

Collection Total for March 23, 2019

Envelopes: \$1255.00
Loose: \$9.00
Total: \$1264.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Black and Indian Missions \$50.00 (1)
Building Fund Donations: \$65.00 (2)
CSMA: \$300.00 (1)

March Bulletins: Knights of Columbus
March Missalettes:

LENT THIS WEEK-FIRST SUNDAY

Wednesday, April 3,
7:00pm, Stations of the Cross at Holy
Cross/Sacrament of Reconciliation-Wendelin
Friday, April 5,
2:00pm. Stations of the Cross/Sacrament of
Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, Stations of the Cross/Sacrament of
Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE
Holy Thursday, April 18: 7:00PM (at St. Joseph-
Olney)

Good Friday, April 19: 3:00PM Living Stations of
the Cross (at Holy Cross-Wendelin)
Good Friday, April 19: 7:00PM (at St. Joseph-
Olney)

Easter Vigil, April 20: 7:30PM (at St. Joseph-
Stringtown)
Easter Sunday, April 21: 8:30AM (at Holy Cross-
Wendelin)
Easter Sunday, April 21: 10:30AM (at St. Joseph-
Olney)

REFLECTION:
The Prodigal Son
So often I have heard this story, one of the best short
stories ever written. We may become too used to it.

It is always new, always has something new to say
about God and ourselves. Here’s one: nowhere
does it say that the father forgives his son! He just
wants to celebrate his homecoming. The embrace of
paternal welcome said it all! This is mercy, which is
forgiveness
and more. Mercy covers the sins of the one returning
so they need not be even named. The father knew
the son’s heart was right, and this would be the
beginning of a new relationship. ‘Jesus is nothing
but love’, Pope Francis wrote of God’s mercy, ‘a
love given freely’. This was the love of the
prodigal’s father.
THE GIFT
Another: the ring on his finger was the father’s way
of reinstating him totally into the family. It was what
would have been passed on in the family to an
honored member, often the eldest son. No
acceptance of the son’s wanting to be called a hired
servant. In this story there is the full reconciliation.
This is one of the big words of Lent – reconciliation
is not a distant forgiveness, but an embrace and
celebration of all being well again.
The best gift we can give to God this Lent is to
welcome his mercy, a mercy that makes us ‘God’s
work of art’.
Pope Francis calls the mercy of God the ‘beating
heart of the gospel’: if mercy should cease the
gospel would no more be alive, as when the heart
cease to beat, the body dies.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have
mercy.

FR. MARK’S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 2, 6:15pm, RCIA
at St. Joseph-Olney
Wednesday, April 3, 6:30pm, PSR at
Holy Cross-Wendelin
Saturday, April 6, 6:00pm, Wine Tasting
at St. Joseph-Olney
Monday, April 8, 1:30pm Personnel
Board Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville
Tuesday, April 9, 6:15pm, RCIA at St. Joseph-
Olney
Wednesday, April 10, 6:30pm, PSR at Holy
Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, April 11, 7:00pm, Pastoral Council at
Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, April 12, 12:00pm (Noon), Finance
Council at St. Joseph-Olney

Contributions to the Parish

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of our
three partnership churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St.
Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, please
use your contribution envelope. Your contribution
will be deposited and your contribution will be
credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

Tri-Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:30pm, St. Joseph Olney
Saturday, 6:30pm, St. Joseph Stringtown
Sunday, 8:00am, St. Joseph Olney
Sunday, 10:00am, Holy Cross Wendelin

Mass Intentions - Are now being scheduled
until June 1st 2019

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.

St. Joseph Parish in Olney has an opening for a
full time custodial position with benefits. The hours
are Monday through Friday from 10:30 am. - 7:00
pm. And summer 7:00am - 3:30 pm. Anyone
interested can pick up an application in the Parish
or School office during regular business hours.
Application will be accepted through April 10th.

Stringtown Picnic News:
Noodle Day has been scheduled for Saturday April
6th! Sign-up sheets for ingredients will be in the
back of church soon.
All of our 3rd couple/pair options have not worked
out. If you are interested in being a picnic
committee member please let one of us know as

soon as possible!! Please consider volunteering
your time to help keep the Stringtown picnic
running successfully.

2019 Stringtown Picnic Committee members:
Kristie Cooley 618-838-0327, Shelly and Doug
Seaman 618-302-0616, Austin Zwilling-618-562-
1994, and Kenzie Zwilling 618-843-8846.

There will be an Open gym for volleyball and/or
basketball at St Joseph school in Olney from 4-6pm
on Sunday, March 31. All high school youth are
invited to attend.

Friday, April 12 there will be a KC Fish Fry at Holy
Cross Parish Hall for the Tri-Parish CYM mission
trip. Serving from 5-7 PM. There will also be a
basket raffle.

April Blessing
For the Widow and Widower
Those who are mourning need to be comforted by
our prayers and acts of respect, compassion, and
love. A Blessing will be extended to the Widow
and Widower at the weekend Masses on April 6th
& 7th.

