

**Collection Total for March 27, 2022**

Envelopes: \$910.00  
Loose: \$45.00  
**Total: \$955.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Catholic Relief: \$65.00 (4)**  
**Building Fund Donations: \$30.00 (2)**  
**Easter Flower Donations: \$10.00 (1)**

**April Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher**  
**April Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher**  
**by Jean Kocher**

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**\*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 stjeholycross to 84576 to get connected

**Bulletin News:** Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

**Mass will be celebrated at:**

**4:00pm Saturdays at Holy Cross Wendelin**  
**5:00pm Saturdays at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**8:00am Sundays at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**8:00am Sundays at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**10:00am Sundays at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**10:00am Sundays at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
Also:  
**Monday at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**Tuesday at 5:00pm at St. Lawrence Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday at 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Thursday at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Parish Events**

Sunday, April 3, 11:00am, Synod Discussion at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Monday, April 4, 6:30pm, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 5) at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
Tuesday, April 5, 5:00pm, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Conclusion) at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Wednesday, April 6, 9:00am, Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 3) at St. Joseph-Olney  
6:30pm, In-Person PSR Class at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
Thursday, April 7, 6:30pm, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Conclusion) at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
Friday, April 8, 12:00pm (Noon) Finance Council at St. Joseph-Olney  
2:00pm, Living Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Olney  
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Saturday, April 9, 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**Monday, April 11, 6:30pm, Mass and Lenten Book Discussion (Chapter 5) at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
Tuesday, April 12, 11:30pm, CHRISM MASS at the Cathedral of St. Peter-Belleville  
Wednesday, April 13, 9:00am, Lenten Book Discussion (Conclusion) at St. Joseph-Olney  
Thursday, April 14, HOLY THURSDAY  
7:00pm, Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 10:00pm) at St. Joseph-Olney and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.  
Friday, April 15, GOOD FRIDAY  
3:00pm, Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
7:00pm, Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and St. Joseph-Olney  
**Saturday, April 16, HOLY SATURDAY**  
7:30pm, Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph-Olney and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Sunday, April 17, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
**8:00am, Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown** and St. Joseph-Olney  
10:00am, Easter Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Around our Parishes**

**Stringtown Community Club:** monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm.** The speaker will be from Cinderella’s threads to discuss their organization and all the ways they assist the community. Lora Kocher and Beth Kocher are listed to provide refreshments. We are also looking for new officers. If any community club members are interested, we will be needing the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If interested, please contact Ashlie Zwilling. “  
Easter egg hunt for children ages Birth - 5th grade, **Saturday, April 9th, at 1:00 p.m.,** at the Stringtown Parish Center.

**CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER:** On Tuesday of Holy Week, April 12, 2022, at 11:30AM. Please let Fr. Mark, Fr. Felix or Deacon Steve know if you are interested in attending.

**The Ministry of Presiding at Prayer for Deacons and Lay Leaders:** is a seminar of two study days on May 13-14 (The location is to be determined) followed by a one-day practicum for competency in presiding at prayer. The seminar includes teaching and demonstration of the skills of effective presiding, deepening the understanding of theological and liturgical issues and exploring the rite, Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, at which lay leaders and deacons preside. Contact Fr. Mark for more information and registration package.

**Stringtown Picnic News:**

**The Stringtown Picnic is coming up on July 17, 2022** and the committee is looking for another couple to join. If you would like to join or know anyone who might be interested, please contact one of the picnic members. We are currently taking donations for the raffle. If you are willing to donate, please get in contact with one of us. Committee members this year consist of the following: Rachel Foerster 618-843-8619, Nicholas Foerster 618-843-6478 Ross Ginder 618-843-4314, Carli Ginder 618-843-6704, Paige Ginder 618-843-0324

**Raffle Donations:** Please have all donations to a committee member by April 13 if possible to allow enough time to get the raffle list completed and handed out.

**The committee** also needs donations towards the purchase of pork. Please contact a member with any questions.

**Noodle Day will be May 14th at 7:30 am.** There is a signup sheet in the back of the church for parishioners to donate eggs, flour, and the use of noodle machines. Plenty of help is needed that morning as well and light refreshments will be provided, so please stop by. You do not have to stay the whole time, any help at all is appreciated. We will be working from 7:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

*Go and from now on do not sin anymore.* What fitting words during Lent to read, and to meditate upon. We are not stuck in our sinfulness -*unless we choose* - and we are given the assurance that there is *More- a More- than offers peace, love, and joy!* If you avoid certain people- judge- exclude- do petty things like refuse to speak or smile at others -there is still time in this Lenten season to leave these sins of malice - pride – anger - at the foot of the cross! Have you been to confession? Are you living in a state of grace? Make plans to receive this Healing Sacrament in the Lenten season-*and from now on do not sin anymore!* Live a Life that shows the Love of God to everyone- not just those in your circle! May our Lady of Fatima intercede for us all! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**St. Joseph Olney School News:**

