

Collection Total for November 5, 2023

Envelopes: \$2,181.00
Loose: \$45.00
Total: \$2,226.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)

All Saints Day: \$110.00 (3)

Religious Education: \$180.00 (6)

November Bulletins: In Memory of Joseph Schneider

November Missalettes: For the Parish

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!

MINISTERS LIST UPDATE:

Please review the revised Minister List for November and December 2023. Note there are not any changes to the schedule other than the addition of (2) additional Eucharistic Ministers to each Sunday. Thank you!

HONORING OUR VETERANS:

On Sunday, November 19, everyone is invited to the Parish Center after Mass for coffee and donuts. We want to remember to honor and thank our Veterans.

SERVER TRAINING:

There will be a brief server training led by Deacon Steve Andrews following coffee and donuts with Veterans on Sunday, November 19th.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2024 calendars.

PARISH EVENTS:

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

Tuesday, November 14 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Stringtown Study, 10am

Wednesday, November 15 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, November 19 – Donuts with Veterans at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

Server Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Donuts with Veterans

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 or 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.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Stay Awake-Be Ready-You Do Not Know the Day of the Lord’s Return. When we hear these words, we might remember sitting at Grandma’s table listening to the adult’s chat, or possibly sharing in on the conversation with your parents on the back porch. The recalling of the place may bring up cherished memories filled with laughter, good food, and precious people. Let us not be so quick to excuse the words away for they are *still relevant for us all today!* We must live a life with Christ as King of our heart, mind, soul, and home! Let these remaining days of the year serve as a gentle reminder to *Stay Awake- Be Ready- for we Do Not Know the Day of the Lord’s Return!* Live a Life of Prayer, Sacraments, Sacrifice, Rosary, Adoration, Fasting, which is all wrapped up in Love! *May all the Souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace! Keep to the J.O.Y.S*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

November Faith Focus – Purgatory

Live Your Catholic Faith: Remember your loved ones who have died, by placing a picture of them at your family altar or family table, share stories and pray the Family Prayer of the month for them. Also, visit the cemetery and pray a Rosary for all the souls in Purgatory.

Family Prayer: *Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. St. Gertrude the Great, pray for us!*

Act of Love: The *Gift of Love* and prayers for that family.

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

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.

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 or Caroline Trimble.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Any active parishioners interested in a full-time Catholic education in 2024-25 should contact the school office before the Christmas break. Thanks to everyone who worked, donated, and supported our Boosters breakfast!

Wednesday, November 15th - School Photo Retakes

Thursday, November 16th - Early Dismissal 11:50am - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 17th - No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 21st - Early Dismissal 1:50pm (Bus Service AM and PM)

Wednesday, November 22nd - Early Dismissal 1:50 pm (No Bus Service)

Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th - No School

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, November 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

- Vocation Raffle books due to Mike Ginder. Funds raised assist in the education and personal expenses of Belleville Seminarians. It is our duty to encourage vocations to the priesthood, convents and missionary groups in Illinois.

Wednesday, November 22: Christ in Christmas Posters due to Hank Ginder or to the St. Joseph School Office. Rules and Regulation handouts are at the back of the churches. Cash prizes for grades Pre K through the 8th grade. Winners can advance to

the Belleville Region, the State, and National Contests.

Sunday, December 3: Olney 1352 Council Members and Family Christmas Appreciation Dinner, 5PM at St. Joseph-Olney MPR. Santa arrives after the meal.

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.

THANK YOU:

The Stringtown Community Club Soup Supper committee would like to thank all of our members, their families and the community for supporting our soup supper last Sunday. We had a great turnout and appreciate all of the support!

STRINGTOWN BLOOD DRIVE:

Thank you to all that participated in the Stringtown Community Blood Drive on Sunday, November 5th. The blood drive was a success with 40 productive units collected.

Upcoming Blood Drives in 2024 – January 7, 2024, March 10, 2024, May 19, 2024, and August 18, 2024.

REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED:

Saturday, November 18th - Catholic Relief Services East Vicariate CRS meeting at St. Stephen's Church in Flora from 8:45-10:45 am. Our area still needs representatives from Holy Cross, Wendelin, and St. Joseph, Stringtown. If you want to serve your parish in this role, please contact Carol Potter (rep from St. Joseph, Olney) at school (618-395-3081).

Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber



**Happy Veteran's Day! Thank you
to all our Veterans
for their service!**

Sunday, November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, November 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Elmer and Elfreida Zwilling+"

Tuesday, November 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, November 15, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, November 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, November 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, November 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, November 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Lawrence & Magdalene Zwilling+" "Carolyn Zuber+"

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

11/12/2023

CYM

ALL

MINISTRIES

11/19/2023

Servers:

Kaitlin Kocher

Gabriel Volk

Lector:

Beth Kocher

Eucharistic Minister:

Elmer Ochs

Mary Ochs

Josie Kocher

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Brian Ochs Family

Ushers:

Scott Seiler

Luke Seiler

Greeters:

Jean Kocher Family

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