

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for March 02, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,465.00 (34)
Loose: \$103.00
Total: \$1,568.00
Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00
Building Fund: \$70.00 (2)
Easter Flowers: \$25.00 (1)
Religious Education: \$220.00 (7)

March Bulletins: For The Parish
March Missalettes: For The Parish
***Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**
Prices are \$100 to sponsor missalettes and \$50
for bulletins for a month.*

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, March 9 – Donut Sunday TODAY at St.
Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following Mass.
Tuesday, March 11– ASAP Prayer Service and
Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at
St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the
church at all times.
OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish
House, 6:30pm.
Wednesday, March 12 – Deacon Jack Bible Study
at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish
Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, March 13 – Brothers in Christ at Holy
Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Friday, March 14 – Stations of the Cross at St.
Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm.
Newton Knights of Columbus Lenten Fry-Day Fish
Fry to benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project,
Newton KC Hall, 4:30-7:00pm.
Sunday, March 16 – Stringtown Community Club
Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish
Center, 7:30-11:30am

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
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one to die with Christ. To let those bad habits-
behaviors- attitudes-opinions- ultimately “vices” to
die. They must die so that God can be -more-so
that HE will be what fills our hearts with *kindness-*
compassion-generosity-forgiveness-ultimately with
“virtue.” Are you willing to journey more
intimately towards the heart of the Father? Then
begin with dying by praying, fasting, and giving
alms. Journey onward this Lent -carry your cross
with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting and
Almsgiving! Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of
Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:
The next Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive
at St. Joseph-Stringtown will be held on Sunday,
March 16.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am**
at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact
Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.
Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish
Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline
Trimble. (On Wednesday evenings – childcare
available!) A Tuesday study will also be available in
the Holy Cross Parish House at 6:30pm. They will
be utilizing the same book as the Tuesday
Stringtown and Wednesday HC group.

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.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13- Eighth
grade class trip to Memphis! Prayers for a safe,
educational and fun trip.

Wednesday, March 12- Grades 2nd-7th Lenten
Reconciliation
Friday and Monday, March 14 and 17- No School-
Spring Break

BASKETS:
The basket committee will have leftover empty
baskets available at Donut Sunday, March 9th after
Mass. We want to downsize and recycle. If you can
use any baskets for the Picnic, please come and
check them out. There are baskets to use for
Easter, too. If you have any questions, please
contact Mona Kocher at 618-843-6662 or Kathy
Zuber at 618-869-2306.

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.
Raffles - This year we are asking the parishioners
help in contacting businesses and colleting prizes
for the raffles. **If you are interested in helping the**
committee, please come to the Parish Center
after Mass today (March 9th) to select the
businesses you would be interested in contacting.
Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May
17th at the Stringtown Parish Center.
Thank you!

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)

PARISH SURVEY:
Please fill out a survey in the pews if you have not
already. Sheets are towards the center aisle in the
church, as well as pencils available for you to use.

These surveys can be dropped into the collection
during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

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 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will
take you through the readings for the Second
Sunday of Lent. Learn at Bible Study that Jesus
willingly accepted death, even death on a cross, to
save us. You'll also experience a remarkable
revelation on Mt. Tabor with Peter. John and
James. You're sure to like this Bible Study.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:
Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and
Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to
stjosephchurcholney.com, click on the red
YouTube image in the top right corner of the
screen. Please share with those who may not be
able to attend in person.

CHOIR PRACTICES:
Choir practices for Holy Week will be on
March 13, 17, 20, 24, April 1, 3, 13, 15 all at 7pm.
You don't have to attend all practices, all are
welcome!

LENTEN COMPANIONS:
Please grab a Lenten Companion in the vestibule.
By spending a few moments meditating on the
inspiring daily reflections and the short prayers
that follow them, you will accompany Jesus

through his Passion and Death, emerging on Easter Sunday to the overflowing joy of his Resurrection.

KIDS’ BULLETIN:

There will be both kid’s bulletins and Lenten Calendars for Children available. Please utilize these wonderful resources available for our parish children.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, March 8th – Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throws at Mater Dei HS. Good luck Micah Fleming, Vella Kuenstler, Bryar Meadows, Cruz Padilla, Riley Meadows, Ella Fitch, Brilyn Brinkley, Leah Kuenstler, Piper Mann, Kolton McLaren, Grayson Sterchi and Mattux Hart. These are the winners represented from 127 participating students in the St. Joe 3rd -8th grade classes. **Thursday, March 13** – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off MPR at SJO. **Thursday, March 20** – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off MPR at SJO. **Saturday, March 22nd** – (Date Changed) Regional Spelling Bee at St. Mary’s Parish Center, Mt. Vernon. Good Luck: Andrew Lambird, Levi Rudolphi, and Yzabella Biyok. These three represent the winners from 63 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes from St. Joe School. **Friday Fish Frys** at Olney City Park Community Building – Serving 5-8 or until sold out. Menu will include fried fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, and beverage. Dessert by donation. Adults are \$13 and Children 12 & Under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit – March 14: Senior Citizens Center, St. Joseph School, Richland County Hope, Fall Kids Mall, and Olney Valor Quilters. **Baby Crib Drive** is now happening to benefit Richland and Jasper County Health Clinic. Diapers newborn and sizes 1-6, wipes, pulls ups 3T-5T, kids underwear sizes 2T-3T and 4, 6, and 8, sippy cups, and pacis are needed.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture

of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife” (The Gospel of Life 28).

