

**Collection Total for September 29, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,225.00 (32)  
Loose: \$94.25  
**Total: \$1,319.25**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$40.00 (2)**

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**October Bulletins: For The Parish**

**October Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, October 8 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

**Stringtown Study, 10am**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm

**Wednesday, October 9 –** Opening Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm

**Sunday, October 13 –** CYM Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am with Meeting at 9am

**High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5:30pm**

**Saturday, October 19 –** Middle School Night, St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass

**Sunday, October 20 –** St. Joseph-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar, 11:00-1:30pm, St. Joseph-Olney Cafeteria and Gymnasium

Theology on Tap – More details to follow!

**Sunday, October 27 – CYM Fundraiser Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown – More details to follow!**

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:** Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

LOVE is the question and LOVE is the answer. The Alleluia response this weekend is so beautiful. It comes from the book of 1 John, *“If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.”* These words give us an opportunity to reflect upon how we Love: “If we

love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.” Love and God are synonymous, so if we live a life that is not of Love - we live a life that is void of God. Take a moment and look at the areas of your life that are conflicted-challenging-even sinful. Are you holding onto harsh words- judgments- selfish behaviors- hurt feelings- division- etc....? If you ask God to come into that circumstance, then Love will take root- and God will remain in you. Love is always the answer and therefore must always be our response if we are truly to be a child of God! Journey onward living a Life of Love- a Life with God- in God- and for God! Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

**YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study** at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday’s at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm.

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:**

**October 13th** - CYM Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am with Meeting at 9am

**October 13th** - High School Youth Group - 5:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**October 19th** - Middle School Night – Following 5pm Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

**October 27th** - High School Youth Group - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

**Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer** Study is Tuesday mornings at 10am at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Join us** for a courtyard 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade band performance on Tuesday, October 8 at 2:30!  
**School Picture Day** Wednesday, October 9.  
**Early Dismissal** Thursday, October 10 at 11:50am and No School Friday, October 11 for Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

Family Catechesis begins Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Fr. Steven will share with us the Spiritual Plan of the Family, and information will be shared in more detail pertaining to the Catholic Extension Grant. The workbooks, supplements, calendar, and so much more will be shared. We cannot wait to see everyone!

**CYM BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:**

**Save the date!** CYM fundraiser breakfast to be held Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph-Stringtown. More information coming soon! Your attendance is appreciated!

**STE. MARIE ROSARY:**

At 12 noon on October 12<sup>th</sup>, people all across the nation will be gathering to say the rosary. Ste. Marie Parish invites you to come and say the rosary, which will be held outside the front entrance of the church. With rosary in hand, we pray for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Hope to see you there!

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:**

Are you looking to understand how to develop a deeper prayer life? Do you have some questions about the Catholic faith? Looking for some spiritual answers to help you heal? Take some time for "you and your relationship with Jesus" this fall and schedule an appointment for a Spiritual Check-Up. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate for scheduling. All appointments are confidential.

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thank you** to all that helped and supported Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend. The canisters will still be in stores until early November so you can still give.  
**Thursday, October 10:** 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm.  
**Thursday, October 17:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm.

**Knights of Columbus Soccer Kick Competition** was held at St. Joe School with 146 participants. 3rd through 8th grade PE class winners for ages as of September 1st were; Gracie Coldwell, Brooklyn VanBlaricum, Kerigan Kocher. Carlie VanBlaricum, Lauren French, Nora McLain, Carly Kessler, Easton Ochs, Ian Kocher, Julian Seaman. Connor Buchner, David Fleming, Josh Patel, and Sean Gantenbein. Winners qualify for the Regional at Linder Sports Complex, adjacent to Sister City Park, in Charleston, on Saturday October 19th, at 1 PM.

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We'll learn that Jesus offers everlasting life to those who follow his way and we'll see that his way cuts through the world's ways and the world objects with violence, ridicule, and derision. Don't worry. You'll be safe at Bible Study.

**OUR SYMPATHY:**

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph “Joe” D. Weber. Joe was married to Karen “Kocher” Weber. He died on Sunday, September 29, 2024. ***“May Joe rest in the peace and love of our Lord.”***

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**(OCIA):** Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you must do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. This is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October. Contact Caroline Trimble, if interested or have questions.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sun, November 3, 2024, from 7-11:30am., which will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having blood drives at Stringtown. Mark your calendar and pre-schedule your November 3<sup>rd</sup> appointment and using zip code 62450 to schedule your appointment.

**KING’S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:**

“Come share the Good News at King’s House at the Shrine in Belleville. Nov. 15-17, 2024 is the weekend. There are more available dates if this won’t work for you. If you are interested in going, please contact Shelby Weidner at (618)843- 5803 or Lynn Weidner (618)843-0361. If you need information on any other dates, let us know or you can contact King’s House at the Shrine at (618)397-0584 or you can email Ashore@snows.org or [Grichards@snows.org](mailto:Grichards@snows.org).

**MINISTER’S LIST:**

There was a mistake in the minister’s list for servers on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note this is a CYM Mass date and the servers listed will not be needed due to CYM performing all ministries. Sorry about the inconvenience! If you are interested in training or volunteering for any ministries, contact Ashley at the Parish Office.

**OCTOBER COUNT:**

Just a reminder, the parishes will be doing Mass attendee counts for a Diocesan data collection the month of October!

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SMORGASBORD & BAZAAR:**

St. Joseph Church in Olney would like to invite everyone to the 2024 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Sun, Oct. 20 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11am to 1:30pm. Adults: \$12, Children (8&Under): \$8. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, salad bar, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls & desserts! Drive-Thru/Pick-up meals

available on Elliott Street by the parish office. Homebound deliveries also available. Bazaar includes chance stand, cake stand, country store and games! Raffle tickets are available for \$20 each in the parish office before October 20th, or for purchase in the gymnasium lobby the day of the event. Grand prize is \$5,000! Raffle winners are drawn at 1:30 PM. (Need not be present to win.) All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: “I Came So That They Might Have Life”

**2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness  
-Psalm 100*

The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to Daystar Community Program’s mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar’s on-site food pantry. YOUR GIFT to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar’s truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven’t already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on YOU!

*Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Luke G. Kocher, and Judy Brown*

**Sunday, October 6, 2024  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, October 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Carolyn Zuber+”**  
**Monday, October 7, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Rita Damm+”**  
**Tuesday, October 8. 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Thursday, October 10, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Friday, October 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Saturday, October 12, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Sunday, October 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider+”**  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST:**

<b>10/06/2024</b>	<b>10/13/2024</b>
<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Silas Sager Will Volk Gabriel Volk	<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Kaitlyn Ginder Haley Ginder Nathaniel Zwilling
<b><u>Lector:</u></b> Kylie Kocher	<b><u>Lector:</u></b> Natalie Zwilling
<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Gary Kocher Beth Kocher Owen Kocher	<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Janette Kocher Gary Zwilling Jenny Hancock
<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Chad & Jenny Hancock Family	<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Scott & Anita Seiler Family
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Ray Schneider Alex Schneider	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Byron Zwilling Isaac Zwilling
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Caden Kocher	<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Natalie Ochs
<b><u>Children’s Liturgy:</u></b> Janette & Mallory	<b><u>Children’s Liturgy:</u></b> Anne, Jocelyn, Kaitlin

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