

Collection Total for October 8, 2023

Envelopes: \$2,950.00
Loose: \$47.00
Total: \$2,997.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Education: \$115.00 (2)

Building: \$20.00 (1)

All Saints Day Offering: \$15.00 (1)

October Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

October Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

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!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Our deepest sympathy to the Eloise "Ellie" Kocher family. *May Ellie rest in the peace and love of our Lord.*

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Anthony Sager and Taylor Houck who were married on October 7, 2023.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Happy Birthday to Fr. Steven who celebrates his birthday, Saturday, October 14th.

Also sending belated birthday wishes to Fr. Felix who recently celebrated his birthday!

OUR SYMPATHY:

Mary Jane (Buerster) Keller, daughter of Adam & Monica Buerster, died Tuesday, October 3rd in Spokane, Washington. She was a sister to Paul & Tom Buerster and Teresa Ritz and leaves many relatives in this area. A memorial mass will be held at a later date.

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 – Confirmation Commitment Weekend

Sunday, October 15 – Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown Following Mass

St. Joseph Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar, 11am

Tuesday, October 17 – Rosary and Stringtown Study at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am

Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22 – Blessing Cup for 2nd Graders at All Masses

Sunday, October 22 – Donuts After Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Wednesday, November 1 – All Saints Day Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin - Holy Day of Obligation, 6:30pm

November Family Catechesis with All Saints Trunk or Treat Following

SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:

New Book Study – 2 Different Days and Times – The True Meaning of Christmas by Michael Barber
Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Tuesday mornings at 10:00am after Rosary at St. Joseph-Stringtown

If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST: Will pause for Harvest.

MARIAN MOMENT:

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." *Saint Mother Teresa*

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Let us be pure of heart-*it is the virtue of charity-* so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be ours. How does one become pure of heart? What must one do to let charity overflow? If we are not wearing our Wedding garment- then we do not Love-period! It becomes obvious because our hearts become clouded – hard- and eventually darken. If uncharitable thoughts- words- and actions- come from our mouths more than -kindness- compassion- gratitude- we risk being tossed out of the Kingdom. What a mercy from God to give us time on this side of Heaven to make amends- to learn- seek- live- a Life of LOVE- to wear our Wedding garment. Our King- Jesus Christ- invites-over and over again! What is your response? Are you living a life that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of darkness? Be pure in heart for the Kingdom of Heaven awaits! Journey onward every day with a pure heart- a heart of Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

October Family Catechesis

- Say Your St. Michael Prayer Daily
- Pray Your Family Rosary Weekly
- Plan Your Saint Costume for All Saints Day Mass
- Do Your Act Of Love
- Shine Your Light For Christ

First Reconciliation: December 7th at 6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

Family Catechesis *All Saints Trunk-or-Treat*

November 1 after the 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross. We need parishioners to help with the Trunk-or-Treat by dressing up as Saints, decorating vehicles, and supplying candy to the kids. Please call the parish offices to volunteer to help or fill out sign up sheet in church. Thank you for supporting our families!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy of the Word has started! 3 year olds through first graders please join us in the parish center. Children will be brought back to church to join their families after the homily.

CYM YOUTH GROUP:

CYM Youth Group gathering on Wednesdays at Holy Cross Rectory basement from 7-8:30pm. All high school youth invited. Questions? Please contact Tyler Timm (507)-530-2911.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, Nov. 12 – CYM Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following Mass

CYM MISSION TRIP 2024:

Registration for Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip 2024 is approaching! The dates that Tri-Parish Youth will attend the mission trip are July 7th- July 12th. The campsite Tri-Parish will attend will be Milwaukee, WI. Accepting sign-ups for current 8th graders, high school students, and college students through the age of 20. Anyone interested in attending that is 21 or older can register as a chaperone. Tri-Parish youth may also register a friend to attend as well. Registration requires \$100 down payment. Please let us know if you would like to attend! If you have questions regarding this trip, please contact Tyler Timm (507)-530-2911.

OCIA-ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS RCIA):

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or just want more information? We are always excited to welcome new members/families. For more information, contact Fr. Steven Beatty (frsteven.beatty@gmail.com/618-697-2632) or Caroline Trimble (ctrimblePA@gmail.com/ 618-263-7106).

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to the many school families who pitched in to make our smorgasbord a success!

Tuesday, October 17th - Thursday, October 19th - 8th Grade Retreat at Camp Ondessonk
Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd - 2nd Grade Blessed Chalice

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thurs, Oct. 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sat., Oct. 21: Regional 25 Kick Soccer Challenge at Sister City Park, Charleston. Registration and practice kicks after 11AM. Competition begins at noon. Good luck – Ian Kocher, Emmitt Kocher, Mabel Stout, Livee Meyers, Josiah Williams, Lauren French, and Kolton McLaren!
Sun, Oct. 29: Knights of Columbus led Rosary, 7:40AM. Knights of Columbus Ministry at 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney followed by fellowship breakfast at the Holiday.

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.

ST. JOSEPH SMORGASBORD AND BAZAAR:

St. Joseph Church-Olney would like to invite everyone to the 2023 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Sunday, October 15 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11AM to 1:30PM. Adults \$12, Child (8 and Under): \$8. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, and desserts! Drive-Thru/Pickup Meals available on the west side of the cafeteria. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store, and games! Raffles drawn at 1:30PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

QUIET RETREATS AT KING'S HOUSE-BELLEVILLE

The Men's Quiet Retreat at the King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville will be held on November 3-5, 2023. The Theme Is "I Want To See You". If interested in attending, contact Hank Weidner at 618-843-4864.

The Women's Retreat is full for the rest of the year. Looking at a date in March 2024. Will update at a later time.

OCTOBER COUNT:

The annual count of Mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend Masses during the month of October.

Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie

Sunday, October 15, 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, October 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Sr. Antoinette Volk, P.H.J.C.+"
Tuesday, October 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, October 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, October 19, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, October 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, October 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, October 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Lelia & Louis Volk+", "Bill & Catherine Zwilling and Nadine Zwilling+"
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

10/15/2023 _____ **10/22/2023** _____

Servers:

Mallory Kocher
Gabriel Volk

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

Eucharistic Minister:

Janette Kocher

Gifts:

Gary & Dorothy
Zwilling

Ushers:

Jack Weidner
Tom Kocher

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher
Family

Servers:

Jared Weidner
Levi Weidner

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

Eucharistic Minister:

Harold Boehl

Gifts:

David Muhs
Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider
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Greeters:

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