The school currently has 18 students approved for Empower IL scholarships. A donation to empower provides the donor with a 75% tax credit on IL income taxes. We need \$5000 more to cover all of our approved children. So far, we’ve raised \$35,000. For more information, go to <https://empowerillinois.org/donate/>  
Friday, April 8th - Living Stations of the Cross 2 pm in the church - presented by 8th graders  
Attending: grades 1, 3, 5, and 7  
Friday, April 8th - Join the school staff at the Knight of Columbus Fish Fry at the community building!

Saturday, April 9th - Enrollment Egg Hunt for birth - kindergarten students 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

**Knights of Columbus:**

Friday, April 8: Last Fish Fry Night to benefit St. Joe School! Thanks for all your support this year! Serving from 5 to 7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building.

\*Tuesday, April 12: Last day for donations in the Baby Crib in Olney, Sunday, April 10th deadline for Stringtown. Thank you for your support for WIC!

\*Wednesday, April 13th: 3rd Degree meeting (changed due to Holy Thursday) 7PM.

\*Wednesday, April 13: 3PM Church Office deadline for K of C \$250 Senior Scholarships or mail to K of C, P.O. Box 172 Olney, IL. 62450. Scholarship applications are at the back of the parish churches.

**FROM THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER in Effingham:**

Thank you for your Support! Your youth group knocked it out of the park Saturday at our fundraiser breakfast! You should be very proud of the string work ethic of those kids!! We are excited to bring a Family Life Center and Silk Purse to your community! Thank you.

**FROM FR. MARK:**

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. This is a period of time, in which we, the church focuses more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary. For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent (today) was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy became more somber and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy. The most obvious example of a more somber mood was the veiling of statues and images, which remains an optional practice in the current Roman Missal: "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church

from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. "It was also on the Friday of this initial "Passion Week" that the feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated (it is now fixed annually on September 15). The current Roman Missal still provides an alternative prayer for that day (Friday in the Fifth Week of Lent), remembering Mary's own bitter passion. *O God, who in this season give your Church the grace to imitate devoutly the Blessed Virgin Mary in contemplating the Passion of Christ, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that we may cling more firmly each day to your Only Begotten Son and come at last to the fullness of his grace.* Palm Sunday was seen as the "Second Sunday in Passiontide," and is currently listed in the liturgical calendar as "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." It is on this day that the Passion narrative is read, the longest Sunday Gospel reading of the entire year. The Church beckons us on Palm Sunday to look toward the cross and see Christ's immense love for us, sacrificing himself for our sins. It is a preview of what is to come on Good Friday. After Palm Sunday, Passion Week gives way to Holy Week and the Church follows Jesus during his final days in Jerusalem. The Passion narrative was traditionally proclaimed during Mass on each day of Holy Week leading up to Holy Thursday. Wednesday during this week is known as "Spy Wednesday" and signified the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus and informed the Sanhedrin of his plan. Various other practices occurred during these final two weeks of Lent, such as Stations of the Cross and the Tenebrae services. In the end, Passiontide is meant to be a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus' bitter passion and foster within ourselves sorrow for our sins. The good news is that Passiontide does not have the last say, and this somber period of preparation ends quickly so that our hearts can rejoice in the beauty of Christ's resurrection.

**Remember in our prayers . . .**

George Ochs, Rick Rennier

**Sunday April 3, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Mon. April 4,**

6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Mary Ann Kuenstler+

**Tues. April 5,**

5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wed. April 6,**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thurs. April 7,**

6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Sat. April 9**

4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sun. April 10**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Norman Kocher +, Barbara Ochs +**

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Ministers List**

**04/03/2022**

**Servers:**

CYM KIDS

**Lector:**

CYM KIDS

**Eucharist Minister:**

CYM

**Gifts:**

CYM

**Ushers:**

CYM

**Greeters:**

CYM

**04/10/2022**

**Servers:**

Sadie Seiler  
 Jared Weidner

**Lector:**

Kathy Kocher

**Eucharist Minister:**

Beth Kocher

**Gifts:**

Paul & Ellen Steber Family

**Ushers:**

Brian Ochs  
 Elmer Ochs

**Greeters:**

Werner & Janette Kocher

**St. Joseph Stringtown Choir practices for Easter,**

will be held the following dates: April 5, April 10, and April 13, all at 7:00 p.m. Hope you can join us!

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