

## Collection Total for February 12, 2023

Envelopes: \$1675.00  
Loose: \$81.00  
**Total: \$1756.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Black & Indian Missions: \$25.00 (2)  
Religious Edu: \$130.00 (5)  
Building Fund: \$240.00 (4)  
The Messenger: \$30.00 (1)

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**February Bulletins:** In Memory of Norman Kocher

**February Missalettes:** Rick Ginder Family

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### CONGRATULATIONS:

To Tucker Lee Zwilling (parents Austin and Ginny) who was baptized this past Sunday at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

### -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 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:

**Sunday, February 19,** 8:00am, Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney  
8:00am, FFA present at Mass at St. Joseph-Olney  
10:00am, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
11:00am, Mardi Gras Soup Supper at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
11:00am, CYM Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
6:00pm, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross - Wendelin

### **Monday, February 20, PRESIDENT DAY PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

7:00pm, School Board at St. Joseph-Olney

### **Wednesday, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:00am, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Olney

### **12:00pm (Noon), Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

6:30pm, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Holy Cross-Wendelin

6:30pm, Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

### **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.

### **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?"**

### **PICNIC NEWS:**

This year's Picnic Committee consists of Paige Ginder 618-843-0324, Ross Ginder 618-843-4314, and Carli Ginder 618-843-6704 and we're needing another couple or two to join our committee this year. Contact one of us three if you're interested in joining. Also we are now accepting donations towards picnic expenses as well as raffle prizes.

### **JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS**

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

*"If I should fall even a thousand times a day, a thousand times, with peaceful repentance, I will say immediately, Nunc Coepi [Now I begin]"*  
*Venerable Bruno Lanteri*

The Lenten journey is about to begin. What do you do? What do you *not do*? What do you add? Give up? A whole lotta of to-do's! How about a Lent that is transforming? How about a Lent that brings you closer to the Heart of the Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? The Mother? First thing first – one should begin with a plan - because if you fail to plan then you will plan to fail! Ask God a few questions:

1. What do you see - *in me* - that I am allowing to get in way of your love? *Self-Righteousness? Gossip? Slandering others? Rudeness? Etc.*
2. What are the distraction that I reach for that I don't even recognize as distractions? *Social media? Gossiping ear? My inflated opinion of judgement? Etc.*
3. What sins do I love so much that I no longer see them as sins? *Prideful attitude? Jealously? Ingratitude? Callousness? Etc.*

The transformation to a contrite heart begins with the response to the questions and choosing to live out the answer these next forty days. *O' Merciful God, I humbly ask you to show me the attitude of my soul and give me the grace to suffer out of love*

*for you the injury that I have caused you and my fellow man. I implore you my God to purge what is not of your love from my hands, heart, tongue, eyes, and ears. O Jesus, meek and humble of Heart make my heart like unto thine.*

Journey this Lent carrying the cross out of Love and come Easter morning you will truly be a new creation in the resurrected Lord. *Nunc Coepi!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Monday, February 20th** - No School Presidents Day

**Tuesday, February 21st** - Preschool and kindergarten - FFA Petting Zoo

**Saturday, February 25th** - Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival 4:30 - 7 pm - Join us for Joe's famous pasta, salad, drinks, and dessert! Bring your children for the carnival in the gymnasium.

### **Mark your calendars**

- Saturday, March 18th - Inaugural Bingo Bash and Auction - held at St. Joseph, Stringtown, parish center! Doors open at 5:30 pm Tickets available in the school office. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200. Support the school and its many activities: sports, music, field trip, laboratory supplies, competitive salaries, curricular materials, and so much more!
- Want to help? Donate a bottle of wine (drop off in the back of our churches or at the school office).

A new way to give - **Wal-Mart's Round Up/Spark Good Program:** This is an easy way to fundraise. Anytime you shop at Wal-Mart, your amount can be rounded up, and the change goes directly to the school.

On the app:

- Go to your account, scroll down to Giving and Impact
- Click look for a preferred charity
- You should see St. Joseph Church - St. Joseph School (look for the school logo)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Friday, February 24:** Fish Fry Night to benefit Richland County Mentor Program, 5 to 7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building.

**Sunday February 26:** K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before the Olney St. Joe Mass.

**Wednesday, April 20:** Deadline for \$250 Senior Scholarships Applications. Please submit to K of C, P. O. Box 172, Olney, Il. 62450. Application forms are at the Olney High School Guidance Office and at the back of the Olney Council three sister parishes.

Kudos to St. Joe School Teachers & Staff and 86 Spelling Bee participants. Winners in the 5th grade for fun Spelling Bee. Yzabella Bryok, Quinn Trout, Lucca Trupiano, Camden Blank, Julian seaman, Makia Steele, Landree Nelson, & Luke Slagley. 6th, 7th & 8th grade Spelling Bee winners with the first four qualifying for the State Finals in Petersburg winning cash in this winning order; Miles Tompson, Rebekah Fleming, Carly Seiler, Katelyn Bookhout, Marissa McLaren, Korynn Snider, Lily Stevens, Teegan Ochs, Leah Kuenstler, & Nora Mclain.

**Remember in our prayers...**

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



**Sunday February 19, 2023  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, February 20, NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 21,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, February 22,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**12:00pm (Noon) at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish" Ash Wednesday**

6:30pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Thursday, February 23,** 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, February 24, NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 25,** 4:00pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, February 26,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bob & Francella Dhom+, Mary & Holly Kocher+"**

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**MINISTERS LIST**

**02/19/2023** **02/26/2023**

**Servers:**

Natalie Ochs

Mitchell Ochs

**Lector:**

Hank Ginder

**Eucharist Minister:**

Gary Kocher

**Gifts:**

Rick & Robbie Ginder

**Ushers:**

Harold Boehl

Jared Boehl

**Greeters:**

Werner & Janette

Kocher

**Servers:**

Alex Schneider

Grayson Sterchi

**Lector:**

Laura Sterchi

**Eucharist Minister:**

Harold Boehl

**Gifts:**

Natalie Zwilling

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Gary Kocher

**Greeters:**

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