

**Collection Total for January 14, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,174.25 (32)  
Loose: \$2.00  
**Total: \$1,175.25**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$50.00 (1)**  
**Christmas Offering: \$307.00 (8)**  
**First Offering: \$25.00 (5)**  
**Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00 (2)**  
**Religious Education: \$50.00 (1)**  
**Needy: \$15.00 (2)**

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

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, January 23 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am**  
**Stringtown Study, 10am**  
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm  
OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 7pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Saturday, January 20 – CYM Mission Trip Bake Sale**  
After Mass at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, January 21 – CYM Mass and Mission Trip**  
Bake Sale to Follow, St. Joseph-Olney

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all the parishioners and CYM members who helped set up and tear down Christmas decor and nativity.

**FOLLOW UP SERVER TRAINING:**

Deacon Steve Andrews will hold a follow up server training for all servers on January 28 following 8am Mass. Please try 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  
We will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 23. at 10:00am. Contact Caroline Trimble 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:**

Our God calls each and every one of us to, *Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men!* Our God holds out his hand and invites- over and over again! He speaks to us in every sunrise, wisp of wind, sunset, star twinkle... to *Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men!* Are we reaching our hand to Him? Are we working to build the Kingdom of God? Or are we turning our head and walking the other way? Do we ignore, ridicule, and leave others behind on the journey? Our God so loved the world- *loves you-* that he gave His Son... What are you willing to give up for Him? What is keeping you from following Christ? What is slowing your journey to the Kingdom? *Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men!* Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

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

**School - VFW Spaghetti Dinner** - Join us for a fantastic meal at the VFW Sunday, January 21st serving from 11 am - 1 pm! This fundraiser supports our 8th grade trips, dances, and end of the year activities. Enjoy great company and excellent food while supporting our collective kids.  
**Bingo Bash - March 9, 2024!** Our second bingo bash is quickly approaching! How can you help?

- Sign up to work (contact a committee member (see below)
- Donate a basket or item to be auctioned
- Have tickets to college or professional sports events? Donate 2 tickets to be auctioned. These make great auction items!

- Solicit a basket or item to be auctioned or solicit donations to be used towards an item
- Donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull
- Buy a table - \$200 (get a group together) - call the school office to reserve.

If you can help in any way, please contact a committee member: Carol Potter, Lora Kocher, Amanda Nelson, Lauren Tibbs, Megan Brinkley, Janice Zwilling, Andrea Kuenstler, Kevin Bookhout, Sara Peavler, Mary Morris, Jennifer Cummins-Zuber

**Wednesday, January 24th** - Camp Ondessonk Presentations for 2nd - 8th Grade Students  
**Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 28th - February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

To join us for the Annual Alumni Mass, please call the school office with your name and graduation year. We recognize all graduates from any catholic school.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sunday, January 28:** K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before the Olney-St. Joseph Mass. **Thursday, February 8:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, February 15:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Friday, February 16:** First Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Night, 5 to 7PM, Olney City Park Community Park Building. Please attend to support the Richland County Mentor program (Bowl for Kids). **Friday, February 23:** Fish Fry Night to support the Senior Citizens Center. St. Joe School Night is March 15<sup>th</sup>. St. Joseph School Students continue practicing for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition in early February. Tentatively the Spelling Bee is the latter part of February. Google a website for School Spelling Bee practice words.  
**Knight of the Month –** Mike Ginder for a successful Vocation Raffle Book program that benefited four Belleville Seminarians with \$165 each.

**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 to set up an appointment.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-11:30am. Mark your calendar and go ahead and preschedule your March 10 appointment by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive) and using zip code 62450 to schedule your appointment.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:**

Our first Euchre tournament was held Sunday, Jan 14th at 2pm. We had 20 people in attendance. Our winners: 1st place Mildred Buerster (55pts) 2nd place Evelyn Kocher (54pts) 3rd place Norb Ochs (53pts) and Kent Will (53pts) Thank you to all who braved that very cold afternoon. We hope to see you all and many more on Sunday, February 18th at 2pm at Stringtown Parish Center.

HC Family Life Committee

**DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 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.

**RESPECT LIFE NOVENA:**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24.** Say 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory Be for Life. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)! #PrayForLIFE!

**ST. THOMAS WINE AND BEER TASTING:**

St. Thomas Annual Wine and Beer Tasting will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Newton Knights of Columbus. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Wines from around the world, specialty drinks, bourbon and delicious food and appetizers. Live auction featuring drink themed, beautiful handcrafted charcuterie boards and much more!

***The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 3-4.*** Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card on-line at [www.bellevilemessenger.org](http://www.bellevilemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. Please make checks payable to **The Messenger.**

***Remember In Our Prayers***

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

**Sunday, January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, January 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carol Stallard+"**

**Monday, January 22, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"**

**Tuesday, January 23, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, January 24, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, January 25, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, January 26, NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 27, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, January 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+" "Carolyn Zuber+"**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**01/21/2024**

**Servers:**

Nathaniel Zwilling

Julian Seaman

**Lector:**

Natalie Zwilling

**EMHC:**

John Ochs

Jamie Kocher

Janette Kocher

**Gifts:**

Ellen Steber

Family

**Ushers:**

Evelyn Volk

Caden Kocher

**Greeters:**

Seaman Family

**01/28/2024**

**Servers:**

Jared Weidner

Levi Weidner

**Lector:**

Jocelyn Kocher

**EMHC:**

Harold Boehl

Lisa Boehl

Elmer Ochs

**Gifts:**

Gary & Dorothy

Zwilling

**Ushers:**

Tom Kocher

James Schneider

**Greeters:**

Gary & Beth

Kocher Family

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