the intention of a new bishop in your daily prayers as the diocese awaits the Holy Father's appointment of a new shepherd. After May 1, you may write me at the Archdiocese of Omaha, 2222 N. 111th St., Omaha, NE 68164-3817. With gratitude in the love of Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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