

Collection Total for January 12, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,036.00 (28)
Loose: \$24.00
Total: \$1,060.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)

Religious Education: \$145.00 (3)

First Offering: \$40.00 (8)

Solemnity of Mary: \$35.00 (2)

January Bulletins: For the Parish

January Missalettes: For the Parish

***Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**

Prices are \$100 to sponsor missalettes and \$50 for bulletins for a month.*

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, January 19 – CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

Tuesday, January 21– **St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be closed!**

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

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

Wednesday, January 22 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, January 23 – **St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be closed!**

Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Sunday, January 26 – **Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following Mass**

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

“Do Whatever He Tells You”

Mary tells the waiter, *“Do whatever he tells you.”* ... and in that same breath it echoes... *do whatever I Tell You....* Because *SHE (Mary)* is always pointing the way to her Son. While Our Lady’s mission is always and everywhere to point the way to Our Lord saying, *“Do whatever He tells you.”* At Fatima, it was revealed that it’s the will of her Son to reciprocate, in a sense, pointing the way to His Blessed Mother as if to say: *“Do whatever SHE tells you.”* What is she telling us- What is she showing us- That SHE - will never, ever, leave her children! She fights for us and needs us to aid in her battle! She is telling us to put on the armor-to use the tools- RNR! That would be our Rosaries, be Nourished by the Holy Word of God, and Receive the Holy Sacraments-especially Eucharist and the Reconciliation (at least once a month)! One does not listen to the Son and not hear the Mother, nor does one listen to the Mother and not her the Son! DO- Whatever- THEY tell you to do! Live this Jubilee year as a Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown will be held on Sunday, March 16. Mark your calendars and preregister by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and using zip code 62450.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

"World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested. **Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm** at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). It's a Jubilee Year let us journey onward as Pilgrims of Hope!

CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT UPDATE:

The project will officially launch August 2025, and it will be a yearlong project to July 2026. The project theme is *“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints.”* This was enthusiastically received and approved by the Catholic Extension committee.

The full amount of \$15,000.00 was awarded!

The first few months of this year there will be a lot of prep work, planning, meetings with parishioners, etc. to build a wider team of people. This project will benefit the parishes and will provide great things that will last for future generations, reestablish customs and traditions of the parishes, and inspire new ones. More will be shared ongoingly as we venture into this project of *“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints.”*

ASHLEY UPDATE:

At this time, I still have the Parish Office closed for next week. I am going to make every attempt to actually be in the office but am waiting to hear back from Dr. Saba regarding my infusion schedule for next week – please check Facebook group for the latest updates. If you are needing to come to the Parish Office, please just call/text my cell and check with me prior and we’ll make arrangements. I should know more regarding next week soon; however, bulletins need printed and published before I have received confirmation. Once again, I appreciate your prayers, patience, and understanding! Thank you!

THANK YOU:

Fr. Daniel Jurek wants to express his sincere thanks for all of the prayers and well wishes for him during his surgery. All went well & he is looking forward to his return. Fr. Daniel Jurek, Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221

FLOCKNOTE UPDATES:

Please make sure you are signed up to Flocknote for the latest updates regarding the parishes. Text stjoeoholycross to 84576.

THANK YOU:

We want to express our thanks to the ladies of St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish for providing a wonderful meal to our family, friends, and relatives following the funeral service for Maren. The Family of Maren Zuber

YOUNG ADULTS:

Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday’s at 7pm.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Enrollment- Preschool and Kindergarten, 2025-26 Preschool and kindergarten enrollment is currently underway for the 2025-26 school year. Please contact the school office if you have not previously reached out and plan to enroll a student.

No School- Monday, January 20, MLK Jr. Day Calling all Catholic School Alumni! Join us for our annual Catholic Schools Week alumni mass on Wednesday, January 29th at 8:00 am in Olney. To be added to the list, please email your name and graduation year to jhart@stjoeolney.com or call the school office at 395-3081.

We're also updating our alumni directory! If you're a SJS alum and don't currently receive annual mailings from the school, please reconnect with us! Email your address to jhart@stjoeolney.com or call the school office. **St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars** are available in the school office! Calendars are \$25 each and provide 257 daily chances to win \$25 & 4 opportunities to win \$500! Get yours today! We will not draw until the last week of January (so you still have time to win).

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, January 26: Knight led Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney at 7:40am.

FRIDAY – ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY MASSES:

There will only be First Friday masses at Olney until further notice.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB*

VOCATION CORNER:

Today we hear the famous story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And He honors His mother’s request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – “Do whatever He tells you.” As this was the “beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory”, are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVPD Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to

turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

THE MESSENGER:

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2. 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 at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both.

Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

SURROUNDING PARISH EVENTS:

Annual Cash Bingo Night held at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Ste. Marie on Friday, January 24th from 6-8pm. Games are \$1 per card for a series of 3 game and \$1 for each blackout game. Refreshments will be available and free popcorn!

St. Thomas Annual Wine & Cocktail Tasting held at Newton Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 25th. Doors open at 5:30pm. \$15 donation! Delicious hot & cold foods, sandwiches, snacks, cookies, cheese & crackers, shrimp cocktail, fruit & huge variety of hors d’oeuvres. There will be a live auction featuring cocktails or beer in sport themed handcrafted wooden creates with sport accessories.

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

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Ralph & Cyril Zwilling+” “Ed & Janel Ginder+”

Monday, January 20, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Lawrence & Magdalene Zwilling+”

Tuesday, January 21, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 22, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 23, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 24, NO MASS

Saturday, January 25, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 26, 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

01/19/2025

Servers:

Emmitt Kocher
Gavin Kuentler
Gus Kocher

Lector:

Beth Kocher

EMHC:

Harold Boehl

Lisa Boehl

Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

David Muhs

Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider

Alex Schenider

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

Children’s Liturgy:

Donna & Natalie

01/26/2025

Servers:

St. Joseph School
ALL MINISTRIES
Except EMHC

EMHC:

Janette Kocher

Joselyn Kocher

Jamie Kocher

Children’s Liturgy:

Jenny & Kylie

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