

Collection Total for March 10, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,444.00 (32)
Loose: \$32.00
Total: \$1,476.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Easter Flowers: \$50.00 (3)

Catholic Relief: \$92.00 (5)

Religious Education: \$120.00 (2)

CSMA: \$70.00 (2)

March Bulletins: For the Parish

March Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 17 – Donuts at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

Tuesday, March 19 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Stringtown Study, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm

St. Joseph Table Celebration and Mass, 6pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

OCA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Joseph-Olney, 7pm

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

Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 – CYM Mission Trip Bake Sale Following Masses at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, March 24 – CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday – Parish Office will close at 12pm.

Holy Thursday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm
Holy Thursday Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 7pm

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday – Parish Office is closed.

Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 3pm

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7pm

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 7pm

Saturday, March 30 – Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 7:30pm

Easter Vigil Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 7:30pm

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8am

Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am

Easter Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am

Easter Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 10am

THANK YOU:

We would like to recognize and thank the youth that helped at the Family Life Center breakfast in Newton last Saturday! Ethan Deckard, Karly Deckard, Ian Kessler, Kaitlin Kocher, Caden Kocher, Kylie Kocher, Blair Grove, Nora Street, Alex Schneider, Grace Warfel, and Stella Warfel

FATHER MARK UPDATE AND ADDRESS:

As many of you probably already know, Father Mark was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer recently. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send him a card, his address is Fr. Mark Stec - Holy Childhood of Jesus Church, 104. N. Independence St., PO Box 160, Mascoutah, IL 62258

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Our new book will be: 30 Day Eucharistic Revival by Fr. Donald Calloway. If interested, contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM-

Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-*Begin Again*- embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished- *perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary-* flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! *God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son-* St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! J.O.Y.S

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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

In addition to the Stations of the Cross listed on the Lenten flier, there will be Stations of the Cross **every** Friday beginning at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown during Lent (except Good Friday). We hope everyone will take the time to attend and reflect on the suffering Jesus went through for our salvation. If you would like to sign up to lead Stations, please sign up on the schedule in the back of church. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

The CYM will be hosting a pancake & sausage breakfast at St. Joseph Olney on Sunday, April 14th. More info to follow!

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting its annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on Sunday, April 14 after 8:00 am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by April 7 to Sherrie Zwilling or Jamie Kocher at 812-699-1300.

STRINGTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT:

Stringtown Community Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Stringtown Parish Center on Saturday, March 30, starting at 9:30, for kids ages birth - 5th grade. We hope to see you!

HOLY CROSS EASTER EGG HUNT:

Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt directly after Mass on Sunday, March 31st. Birth to 4th graders are invited to hunt eggs. Fingers crossed the bunny hops over to our event!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you for the tremendous response to our annual giving campaign! Your generosity is amazing. Cutoff date for printer proof letter: May 31st. **Our school students** are selling trash bags as our final fundraiser of the year. See any school student to order yours! **Wednesday, March 20:** Lenten Reconciliation for school students

Thursday, March 21st: 7th and 8th grade students to Springfield and trash bag orders due!

Friday, March 22nd: Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th graders 9am in the church and K-4 Spring Music Program 2pm in the gymnasium

Saturday, March 23rd: Egg Hunt for birth - kindergarten

- 9:30 - 10 cookies and pictures with the Easter Bunny in the cafeteria
- 10 am - egg hunt in the grassy lot across from the gymnasium

Spring Break – No School Monday, March 25th - Friday, March 29th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, March 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM

Friday, March 22: Last Fish Fry, serving from 5-7PM to benefit Olney Valor Quilters, at the Olney City park Community Building. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

Wednesday, March 27: Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive will be taking out the baby cribs. All donations accepted except baby bottles. Baby diapers and baby wipes are the critical items.

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. **Kudos** to the Spelling Bee and Free Throw participants! Congratulations to Kyla Matthews 5th place, Katelyn Bookhout 7th place and Braden Weidner 10th place at the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee in O'Fallon! **Free Throws:** Kolyn Erwin 1st place and qualifies in April for the state competition in Effingham; 2nd place - Bella Stevens, Adam Kessler, and Ian Kocher; 4th place Hudson Bible; and a great effort by Delana Sterchi, Erza Dicks, and Chesney Schuetz! **April 19th:** Deadline for the High School Scholarships!

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am in Room B.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the expenses and raffles are welcomed. **Noodle Day** is scheduled for April 27th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church after Easter. **The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting** will be Monday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center. **The Committee Chairs are:**
Financial – Lisa Boehl, **Raffle** – Hank & Nina Ginder
Food Stand – Francis Ochs, **Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50** – Janice Zwilling, **Kitchen (Dinner)** – Lisa Boehl, **Basket Stand** – Mona Kocher, **Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & games)** – Ethan & Delaney Steber, **Kids Games** – Doug & Shelly Seaman, **Grounds & Maintenance** – Scott Seiler
If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson. Picnic Raffle: Main, Quilt & Kid Raffle items: If you have not been contacted or wish to remain anonymous, please contact Nina or Hank! Kudos to Assistant Raffle Chair Persons - Carolyn and Pat Elie with 20+Raffle items collected!

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices in preparation for Easter will be held at 7pm on: 3/20, 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the 19 households that have pledged \$3,027.40 so far!

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber, Fr. Mark Stec

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, March 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Albert & Geneva Zuber+" "Gene and Esther Kistner+"

Monday, March 18, NO MASS

Tuesday, March 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Wednesday, March 20, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Una Kocher+" "Carolyn Zuber+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

03/17/2024

Servers:

Delana Sterchi*
Anna Seiler
Don Seiler

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Doug & Lora Kocher Family

Ushers:

Brian Ochs
Elmer Ochs

Greeters:

Ralph & Sue McIntire

03/24/2024

Servers:

Amity Zuber+
Austin Kuenstler
Gavin Kuenstler

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Gary Zwilling
Scott Seiler
John Ochs

Gifts:

Jean Kocher Family

Ushers:

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Bryon Zwilling

Greeters:

Bill Zuber

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