

Collection Total for April 14, 2024

Envelopes: \$513.25 (21)
Loose: \$38.00
Total: \$551.25

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Education: \$5.00 (1)

Building Fund: \$220.00 (2)

April Bulletins: For the Parish

April Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, April 21 – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Following 8am Mass

Tuesday, April 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

Saturday, April 27 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm

Sunday, April 28 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am

First Communion at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am
First Communion at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 10am

Sunday, May 5 – Closing Family Catechesis Mass, CYM Mass, and May Crowning at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am with Reception including Sacrament Recognition Following in Parish Center

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

The New book is "Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska" the Saint of Divine Mercy. Come join us at 10:00am and share in the joy.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our choices are just that- *Ours- and so are the consequences!* We freely (free will) decide our actions and that carries over into how we treat people! Do we treat others with Christ-like love? Or do we exclude- ignore- scandalize? Our choices- our actions speak volumes about our soul- about who we serve and to whom we belong! What do your actions say? Is Jesus the Good Shepherd who you follow and whose voice you hear? Or is it the voice of the world? Our gracious Lord Jesus freely gave his life- freely he endured all *-the trials- scourging-ridicule- loneliness- abandonment- freely he endured-*because of OUR choices! Let us pick up and embrace our *-own-*cross and choose to be Christ-like. Journey onward to the Kingdom-choosing- hearing- and listening to the Good Shepherd. St. Faustina, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

April - Divine Mercy

Live Your Catholic Faith – Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish.

Send a “Thank You”- “Praying for You”- “You are Special”- “Get Well” card.

Pray a Rosary for them and support their works. Participate in: Sisters in Christ, Brothers in Christ, Family Catechesis, Stringtown Study, CYM

Schedule an appointment for Spiritual Direction. Live the Easter Joy! **Our Family Prayer** - Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,

Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ,

in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE:

Parish Office phone lines have been down off and on for a couple of weeks now. If you cannot reach the office, please use my personal cell phone to

reach me! (618) 843-1892 Thank you so much for your patience! – Ashley

HELP NEEDED:

If available after Donut Sunday today (April 21st), please help set up tables in the Parish Center for Noodle Day next weekend! Thank you!

ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER:

Deacon Jack and Regina Shuster will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 26th. Let's celebrate and shower them with love. If you would like to send them a card for this special occasion, please mail to: 209 S. Elliott Street, Olney, IL 62450. Congratulations and Happy 50th Anniversary to Deacon Jack and Regina!

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph-Stringtown for all parishes! June 23-25th from 6-8pm for Pre-K through 5th grade! Please make plans to join us or volunteer to help.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Joseph School students raised \$1,416.84 for Catholic Relief Services through our Rice Bowl collection!

Wednesday, April 24th - Walk/Bike to School Day & Neighborhood Clean-Up

Friday, April 26th - 4th Grade State Fair project displays

Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th - First Communion

Please keep all of our second graders in your prayers.

Parents of recently confirmed 8th grade students:

Your student's photo during Confirmation (anointing by the bishop) can be found on the school's FB page.

Important Dates:

Friday, May 3rd - Early Dismissal 10:50am

Friday, May 10th - Final Band Concert 3pm in the Gymnasium

Wednesday, May 15th - Graduation Mass 8:15am and Graduation Ceremony 7pm in the courtyard (weather permitting)

Monday, May 20th - Preschool Promotion 11am in the church

Tuesday, May 21st - Last Day for K-7 students 11am Dismissal and Field Day

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, April 28: Knights led Rosary at Olney St. Joseph, 7:40AM.

Kudos to the 4th Degree Honor Guard at Confirmation, April 12th; Mike Doll, Elmer Weiler, Dan Kuenstler, Steve Kuenstler, Matt Zuber, Dan Zwilling, Hank Ginder, and new members Rodney Ochs and Scott Seiler. Present 4th Degree members or 3rd Degree members wishing to be 4th Degree members please consider being in the Honor Guard by contacting Steve Kuenstler or Hank Ginder for more information.

Knight of the Month: Rodney Ochs being available for every fish fry night!

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am in Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll also use our imaginations to enter the scene, create the characters, and be there in the world of the reading.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET:

The Stringtown Community Club will have their annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00pm in the parish center. The meal will include pulled pork and a potato bar catered by Barney Ochs. Members with last name starting with A-M are asked to bring a salad and those with names starting with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert. To RSVP, call or text the committee by April 28: Mona Kocher 618-843-

6662, Delaney Steber 618-843-9121, or Mary Zwilling 618-562-8433.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the picnic expenses are welcomed and can be given to any of the chairs. **Noodle Day is scheduled for April 27th at the Stringtown Parish Center between 7:30-8 a.m.** Please have all donations at the Parish Center Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date is available in the back of church this weekend. All donations need to be at the Parish Center by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27th or Friday, April 26th, between 5-6:30 p.m. Also, after Mass and doughnut Sunday today we will need help setting up tables for **noodle day.**

The Picnic Committee Chair’s next meeting will be Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center.

The Committee Chairs are:

Financial & Kitchen (Dinner) – Lisa Boehl
Raffle – Hank & Nina Ginder
Food Stand – Francis Ochs
Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50 – Janice Zwilling
Basket Stand – Mona Kocher
Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & games) – Ethan & Delaney Steber
Kids Games – Doug & Shelly Seaman
Grounds & Maintenance – Scott Seiler
If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson.

DONUTS AND QUILTS:

Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease is very devastating when it affects a family member or someone you know. This is no cure as of now, but with continued research we hope to someday carry the **white flower**, which represents a cure. This year, my project to raise money for research will be a variety of baby quilts, lap quilts, and

throws. They will be on display during Donut Sunday, April 21st, in the Parish Center. Reasonable prices. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Zuber at 618-869-2306.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven’t already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

EMMAUS DAYS:

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

DIOCESAN SPRING FARM BLESSING:

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Spring Farm Blessing**, which will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. “Farm Blessing” signs will guide you or directions are available on the flier in the church. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Fr. Mark Stec

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, April 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Norman Kocher+” “Augustine, Lorena, & George Ochs+”

Monday, April 22, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling+”

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

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

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

Friday, April 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 27, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For First Communicants”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

04/21/2024

Servers:

Silas Sager*
Julian Seaman
Sadie Seiler

Lector:

Hank Ginder

EMHC:

John Ochs
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs

Gifts:

Werner & Janette Kocher

Ushers:

Carter Seaman
James Schneider

Greeters:

Caden Kocher

04/28/2024

Servers:

Delana Sterchi*
Grayson Sterchi
Anna Seiler

Lector:

Laura Sterchi

EMHC:

Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Owen Kocher

Gifts:

First Communicants

Ushers:

Jack Weidner
David Muhs

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher Family

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