

Sunday, April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter/
Divine Mercy Sunday

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. April 12 6:30PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. April 13 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. April 14 8:00am Special Intention
Thu. April 15 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. April 17 4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM Kuenstler & Rohr Families;
Hermina B. Zuber
Sun. April 18 8:00am Don & Julia Blank
8:00am (at Stringtown)
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 4

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,750 (67) Easter: \$5,415 (58)
Outreach: \$50 Guatemala: \$635 (18)
Flowers: \$410 (12) Holy Land: \$560 (19)
Rice Bowl: \$1,262.20

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.

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Wednesday, April 14

- Bulletin deadline, 3:00 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, April 30

- Confirmation, 7:00PM.

St. Joseph School Notes

Wednesday, April 14

- School Mass, 8:00 AM (Grades 2 & 3 attend)

* Scholastic Book Fair: Friends and Family can shop Wednesday, April 14 from 9:00am- 12:30 PM and Friday, April 16 from 12:45PM - 1:45PM. Student shopping Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16 during the school day.

* The school is not able to allow visitors to the office. If you need anything, simply use the buzzer. A staff member will help you outside.

* Congratulations to our second graders upon receiving their First Holy Communion.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 4: Cindy Zerkle (#542) \$500
April 5: Erica Anderson (#595)
April 6: Tony E. Young (#275)
April 7: Pat & Megan Connelly (#431)
April 8: Trent Ridgely (#785)
April 9: Linda Dickerson (#471)

Let Us Pray For: Cindy Foerster, Jim Gassmann, Loren Ginder, Mary Anne Herman, Jim Kuenstler, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Helen Powless, Deana Schafer, Gene Sharp and Kurt Wengert.

Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.

First Communion Class **April 10, 2021**

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| Conor Buchner | Halle Cummins |
| Kennedy Dunn | Ella Fitch |
| Belle Graves | Kadence Kocher |
| Jeremiah Marshall | Ally McVicker |
| Remi Miller | Chesney Schuetz |
| Charlie VanBlaricum | Zoie Weston |
| Raymond Zuber | |

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+ J.O.Y.S.+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Divine Mercy Sunday

What a world we live in- one week ago we were in Holy Week-the most solemn week of the year. We journeyed alongside our Lord- we wept, felt contrition, and emptiness. Then came Easter and we were overjoyed- our hearts were filled with Alleluia- He is Risen! And yet, somehow amid it all- *we continue to fail- we still prefer our sinfulness.* The question comes to mind, are we just living the “moments” with little to no time spent allowing our hearts and souls to be transformed? Seriously, last week was Holy Week- is there anything about those days that remain, or do we just quickly pick up, and move onto the next “moment- the next moment- the next moment?” Providentially, Our Good and Gracious God knew we would need ongoing help-....and He offers us Mercy- Divine Mercy! ...*let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy... —Divine Mercy in My Soul, Diary of St. Faustina, n.*

848 Do not let this “moment” pass you by - spend some time this day and ask (beg) for God’s Mercy- for all that we fail to do- *mea culpa-mea culpa- mea maxima culpa! ---He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice... Diary n. 1146* St. Joseph, pray for us! St. Faustina, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

St. Joseph-Olney is now accepting mass intentions through June 30.

2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...- John 14:12

Thank you to the 42 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. So far \$6,239.25 has been pledged by our parish, which is 32% of our goal of \$19,730. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

All are invited to the Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm, which will be held on Tuesday, April 20 at 2:00PM at the Farm of Dale and Kay Haudrich. Dale and Kay Haudrich Farm is located at 7903 State Route 156; Waterloo, Illinois 62298. You can arrive at their farm by taking IL-Hwy 159 to Hecker, IL. Then travel west onto IL-Hwy 156 out of Hecker ¾ of a mile. It is the first house on your right. “Farm Blessing” signs will also lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be place. We look forward to having you join us!

So Many Catch Phrases Today. “The doors were locked.” “Peace be with you.” “There was no needy person among them.” “His mercy endures forever.” “His commandments are not burdensome.” Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these Covid-19 days. Because he is peace among us – no one has need. Because he is full and overflowing with mercy – nothing is a burden.

* How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?

* How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?

* Whose burden will I ease?

Respect Life Corner- “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). In today’s Gospel, the apostle Thomas stands for each of us as he personally experiences God’s mercy as he peers into the face of Jesus, the Risen Lord. Thomas failed to believe the apostles’ stories that they had seen their teacher. The risen Jesus, out of abundance of love and patience, made sure that Thomas knew that he had not been abandoned.

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray- In Laudato Si (2015), Pope Francis reminds the faithful that God never abandons us; He never forsakes His loving plan for us to live together as a whole human family. Humanity still has the ability to work together to build a common home, free of environmental degradation which is risking the lives of the world’s poorest. We must have respect for the integrity of all God’s people who deserve the right and access to a quality of life. We must take a look at hard issues in our world: poverty, oppression, injustice, unjust incarceration, human trafficking, as well as abortion. By allowing ourselves to be loved by Our Lord

and to encounter His mercy and forgiveness in the sacraments, we are better capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love in the world. There are no greater gifts than the gifts of life and the gift of salvation. We are truly thankful!

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Sunday, April 11: Good Luck to 12 students who qualify for the K of C Regional Free Throw Competition at Breese Mater Dei High School! Only three competitors in each age group. All family members can be spectators in the girl’s or the boy’s gyms. Winners from Breese qualify for the state competition at St. Anthony in Effingham on Sunday, April 25.
Wednesday, April 14: Deadline for Senior \$250 Knights of Columbus Scholarship applications to be mailed to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. Four scholarships will be awarded. Applications are at the entrance of church. Scholarships are awarded to students of a member of the Olney, Wendelin, Stringtown Council 1352.

Kudos to all parishioners for their support of the K of C baby Crib Charity Drive for WIC. Kudos to St. Joseph School with 254 individual Baby Wipe packages! Other donations from the two baby cribs were baby wipes, diapers, money, A & D Ointment, baby products, thermometers, blankets, Infant and clothing for children 0 to 5.

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~ 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.

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~ Sacraments ~
 Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.
 Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 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.)

~ St. Joseph School ~
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