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese will conduct our Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

CRS RICE BOWLS:

Fifty years ago, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, organized to bring help to families facing famine in Africa. That help came in the form of a small cardboard box, marking the beginning of “Operation Rice Bowl.” Today, as we celebrate CRS Rice Bowl’s 50th anniversary, the program is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States who continue to answer the Gospel call, supporting families experiencing hunger around the world. Your donation to CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people in more than 120 countries. But did you know your support also helps your local diocese? Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports Catholic Relief Services programming around the world. You can pick up your rice bowl in vestibule. Thanks for your support!

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Luke G. Kocher, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention
MARCH – FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

Sunday, March 09, 2025
First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Herman, Ethel, & Kathy Zwilling+” “Joseph Schneider and Andy Ochs+”
Monday, March 10, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”
Tuesday, March 11, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 12, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor “Special Intention”
Thursday, March 13, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Carolyn Zuber+” “Janice Zuber and Albert & Geneva Zuber+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

<u>03/09/2025</u>	<u>03/16/2025</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Emmitt Kocher Gabriel Volk Will Volk	<u>Servers:</u> Roland Sager Silas Sager Nathaniel Zwilling
<u>Lector:</u> Jocelyn Kocher	<u>Lector:</u> Natalie Zwilling
<u>EMHC:</u> Gary Kocher Beth Kocher Owen Kocher	<u>EMHC:</u> Elmer Ochs Mary Ochs John Ochs
<u>Gifts:</u> Wayne Kocher Family	<u>Gifts:</u> Jean Kocher Family
<u>Ushers:</u> James Schneider Evelyn Volk	<u>Ushers:</u> Doug Kocher Caden Kocher
<u>Greeters:</u> Jean Kocher Family	<u>Greeters:</u> Bill Zuber
<u>Children’s Liturgy:</u> Donna & Natalie	<u>Children’s Liturgy:</u> Jenny & Kylie

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Mar. 10	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Mar. 11	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Mar. 12 8:05 am	Alvin Zuber	
	1:30 PM	at Carle 3 rd Floor
		<i>Special Intention</i>
Thu. Mar. 13	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Mar. 14	8:00 am	For the Parish
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar. 15		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	Deceased & Living members of	
	Hermina & Frances Zuber Family	
	Judy, Jan, & Mike Kocher	
	Ephraim & Frances Hahn	
Sun. Mar. 16		
8:00 am	Gus & Frances Weiler	
	Lawrence & Clorine Kistner	
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

OUR MARCH SPONSORS

Bulletins: Marie Beal

Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MAR. 2nd

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$7,375 (107) Outreach: \$243

Guatemala: \$472 (25)

Let Us Pray For: Clara Rose Wilson, Carol Kistler, 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 *Elliott Leigh Dobbs*, daughter of Nicholas Dobbs and Taylor Rauch.

Congratulations to newly baptized *Aiden Elliott Rose* and *Connor Matthew Rose*, children of Matthew Rose and Brittany (Bower) Rose.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, March 8th

- Rosary before mass
- Mass for Kathleen & John Vaughn living and deceased.
- The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser at the Stringtown Parish Center. Tickets are SOLD OUT. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and bingo begins at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 9th

- Rosary before mass
- Mass for Dudley Chamberlin, Elmer & Dorothy Stark, Stephen Stark, and Mary Stark.
- 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 on Sundays.
- Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am 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 donuts and fellowship!!

Tuesday, March 11th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 2nd & 6th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blesses Sacrament.
- OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 12th

- Mass for Alvin Zuber.
- 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 Second Sunday of Lent. Learn at Bible Study that Jesus willingly accepted death, even death on

a cross, to save us. You'll also experience a remarkable revelation on Mt. Tabor with Peter. John and James. You're sure to like this Bible Study.

- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle 3rd floor.

Thursday, March 13th

- 5:30 PM, parish and family life committee meeting in the sewing room.

Friday, March 14th

- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Olney. Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of church to volunteer to help with stations in March.
- No stations of the cross at Holy Cross.

During Lent we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses, beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 8, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 6. We will begin a half hour before each Mass. For anyone wishing to lead the Rosary during those times, there will be a sign-up sheet by the door at the back of the church. Thank you.



