

Collection Total for April 3, 2022

Envelopes: \$1785.00
Loose: \$36.00
Total: \$1821.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Catholic Relief: \$110.00 (3)
Building Fund Donations: \$70.00 (2)
Religious Education: \$160.00 (7)
Holy Land: \$80.00 (2)

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

St. Joseph Stringtown Choir practices for Easter,
will be held the following dates: April 10, and April
13, all at 7:00 p.m. Hope you can join us!

-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

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 10, HOLY WEEK
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
12:00pm (Noon) Parish Offices Closed
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
PARIASH OFFICES CLOSED
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
9:00am, Easter Egg Hunt at Holy Cross-Wendelin
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
Monday, April 18, PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
7:00pm, School Board Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, April 21, 7:15pm, Parish Management
Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Saturday, April 23, 5:00pm, First Communion Mass
at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, April 24, 8:00am, First Communion
Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown
10:00am, First Communion Mass at St. Lawrence-
Lawrenceville

10:00am, First Communion Mass at Holy Cross-
Wendelin

AROUND OUR PARISHES

WE HAVE RESUMED Communion to the Shut-Ins
and those who are in nursing facilities. If you can
spare the time for this wonderful out-reach ministry
of visiting and distributing the Eucharist, please
contact Fr. Mark or the Parish Office.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th
at 9:00am. Birth to 4th grade will be invited to hunt
eggs. Fingers crossed that the Easter Bunny hops
over to our event!

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

+Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion+

We wave our palms in joyful exaltation, shouting
“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the
Lord, Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”
Would you have been in the crowd that day? Are
you waving palms with a contrite heart? Are you
praising the King of Kings this day? Living a life
proclaiming that this is the Son of God? Or are you
asleep- distracted- and casting judgement? Let us
look to the God-man-Jesus who remained faithful
to God’s will to the end - will you remain faithful?
There is time remaining this Lent to be right with
God- and not of this world! There is time to sing and
shout, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name
of the Lord!” Will you endure the journey with
steadfast love, or will you cast lots and divide the
spoils? Will it be a crown of thorns or a crown of
glory for you? What say you? Journey onward and
carry your cross.... we are entering Holy Week!
Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Thanks to Ava Kessler, Lilly Kessler, Grace Warfel,
Alli Kirts, Ben Street, Isaac Street, Isaac Zwilling,
Victoria Zwilling, Natalie Zwilling, Joselyn Kocher,
Kylie Kocher, and Luke Seiler for volunteering to
work at the Newton St. Thomas Family Life
Breakfast.

Thank you to Abigail Atwood, Kylie Rauch, Brayden
Bergbower, Noah Rudolphi, and Victoria Rudolphi
for helping with Stations of the Cross on Friday
4/1/22.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thursday, April 14th - Easter Program K-4 Students
1 pm in the gymnasium - all are welcome!
Early Dismissal 1:50 pm

Easter Break Friday, April 15th - Monday, April 18th
Happy Easter from the Staff! We are blessed by your support and love.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Wednesday, April 13: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Wednesday, April 13: K of C Senior Scholarship Applications Deadline, 3PM at the Olney Church Office or mail to K of C, P. O. Box 172, Olney, IL 62450.
Thursday, April 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Kudos to all three parishes for the continued support and success of the Lenten Friday Fish Fry Nights! April 8th was the last Fish Fry Night.

FROM FR. MARK:

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers. Especially important for us Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we recall the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of parishioners, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will

renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood. On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle. Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion. Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore.

Remember in our prayers . . .

George Ochs, Rick Rennier

Sunday April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+
Mon. April 11,
6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Madonna Davis+
Tues. April 12,
NO MASS
Wed. April 13,
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thurs. April 14,
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph-Olney
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Fri. April 15, 3:00pm Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin
7:00pm Good Friday Service at St. Joseph-Olney
7:00pm Good Friday Service at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Sat. April 16, 7:30pm Easter Vigil at St. Joseph-Olney
7:30pm Easter Vigil at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Sun. April 17, 8:00am, Easter Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish" and St. Joseph-Olney
10:00am, Easter Mass at St. Lawrence
Lawrenceville and Holy Cross-Wendelin

Ministers List	
04/10/2022	04/17/2022
<u>Servers:</u>	<u>Servers:</u>
Sadie Seiler	Natalie Zwilling
Jared Weidner	Nathaniel Zwilling
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Kathy Kocher	Joselyn Kocher
<u>Eucharist Minister:</u>	<u>Eucharist Minister:</u>
Beth Kocher	Janette Kocher
<u>Gifts:</u>	<u>Gifts:</u>
Paul & Ellen Steber Family	Kerrie Zwilling
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Brian Ochs	Ray Schneider
Elmer Ochs	Scott Seiler
<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
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