

Collection Total for January 28, 2024

Envelopes: \$912.00 (23)
Loose: \$56.00
Total: \$968.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

First Offering: \$5.00 (1)

February Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

February Missalettes: For The Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, February 3 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am

Sunday, February 4 – Follow Up Server Training Following Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 6 – 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 7 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with First Eucharist Parent Meeting and Confirmation Check-in Following

Sunday, February 11 – CYM Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following Donuts Following Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

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:

Our new book will be 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

“The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family.” St. John Paul II

Come and join this 5-part study on "The Mission of the Family" Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. *St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!*

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

There is nothing like a gentle touch of a person’s hand, the warm presence of someone being close, prayers shared and offered which bring sweet comfort to our daily life. This beautiful touch is missing in so many ways in our lives and our world. We go throughout our day - *doing all the things that are so important* - and quite possibly unrealizing we are pushing away the Hand of the God! You might think, I do not! Yet, when our words are uncharitable, our actions selfish, our attitudes rude and condescending towards others- we lack Love- we lack God! Do you recognize- realize the places in your own - *heart- home - life-* where your actions are not God-like? Our world needs us All to be the extension of the Master’s Hand - to everyone - not just those in your - click-pod-tribe-class-family...everyone! The one who can bring Peace-Healing-Love by his Touch-Presence- has his Hand extended- how will you respond? Let us pray for one another that each and every one of us will- *reach out and grasp-* the Master’s Hand- and never Let Go! Let us touch and build the Kingdom of God with Peace and Love that comes from God alone! Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

February - Eucharistic Adoration

On February 7, 2024, at 6:30pm at Holy Cross Wendelin, join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the recitation of the Litany of the Eucharist, music by the Holy Cross Choir, and much more. There is a Confirmation Check-In and a First Eucharist parent meeting afterwards.

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

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Catholic Schools Week a tremendous success!

Thanks to Deacon Steve for training our fourth and fifth grade servers!

Thursday, February 1 - Winter Sports Photos

Tuesday, February 6 - Boosters 7pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, February 8 - Band Festival

Mark your calendars:

- **Saturday, February 24:** Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival
- **Saturday, March 9:** Bingo Bash and Auction (tables are going fast - call to

reserve yours today). We are accepting donations for items to auction, prize money, and wine. Contact the school office if you want to participate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, February 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Monday, February 12: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spelling Bee, St. Joseph School. Cash prizes. Winners qualify to advance to Regional and State Competition.

Thursday, February 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Friday, February 16: Friday, February 16: Fish Fry Night, 5-7PM, Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Richland 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: 5th Grade Spelling Bee.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th: Free Throw Competition, St. Joseph School PE Classes. Winners qualify to advance to the Regional and State Competitions.

High School Seniors information will soon be in the Guidance Office for Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarships.

During Lent Baby Cribs will be in Stringtown and Olney Churches to benefit young mothers and babies through the Jasper County Health Department, Richland Clinic in Olney.

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.

PICNIC MEETING:

Picnic Committee Chairs will have their organizational meeting on Monday, February 12th at 7:00pm (after Mass at Stringtown). Committee Chairs have been contacted and will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb 6th at 7:00pm at the Parish Center. The speaker will be Sabina Cantrell - Specialty Cookies/Goodies. She will provide refreshments for the meeting.

BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th from 7-11:30am. Mark your calendar and go ahead and preschedule your March 10 appointment by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and using zip code 62450 to schedule your appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th at 2pm and Sunday, March 3rd 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 Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 3-4. 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 on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. Please make checks payable to **The Messenger**.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness

-Psalm 100

From The Pastor's Desk. . .

Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that will be available. Please be as generous as you are able.

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, February 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Nadine Zwilling, Bill & Catherine Zwilling+" "Barbara Ann Ochs+"

Monday, February 5, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Lelia Volk+"

Tuesday, February 6, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 7, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 8, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, February 9, NO MASS

Saturday, February 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+" "Joseph Schneider+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

02/04/2024 _____ 02/11/2024

Servers: _____ CYM

Delana Sterchi* _____ **ALL**
Grayson Sterchi _____ **MINISTRIES**

Julian Seaman

Lector:

Hank Ginder

EMHC:

Owen Kocher

Beth Kocher

Gary Kocher

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