

Collection Total for September 8, 2024

Envelopes: \$846.00 (34)
Loose: \$183.00
Total: \$1,029.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Religious Education Fund: \$100.00 (1)

Retired Diocesan Priest: \$375.00 (10)

September Bulletins: In Memory of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family by the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family Descendants

September Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, September 15 – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following 8am Mass

CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney
Red Plate Blessings for 1st Graders at ALL MASSES Tuesday, September 17 – 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

Saturday, September 21 – Middle School Night at St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass

Sunday, September 22 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Praise and Worship, 7pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. All are welcome!

Sunday, September 29 – Young Adults Theology on Tap – More details to follow!

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. A powerful verse from the Gospel of Mark, and one that is challenging. We all desire to follow Jesus and

want to spend eternity with Him in heaven. However, there are choices and decisions we must make and live out to truly be one of his followers. This is where it becomes uncomfortable- for we must die to self and carry our own cross! You might be thinking- really- I am supposed to deny myself- you mean give up things- likes- desires- wants- and dare one say- even suffer- possibly even be asked to make a stand for one’s religious convictions! Then, take all of that- and pick up my cross with any other concerns-worry- hurts- problems-and carry it? You mean, like Jesus did when he walked the Via Dolorosa- the way of the Cross- to Calvary? That is a lot to ask... that is a lot for me to do.... *Yes-It is...* but Jesus did it first and shows us the way! We do not carry it alone- suffer alone- our Lord carries-walks- encourages us along the way. This day- *Begin Again-* die to self- offer it up- and give that time-energy- to Jesus! Pick up and carry your cross with a joyful heart and then you will be following Jesus- this is our path. Remember this world is not our Home- we are just passing through. So, journey onward and Live a Life of Love- it is the only path that leads to God and will bring us to Eternal happiness! 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.

STRINGTOWN STUDY:
Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer
Join us for a 9-week study of discovering the privilege of praying for others. Our praying for others is a beautiful way of thinking, acting, and living like Christ. Also, this deepens our own prayer life and relationship with our Lord. Books will be available September 17th. Study is Tuesday mornings at 10am at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center beginning Sept 24. Contact Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if interested.

MASS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

First Friday Masses at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am will continue. There will **NOT** be any other Friday morning masses during these months.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Early Release - Wednesday, September 18 at 11:50am **Scholastic Book Fair** open to the public Thursday, September 19 from 3-3:30pm in MPR.
Middle School Youth Group - Saturday, September 21 at 6pm

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Ryan Ochs and Mikyla (Cooper) Ochs on their marriage on August 17, 2024.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT:

The Family Catechesis ministry is an Award Winner of a prestige grant from Catholic Extension with funding via the Lily Foundation. This is a significant grant award that will benefit our families in our parishes. There will be a “Listening Session” in the near future - most likely early November- with representatives from Catholic Extension attending to meet with our parishioners. There will be more details forth-coming.

FR. FELIX ADDRESS:

As many of you know, Fr. Felix is in South Carolina for officer training. Please remember to pray for him over the next few months. He will be back with us in December. His address is: Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course Class #24-003
Cpt. Felix Chukwuma
USA-IRL
1011 Liberty Division Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090
During this time of Fr. Felix’s absence, Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Jurek will be here with us to help with weekend Mass rotations. Welcome Fr. Dan!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

4th Degree Meeting: September 19 at 7:00PM.
3rd Degree Meeting: October 10 at 7:00 PM.
Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, we will collect in front of IGA (Sept 27 & 28), Big R (Rural King) (Sept 28), and Olney Tiger Home Football Game (Sept. 27). To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAFAF2DA3F4CF8-51129884-kofc> or text Scott Seiler - 618-843-0540. **Knights of Columbus Soccer Kick Competition** is September 17 at St. Joseph School for 3rd through 8th grade during PE classes. Students in those grades wearing tennis shoes to school that day would be recommended!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll hear a wonderful reassurance and promise. If you'd like to hear Jesus' promise, don't miss the Bible Study. Join us as we explore God's word. You'll be glad you did!

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:

Any parishioner that graduated from high school in 2024 and is attending college or an institution of higher education may apply for a scholarship from the club. To apply, please pick up an application in the back of church or call Janice Zuber at 618-392-3411 for the forms. The deadline to return the application is September 20th. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber by email at janice.zuber@yahoo.com or hand them in.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

This liturgy is developed especially for children. They listen to the Gospel and participate in discussion all at their level. We welcome all children age 3 through kindergarten. Please bring your child to the Parish Center before Mass. We will bring them back to church after the homily. A huge thank you to all the teachers and helpers who make this program possible. If you have any questions, contact Anne Crites, 618-838-3935.
09/15 – Laura & Grayson 09/22 – Madison & Natalie O. 09/29 – Donna & Natalie 10/06 – Janette & Mallory

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support *The Messenger*. If you haven't done so, subscribe to *The Messenger* today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

BLOOD DRIVE:

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner

who repents than over ninety nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*." *NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

MESSANGER ALL SOULS DAY TRIBUTES:

Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day with a personalized tribute in the Messenger. These tributes will appear in the October 24th publication of The Messenger. Forms can be picked up in church and submitted directly to the Messenger, dropped in the collection, or returned to the Parish Office. It is a \$20 donation for each name. Names are due by October 4, 2024.

BACH SOCIETY CONCERT – BELLEVILLE:

There will be a Bach Society Concert on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. This is a free event sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville.

DIOCESAN BLESSING OF THE HARVEST:

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Harvest Blessing**, which will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Four Beck Dairy, 9500 Bartelso Road, Bartelso, IL 62218. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed.
You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

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

Sunday, September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, September 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+" "David & Betty Zwilling+, Vincent, Lorna Mae, and Mike Boehl+"

Monday, September 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Ed & Janel Ginder+"

Tuesday, September 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, September 18, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, September 19, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, September 20, NO MASS

Saturday, September 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, September 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Living & Deceased Members of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

09/15/2024

Servers:

Kaitlyn Ginder*

Haley Ginder

Anna Seiler

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

EMHC:

Gary Kocher

Beth Kocher

Owen Kocher

Gifts:

Bill Zuber

Ushers:

Austin Kuenstler

James Schneider

Greeters:

Jean Kocher

Family

09/22/2024

Servers:

Delana Sterchi*

Grayson Sterchi

Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs

Mary Ochs

John Ochs

Gifts:

Seaman Family

Ushers:

Caden Kocher

Brian Ochs

Greeters:

Gary & Beth

Kocher Family

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