St. Joseph School News



- Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13- Eighth grade class trip to Memphis! Prayers for a safe, educational and fun trip.
- Wednesday, March 12- Grades 2nd-7th Lenten Reconciliation.
- Friday and Monday, March 14 and 17- No School- Spring Break.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **CSMA:** Our parish financial target is \$ 21, 855. These donations also benefit our school through grants. Thank you to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

• **Parish & Family Life Committee:**

The committee is sponsoring “**Blessings in a Bag**” for a Parish Lenten outreach project. We will be collecting small items from Parish members to be shared with people in our community that are needing a special Blessing or just a little extra help with basic living essentials. We will begin the collection process on the first Saturday of Lent, March 8th and the deadline for collections will be **Wednesday, April 9th.**

- **Suggested items are:** Lip Balm, Kleenexes (pocket size), socks (men, women or children’s), gum, hard candy, tooth paste & brushes, comb, brush, deodorant, lotions (pocket size), snack crackers & cookies, band aids, apple sauce (snack size), pudding cups, trail mix or dried fruit, gift cards to local fast foods (\$5 - \$10), pens & notepads, & nail files. Items can be dropped off in the basket placed at the entrance doors of church or with the church office. Monetary donations can be dropped off to church office and tagged as Blessings in a Bag. If any Parish Member has someone in mind from our community that could use a helping hand, please contact the church office with their information. Thank you all for your support.

- **Let us remember Matthew 25:40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"**

- **Live streaming** of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com, click on the red YouTube image in the top right corner of the screen. Please share with those who may not be able to attend in person.

- **We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2025.** We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions *cannot* be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

SPRING CLEAN UP TIME!

- At the cemetery in Olney in preparation for mowing season, Spring cleanup at the St. Joe Olney Cemetery will begin soon.
- Please remove all ground decorations that you wish to keep by March 23; otherwise, they will be disposed of.
- As a reminder, per cemetery rules, no free-standing decorations are permitted due to difficulties while mowing.

Cemetery Committee
Kathy Hursta
618-839-0583

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- Mar. 3: Kim Houchin (#594)
Mar. 4: Dan Zuber (#375)
Mar. 5: Jon Hovey (#569)
Mar. 6: Linda K Lanker (#105)
Mar. 7: Dan Zwilling (#452)

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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- March 14th: Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park community building.
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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

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Vocation Corner: Sunday, March 9th

As we enter our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel reading Satan tempting our Lord. Jesus final response to Satan's challenges is "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Those powerful words remind each of us of our individual call to "serve." Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January 15-20, 2026

Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration will soon be 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 our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email crsdiobelle@gmail.com

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
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'Renewing the Vision'
Sunday, March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

~ Mission Statement ~

St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ Sacraments ~

Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ Welcome, New Parishioners ~

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

(If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

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

~ St. Joseph School ~

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Kristen Eagleson.....Financial Manager

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

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+Eucharistic Celebrations+
Saturday, March 8, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “J.V. Frohning+” “Jack & Lavera Bryan+”
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 9, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Caide Weidner+, Jason Paul Weidner+, Wayne Newton+, and Ronald Hemrich+”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, March 10, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, March 11, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 12, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor “Special Intention”
Thursday, March 13, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Don & Alice Line+”
Friday, March 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Deceased Members of the Joseph & Agnes Hinterscher Family+”
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 16, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “George & Linda Harper+”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 2, 2025

(75) Envelope Collection: \$2,469.00
Loose: \$472.00 **Total: \$2,941.00**
(39) Building Fund: \$1,980.00 (5) Easter Flowers: \$200.00
(2) Christmas Offerings: \$150.00
(1) First Offering: \$5.00 (1) Needy: \$5.00
(5) Rebuild: \$2,930.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, March

<u>*MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS*</u>	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Brent & Sharon Edwards	Henry & Sandi Kessler
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Sherry Geier	Martha Deimel
Dave Rauch	Sandi Kessler
Christine Hall	Missy Buerster
Josy Hart	Ellen Weber
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Jennifer Rudolphi	Amy Heuerman
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Henry & Sandi Kessler	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Toby Hall	Henry Kessler
Mark Rudolphi	Ben Street
Tim Weidner	Ben Niebrugge
Kelly Geier	Danny Quinn

5th - **\$263,966.90** has been received from 360 donations – thank you!

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Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Tim Lidy

CRMH COMMUNION:

March 9 – Martha Deimel (217) 663-8275

March 16 – Lynn Weidner (618) 843-0361

March 30 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841

April 13 – Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799

April 20 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. March 8 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi
Sun. March 9 – Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

Sat. March 15 – Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert

Sun. March 16 – Ellee Nettleton, Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, March 8 – St. Joseph School Bingo Bash at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Tickets are sold out. Doors open at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 7pm.

