

Collection Total for February 4, 2024

Envelopes: \$2,196.50 (47)
Loose: \$31.00
Total: \$2,258.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)
Religious Education: \$160.00 (5)
Black and Indian Missions: \$185.00 (5)
Easter Flowers: \$45.00 (2)

February Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
February Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 11 – CYM Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following Donuts at Stringtown Parish Center, Following Mass
Monday, February 12 – Picnic Committee Chair Meeting, 7pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, February 13 – 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
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes
• 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
• **6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin and St. Joseph-Stringtown**
Friday, February 16 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm
Sunday, February 18 – Euchre Tournament at Stringtown Parish Center Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm

Monday, February 19 – Parish Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents’ Day
Friday, February 23 – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

The Parish Office is accepting Mass Intentions for 2024, as well as sponsors for the Bulletins and Missalettes. The prices are as follows:
Mass Intentions-\$10
Bulletins-\$50
Missalettes-\$100

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri. Contact Caroline Trimble if you are interested in joining.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Hearts- and more hearts everywhere you go...in preparation of Valentine’s Day - this week. It is a joyous and heart filled time to share sweet sentiments and moments with those you love. We often give ‘tokens of love’ to those we “Like” and “Love” in the form of a heart shaped box of candy-flowers- maybe even a nice dinner out in a restaurant- etc. This is important to do- absolutely- **but what are we planning for Lent?** God is the one that offers to -every one of us- a gift at every Mass that is filled with Endless Love- *the Holy Eucharist!* This Lent make Prayer- Fasting- Almsgiving be your Gift to God! If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM! Journey onward and carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting- and Almsgiving! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

February - Eucharistic Adoration
Live Your Catholic Faith: Say out loud everyday

*No one will Rise from the dead who has not **First Died with Jesus!***

Ask yourself this daily

*What do I need to have **die** within me? so that I will **rise** with Jesus!*

Our Family: Lord, bless our family.

All of us now together, those who are far away, all who are gone back to you.

May we know joy!

May we bear our sorrows in patience.

Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other.

Let us be grateful to each other.

We have all made each other what we are.

O Family of Jesus,

watch over our family! Amen.

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney **First Eucharist:** April 27-28th at All Masses

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 9th at Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine. If you are able to donate wine, you may put your bottles in the special box in the back of church. Please have all donations dropped off before March 3rd. Thanks for your support!

POINSETTIAS:

There are poinsettias available in the back of church. Please feel free to take them home if you would like.

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS:

End of the year tax statements are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout 2023.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, February 13th - Burning of palms in the courtyard at 2:30 pm - join us!
Thursday, February 15th - Early Dismissal 11:50 pm
Friday, February 16th - No School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 19th - No School Presidents' Day

Mark your calendars - Saturday, February 24th - St. Joseph Boosters Pasta Dinner featuring Joe's sauce and the PTO Carnival - join us from 4:30 pm - 7 pm for dinner and games!

St. Joseph School Bingo Bash - March 9th at the Stringtown Parish Center

- Tables - sold out!
- We are still accepting donations until February 15th - items to be auctioned, cash to sponsor bingo rounds, etc.
- We still need workers! If you want to help with food, table running, or the check-in process, please contact the school office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Monday, February 12: Olney Council Knights of Columbus 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spelling Bee, St. Joseph School-Olney. Winners receive cash prizes. Winners qualify to advance to the Regional at St. Petersburg and then the State Final at Central Catholic in Bloomington. **Thursday, February 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Friday, February 16:** Fish Fry Night, 5-7PM, Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Richland County Mentor Program. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available. **Sunday, February 25:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40am, before St. Joseph-Olney Mass. **Monday, February 26:** Saint Joseph School 5th Grade Knights of Columbus Fun Spelling Bee. Winners receive cash prizes. **Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th:** Olney Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition during St. Joseph School 3rd-8th Grade PE Classes. Regionals are usually at Breese and the State Finals at Effingham.
High School Seniors information for the Olney Council Scholarships will soon be available in the High School Guidance Office and at the back of each of the churches.
During Lent, Olney Council Knights of Columbus Charity Program of Baby Cribs will be in the

Stringtown and Olney Churches to accept donations to benefit young mothers and their babies through the Jasper County Health Department, Richland County Clinic.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney begins on February 21 and will continue to meet every Wednesday at 9:15am and again at 7pm 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 use our imaginations to enter the scene, create the characters, and be there in the world of the reading.

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.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE:

The picnic committee (Committee Chairs) will meet on Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center.

Committee Chairs:

Food Stand – Francis Ochs
Beer Garden/Bingo/Live Entertainment – Janice Zwilling
Kids' Games – Doug & Shelly Seaman
Outside Games/Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, other games) – Ethan & Delaney Steber
Kitchen/Dinner – Lisa Boehl
Grounds/Maintenance – Scott Seiler
Raffle – Hank & Nina Ginder
Basket Stand – Stringtown Community Club
Financial – Lisa Boehl

If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson.

The support and response from our parish regarding this year's picnic has been overwhelmingly positive! We look forward to working together to put on a successful and enjoyable picnic!

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices in preparation for Easter will be held at 7pm on: 2/19, 2/28, 3/11, 3/20, 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th and Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournaments. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness
-Psalm 100

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Sunday, February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, February 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+" "Joseph Schneider+"

Monday, February 12, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 13, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish" 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney; 8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville; 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, February 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, February 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, February 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Norman, Neil, and Dorothy Kocher+" "George Ochs+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

02/11/2024

CYM

ALL

MINISTRIES

02/18/2024

Servers:

Amity Zuber*
Hallie Ochs
Natalie Ochs

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
Gary Zwilling
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Tom Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Harold Boehl
Jared Boehl

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