

Collection Total for October 15, 2023

Envelopes: \$1,905.00
Loose: \$190.00
Total: \$2,095.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Education: \$100.00 (2)

Building: \$390.00 (7)

October Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

October Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjoeoholycross to 84576 to get connected!

OFFICE HOURS:

Office will only be open on Thursday, October 26th from 9-12pm and will be closed on Tuesday, October 31st and Thursday, November 2nd.

Normal office hours (9am-2pm) will resume on Tuesday, November 7th. If you need anything during this time, you can reach me (Ashley) on my cell at 618-843-1892. Thank you!

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22 – Blessing Cup for 2nd Graders at All Masses

Sunday, October 22 – Donuts After Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, October 24 – Rosary and Stringtown Study at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am

Wednesday, October 25 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 31 – All Saints Vigil Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 1 – Holy Day of Obligation
All Saints Day School Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:05am

All Saints Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 5pm

All Saints Day Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm

November Family Catechesis with All Saints Trunk or Treat Following

Thursday, November 2 – All Souls Day

All Souls Day Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8am

All Souls Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 5pm

All Souls Day Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm

Saturday, November 4 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with confession beginning at 8:15am.

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.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST: Will pause for Harvest.

MARIAN MOMENT:

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."
- Saint Thomas Aquinas

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

Live a life shining like a light of Christ in the world- do not let the confusion and chaos impede you! Live a life where the truth of God illuminates from all that you are- defend your Catholic faith! Live a life where the one constant that holds you is the infinite God...let go of all the that is finite! What do you need to let go of? *Draw near to God and God will draw near to YOU!* Live a Life of Love- Ask our Mother to swaddle you in her mantle-Pray your beads and always Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

October Family Catechesis

- Say Your St. Michael Prayer Daily
- Pray Your Family Rosary Weekly
- Plan Your Saint Costume for All Saints Day Mass
- Do Your Act Of Love
- Shine Your Light For Christ

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

Family Catechesis *All Saints Trunk-or-Treat*

November 1 after the 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross. We need parishioners to help with the Trunk-or-Treat by dressing up as Saints, decorating vehicles, and supplying candy to the kids. Please call the parish offices to volunteer to help or fill out sign up sheet in church. Thank you for supporting our families!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

3 year olds through first graders please join us in the parish center. Children will be brought back to church to join their families after the homily.

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.

Upcoming Schedule: Sunday, Nov. 12 – CYM Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following Mass

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 (frsteven.beatty@gmail.com/618-697-2632) or Caroline Trimble (ctrimblePA@gmail.com/ 618-263-7106).

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

All new family applications for the 2024-25 school year will be considered at the January 15th Board of Education meeting. Active parishioners (in our tri-parish partnership) will be given priority but must notify the school of intent to enroll. What does it mean to be an active parishioner?

- Attend weekend masses

- Provide weekend ministries (servers, gifts, usher, lector, song leader, choir, EMHC)
- Serve on parish committees (parish council, finance, picnic, smorgasbord, etc.)
- Tithe (our parishes all contribute in order to offset family tuition cost)

We do not expect that one family does everything, but we do hope that families who register as parishioners participate in parish life.

All Masses Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd - Blessing of chalices for second grade students

Friday, October 27th Middle School Rosary at the St. Joseph Cemetery - 1:05 pm, Outdoor Band Concert 2:30 pm in the courtyard, 7th/8th Fall Dance

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, October 21: Regional Soccer Challenge at Sister City Park, Charleston. Good Luck Ian Kocher, Emmitt Kocher, Mabel Stout, Josiah Williams, Lauren French and Kolton McLaren! **Sunday, October 29:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary 7:40AM. Knights of Columbus Ministry at 8AM Mass, St Joseph-Olney followed by fellowship breakfast at the Holiday. **Wednesday, November 8:** Mass for Deceased Knights of Columbus Members, 7PM at St. Joseph-Olney. All families and friends of the honored members are invited to attend; Richard Weidner, Richard Hahn, Edwin Zuber, Edward Weiler, Paul Wirth, Dr. James Miller, and Herman Zwilling (who would have been a 73 year member.) Refreshments will be in the Mutli Purpose Center after Mass. **Knight of the Month** - Scott Seiler – Tootsie Roll Chairman

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.

STRINGTOWN SOUP SUPPER:

The Stringtown Community Club will host a Soup Supper on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center in Stringtown, IL. Serving times will be from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a full meal deal for \$8.00, which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. Menu consists of: Chili & Vegetable Beef Soup with free refills, Hot Dog or Grilled Cheese, Pie or Ice Cream, Tea, Lemonade and Coffee. We will also have a cake walk and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you all there!

STRINGTOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY:

The Stringtown Halloween Party will be held Sunday, October 29th from 4:30pm-6pm at the Stringtown Parish Center. There will be Trunk or Treating along the sidewalk from 430-5, and games, activities and pizza inside from 5-6. We encourage the community to decorate your trunks for the event! Hope to see you there!

QUIET RETREATS AT KING'S HOUSE-BELLEVILLE

The Men's Quiet Retreat at the King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville will be held on November 3-5, 2023. The Theme is "I Want To See You". If interested in attending, contact Hank Weidner at 618-843-4864. **The Women's Retreat** is full for the rest of the year. Looking at a date in March 2024. Will update at a later time.

OCTOBER COUNT:

The annual count of Mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend Masses during the month of October.

Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie

Sunday, October 22, 2023
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, October 23, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Neil Ochs+" "Rita Damm+"

Tuesday, October 24, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, October 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, October 26, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, October 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, October 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+" "Joseph Schneider+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

10/22/2023

Servers:

Jared Weidner
Levi Weidner

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

Eucharistic Minister:

Harold Boehl

Gifts:

David Muhs
Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider
Alex Schneider

Greeters:

The Seaman
Family

10/29/2023

Servers:

Sadie Seiler
Ian Kocher

Lector:

Jocelyn Kocher

Eucharistic Minister:

Beth Kocher

Gifts:

Scott Seiler
Family

Ushers:

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Caden Kocher

Greeters:

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