

**Collection Total for December 31, 2023**

Envelopes: \$1,025.00 (26)  
Loose: \$61.00  
**Total: \$1,086.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)**  
**Religious Retirement: \$10.00 (1)**  
**Christmas Offering: \$100.00 (1)**  
**First Offering: \$10.00 (2)**  
**Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00 (1)**

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**January Bulletins: For The Parish**  
**January Missalettes: For The Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, January 6** – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

**Sunday, January 7** – St. Joseph-Stringtown Blood Drive, 7am-11:30am, Walk-ins Welcome

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

**Wednesday, January 10** – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with Confirmation Check-in Following

**Sunday, January 14** – Donuts Following Mass at Parish Center

**Sunday, January 14** – Euchre Tournament at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm. All are welcome to attend!

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

Our new book will be The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri  
The book will be given out on the 16th, after the rosary. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 23. at 10:00am. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if you are interested in joining.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

**Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
*“The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family.” St. John Paul II*

Come and join this 5-part study on "The Mission of the Family"

Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. *St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!*

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*Happy New Year- our Lord SHINES!*

May this New Year be filled with heavenly graces and overflow with the Light and Love of Jesus. We all have the choice to shine everyday so live this year SHINING BRIGHT! The Three Kings offer us the way to live by paying homage - *no matter the obstacles of life-* to the wee little King. What gifts do you bring to the little King? Is he the Light of your life? Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us! J.O.Y.S*

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

**January Month of the Holy Name of Jesus Epiphany-Sanctifying Time**

On January 10, at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Wendelin, join us for an Epiphany service, music from the Holy Cross Choir, pray Compline (night) prayer together and more.

**Live Your Catholic Faith**

Place a picture of Jesus at your Home Altar Discover the richness of Sanctifying time-by living the month and daily devotions.

**Family Prayer – Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus**

Lord Jesus, we humbly pray to You to give us all a great reverence

and respect for Your most holy name.

Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain,

or without due respect.

Help us remember how reverently and lovingly,

Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.

Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men)

You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.

We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us and our work, and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus. Amen

**Confirmation:** April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**First Eucharist:** April 27-28<sup>th</sup> at All Masses

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Good luck to our girls' teams in the Diocesan Basketball tournament this weekend!

**Wednesday, January 10th** - Freshman Orientation RCHS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, January 11:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Thursday, January 18:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Sunday, January 28:** K of C led Rosary at 7:35AM.

**Thanks** to all the volunteers at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Steve Kuenstler who has always led the Rosary on the last Sunday of each 8AM Olney Mass. Thanks to the 12 at the fellowship breakfast at Smoke Rise Steak House (Elks) following Mass.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:**

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a

certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or a misunderstanding, that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate to set up an appointment.

**FARMERS SUPPORTING FARMERS**

Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally will tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at [cherylsommer@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylsommer@yahoo.com) or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter ([principal@stjoeolney.com](mailto:principal@stjoeolney.com) or 618-395-3081).

**Saturday January 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL**

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:**

Holy Cross-Wendelin Family Life Committee will sponsor Euchre Tournaments at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The dates will be Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, Sunday and February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. March date TBA. Free popcorn will be available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage! All are invited to attend!

**DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses)

who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

**FAURE REQUIEM**

Singers from across the Belleville Diocese are invited to join in singing the Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from January 8 through March 3. Rehearsal recordings of each individual part will be sent to each singer. If you are interested and would like more specific information, please contact Mr. Richard Thompson, Organist & Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Peter, by e-mail: rthompjd@gmail.com. The Fauré Requiem is a magnificent program to be presented in our beautiful Cathedral with its wonderful acoustics and rebuilt and enlarged pipe organ. I hope everyone interested can join us.

**DIOCESAN DR. KING OBSERVANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 AT ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CHURCH, EAST ST. LOUIS.** Bishop McGovern will be the celebrant for the Mass at 9:30 AM followed by a Brunch at 11:00 and the Dr. King Memorial Program in the Church at 12, Noon. If you plan to attend the brunch please RSVP to the Church Office at 618-274-0655.

***Remember in our prayers...***

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

**Sunday, January 7, 2024  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, January 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bill and Catherine Zwilling and Nadine Zwilling+” “Rita Damm+” “Barbara Ann Ochs+”**  
**Monday, January 8, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling+”**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Thursday, January 11, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Friday, January 12, NO MASS**  
**Saturday, January 13, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, January 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider+”**  
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

<b><u>12/31/2023</u></b>	<b><u>01/07/2024</u></b>
<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Austin & Gavin Kuentler	<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Mitchell & Brady Ochs
<b><u>Lector:</u></b> Laura Sterchi	<b><u>Lector:</u></b> Kathy Kocher
<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Jenny Hancock Gary Kocher Beth Kocher	<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Mary Ochs Gary Zwilling Josie Kocher
<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Jack Weidner Family	<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Wayne Kocher Family
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Ray & Alex Schneider	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Scott & Luke Seiler
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Ralph & Sue MacIntire	<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Bill Zuber

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