Monday, March 10 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, March 11 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, March 12 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, March 13 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Friday, March 14 – Newton Knights of Columbus Lenten Fry-Day Fish Fry to benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project, Newton KC Hall, 4:30-7:00pm. ***There will NOT be Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross due to the fish fry this date.***

Monday, March 24 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND:

Judy Hemrich is turning 80! An open house in her honor will be held on Sunday, March 9th at Holy Cross Parish Center from 1:30pm-4pm. Everyone is invited! Please no gifts but cards would be appreciated! *Happy 80th Birthday Judy from your family and friends at Holy Cross!*

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The season of Lent provides the opportunity for one to die with Christ. To let those bad habits-behaviors- attitudes-opinions- ultimately “vices” to die. They must die so that God can be -more-so that HE will be what fills our hearts with *kindness-*

*compassion-generosity-forgiveness-*ultimately with “virtue.” Are you willing to journey more intimately towards the heart of the Father? Then begin with dying by praying, fasting, and giving alms. Journey onward this Lent -carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting and Almsgiving! Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry or signing up your child(ren) ages 3 to 6, please contact Caroline, Ashley, or Anna Land (618)-508-2011.

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.

PARISH SURVEY:

Please fill out a survey in the pews if you have not already. Sheets are towards the center aisle in the church, as well as pencils available for you to use. These surveys can be dropped into the collection during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

VBS ENVELOPES:

Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the gathering space of the 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!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:

Mowing will resume in the spring and all flowers, decorations, and/or grave blankets **must be removed** by March 31st to prepare. Thank you!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). A Tuesday study will also be available in the Holy Cross Parish House at 6:30pm. They will be utilizing the same book as the Wednesday group.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13- Eighth grade class trip to Memphis! Prayers for a safe, educational and fun trip. **Wednesday, March 12-** Grades 2nd-7th Lenten Reconciliation **Friday and Monday, March 14 and 17-** No School- Spring Break

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Second Sunday of Lent. Learn at Bible Study that Jesus willingly accepted death, even death on a cross, to save us. You'll also experience a remarkable revelation on Mt. Tabor with Peter. John and James. You're sure to like this Bible Study

NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Newton Knights of Columbus will host Lenten Fry-Days each Friday during Lent. Menu includes fried fish, cheesy hashbrowns, and coleslaw. Adult meals are \$12 and \$7 for kid's meals. \$15 for all fish orders. This will be dine in or carry out from 4:30-7pm or until sold out at the Newton KC Hall. Proceeds to benefit: **March 14: Holy Cross-Wendelin**, March 21: Columbian Home "KC Hall",

March 28: CYO, April 4: St. Thomas Church, April 11: Family Life.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, March 8th – Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throws at Mater Dei HS. Good luck Micah Fleming, Vella Kuenstler, Bryar Meadows, Cruz Padilla, Riley Meadows, Ella Fitch, Brilyn Brinkley, Leah Kuenstler, Piper Mann, Kolton McLaren, Grayson Sterchi and Mattux Hart. These are the winners represented from 127 participating students in the St. Joe 3rd-8th grade classes. **Thursday, March 13** – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off MPR at SJO. **Thursday, March 20** – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off MPR at SJO. **Saturday, March 22nd** – (Date Changed) Regional Spelling Bee at St. Mary's Parish Center, Mt. Vernon. Good Luck: Andrew Lambird, Levi Rudolphi, and Yzabella Biyok. These three represent the winners from 63 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes from St. Joe School. **Friday Fish Frys** at Olney City Park Community Building – Serving 5-8 or until sold out. Menu will include fried fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, and beverage. Dessert by donation. Adults are \$13 and Children 12 & Under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit – March 14: Senior Citizens Center, St. Joseph School, Richland County Hope, Fall Kids Mall, and Olney Valor Quilters. **Baby Cribs Drive** is now happening to benefit Richland and Jasper County Health Clinic. Diapers newborn and sizes 1-6, wipes, pulls ups 3T-5T, kids underwear sizes 2T-3T and 4, 6, and 8, sippy cups, and pacis are needed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

A signup sheet is located in the gathering space of the church. Please sign up if you would be willing to lead Stations March 21st or 28th or April 4th and 11th.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture

of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife" (The Gospel of Life 28).

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

Thank you to everyone that participated in the March cake/craft drawing. Carrie Kuhl donated cinnamon rolls and a gift card to Niemerg's for Saturday's drawing and Jill Kocher donated a pie and Easter Basket on Sunday. The winners were – Saturday – Julia Weber and Sunday – Paul Kocher. Total amount collected from the drawing was \$331.00. If you are interested in donating an item(s) for the cake/craft drawing, please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:

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

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese will conduct our Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available in the gathering space. Please be as generous as you are able. **Our financial target is \$6,808.00.**

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

MARCH – FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Sunday, March 09, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.



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Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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