St. Joseph-Olney School:
Our preschool classes are filling rapidly! If you
want to enroll your eligible 3 or 4 year old for the
2019-20 school year, please call the school office
(395-3081) or email Carol Potter
(principal@stjoeolney.com).

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners + J.O.Y.S.
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Rejoice! The Father forgives our sins, welcomes us
with open arms, and prepares a banquet of love.
Who in your life do you need to forgive? Welcome
with open arms? Prepare a banquet of love for? This
Fourth Sunday in Lent offers us a moment to -
Rejoice- because Love has no boundary! Jesus bore
a cross that was weighed down with our sins - the

sins of unforgiveness, rudeness, hatred, envy, lust, pride....!

The *Love that Ran Red* that Good Friday broke the chains of sin and set us free! What is remaining inside that needs to be set free this Lent? Where has Love touched you this Lent? The journey is onward and upward-this time is our time-the time given to *forgive-welcome- love! Rejoice!*

Keep to the J.O.Y.S

COMMUNITY NEWS:

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:
Senior Citizen’s Breakfast will be Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center.
Anyone who will be 65 or older by the end of 2019 may attend including spouse.
Please RSVP to Janice Zwilling (618)869-2639, Jamie Kocher (812)699-1300, Cheryl Ginder (618)843-4349, or Robbie Ginder (618)843-1742 by March 27 if you would like to join us for breakfast.

3rd Annual ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WINE TASTING
DATE: SAT. APRIL 6, 2019
TIME: 6-10 PM
PLACE: RICHLAND COUNTRY CLUB OLNEY, IL
COST: \$15/person—MUST BE 21
*Complimentary Wine Glass, Raffle, and Finger Foods!
*Featuring Homestead Vineyards, Lasata Winery, and Irene’s Vineyard

Tickets on sale in St. Joe School office or from any committee member:
Cheryl Colwell 618-843-9335, Bobbi Ginder 618-553-1871, Amanda Nelson 217-621-5884, Jodi Schneider 618-322-7749, Tracy Snider 393-2907, Heather Ackman 618-838-5740, or Sarah Stevens 618-320-0209

STAND UP FOR KIDS
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and a time to acknowledge the important role that communities play in protecting children. As a child welfare agency since 1947, Caritas Family Solutions

advocates for children, especially those impacted by abuse and/or neglect, and we hope you can help. This month and throughout the year, we encourage everyone to “Stand Up for Kids” and play a role in making Southern Illinois a better place for children and families. Learn more at caritasfamilysolutions.org/bluekids or call 618-213-8746.

Knights of Columbus:

Friday, April 5th: Last Fish Fry Night at the Olney City Park Community Building, 5PM to 7PM.

The Last K of C Fish Fry will be 12th at Wendelin Parish Center to support the CYM. All are welcome to attend. Carry-outs are available.

Kudos to six new Olney, Wendelin & Stringtown K of C Members for our Council; Seth Rudolphi, James Rudolphi, Jared Boehl, Eli Sager, Daniel Sager, & Luke Kocher.

Knights of the Month: Ken Weiler & Jeff Kocher-Fish Fry Night Captains

The Baby Crib Charity during Lent will continue in the Olney & Stringtown Churches for donations this year. Donations will go to the Olney WIC office. Please no baby bottles or formula can be accepted.

Applications are now available for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Scholarships. To qualify the applicant or a parent must be a current member of the Olney K of C Council #1352 3rd Degree. Submissions must be received by 5:00 pm Wednesday April 10th. Forms can be downloaded from the Olney Knights of Columbus Facebook page, picked up at an upcoming KC Fish Fry or requested by emailing book@wabash.net

**SATURDAY MARCH 30,
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT**

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR
WEEK OF March 31**

Monday 04/01 NO MASS
Tuesday 04/02 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For Elfredia Zwilling”
Wednesday 04/03 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday 04/04 8:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday 04/05 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday 04/06 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For Betty Zwilling”

Parish Ministries

<u>This Sat. (March 30th)</u>	<u>Next Sat. (April 6th)</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Isaac Zwilling Tristan Mitchell Clarissa Sager	Caden Kocher Kylie Kocher Garrett Cummins
<u>Lector:</u> Hank Ginder	Ethan Steber
<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	
Laura Sterchi Mary Zuber Rick Ginder	Scott Seiler Rita Damm Beth Kocher
<u>Offertory:</u> Harold Boehl	Judy & Mary
<u>Ushers:</u> Werner Kocher Gary Kocher	Jim Muhs Andrew Volk
<u>Greeters:</u> Jean Kocher & Gary	Tom & Karen Zuber

Remember in our prayers . . .
Kim Dallmier, Marcia(Hahn)Zanellato , Bob Dallmier, and Emma Kocher, Daniel Stec

Bulletin News: Deadline Wednesday 3:00 PM

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Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM