

Collection Total for November 19, 2023

Envelopes: \$1,463.00 (28)
Loose: \$55.50
Total: \$1,518.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$411.00 (8)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$250.00 (12)

November Bulletins: In Memory of Joseph Schneider

November Missalettes: For the Parish

SERVER TRAINING:

A brief server training will be held on Sunday, November 26th. This training will be led by Deacon Steve Andrews following 8am Mass.

NOTES FROM PARISH OFFICE:

Messenger Subscriptions – If you paid for a subscription of the Messenger and have not been receiving them, please call the Parish Office or my personal cell phone and let me know you are not receiving them. I have been working with the Messenger to correct this issue.

Thank you! - Ashley

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, November 26 – Server Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, November 28 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

Wednesday, November 29 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Saturday, December 2 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am, with Confession beginning at 8:15am

Wednesday, December 6 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm

SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:

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:

Onward to the Kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you. It is the last Sunday of our Liturgical year, and we triumphantly celebrate Jesus Christ as King! This King is forever on the throne and longs for each one of us to be with Him in the Kingdom. Are you living a life that will merit the Kingdom of Eternity? Is Jesus King of your life? If there are areas in your life that are *not-fit-for-a-King*-return to the Sacraments-make haste! Live a life of prayer, fasting, sacrifice, and love! Jesus is King over all *grief-sadness-anxiety-confusion-uncertainties... etc....* Ask the King of Kings to come more and more into your heart, and soul! Live a Life of Love and journey *Onward to the Kingdom!* Jesus Christ King of Glory triumphantly reign in our lives and our lands! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY:

Spend time with Jesus this Advent! Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Olney on Tuesday afternoons beginning in December. The hours will be from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to just stop in for a few minutes, most importantly, just come and *Adore our Lord.*

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



The season of giving is upon us and in remembrance of our parishioners who have lost a loved one this year, the Family Catechesis families are going to be giving a **“Gift of Love”**. Our hope is that this token of Love will bring comfort knowing that your loved one is remembered during this Advent and Christmas season. On Sunday, **December 10**, these **Gifts of Love** will be presented to the family of: **Lelia Volk, Carolyn Zuber, Herman Zwilling, Eloise “Ellie” Kocher, Joseph Schneider, and Ed Ginder.** In this Season of Glad Tidings and what a JOY it is to SHARE GIFTS OF LOVE!

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:

Tri-Parish Youth will attend the mission trip on July 7th- July 12th. The campsite Tri-Parish will attend is 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.

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:

Monday, November 27th - Bryce Weiler will speak at the home basketball game about his Beautiful Lives project and overcoming adversity. Join us!
Looking ahead: Sunday, December 3rd: First Reconciliation 1pm St. Joseph, Olney

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, November 26: K of C led Rosary, 7:40am, before the Olney-St. Joseph Mass.
Sunday, December 3: Olney Council Members and Family Christmas Appreciation Dinner at St. Joe-Olney MPR, 5PM. Santa arrives after the meal.
Thursday, December 13: 3rd Degree meeting, 7pm.
Thursday, December 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7pm.
Kudos to 1st place, gold medalist Josiah Williams attending the State Soccer Challenge in Bloomington last Saturday!
Thanks to 71 in attendance at the Mass for the eight Deceased members last Wednesday. Thanks Carl Sager-Chairman, Fr. Steven, Dan Hahn, Kylie Rauch, volunteer ministers, Jeffery Rosenberg and all those bringing cookies. Checks for \$250 were written in honor of 4th Degree member Richard Hahn to St. Joe School and also to Richland County H.O.P.E. in honor of Edwin Ginder.
Welcome new 4th Degree Members Scott Seiler and Rodney Ochs with 40 others at Breese last Sunday.

Knight of the Month – Carl Sager- Chairman of the Mass for Deceased Members

Congratulations to Rod Kelley on being a member of Knights of Columbus for 76 years.

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.

HELP NEEDED:

St. Joseph Stringtown will be helping with the live nativity scene at the Olney City Park Christmas Light Display on Saturday, December 2nd from 6:00-8:00pm. We need 6-12 volunteers who would like to represent our parish – possibly a few families or several individuals. Please contact Lora Kocher (618-843-8126) if you would be able to help.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the Town Talk in Ste. Marie at 9:30am. If you want to carpool, please meet at the Parish Center at 9:00am. If you did not sign up at the meeting and wish to attend, please contact one of the committee members to make a reservation: Ashlie Zwilling (615) 332-2500, Kerrie Weidner (618) 843-8520, Kathy Zuber (618) 869-2306, or Robbie Ginder (618) 843-1742.

The Stringtown Community Club is participating in Adopt A Family through Good Samaritan. We are purchasing gifts for 1 family. If anyone in the parish would like to participate in this program to help a family in need this Holiday Season, you can contact Jean Weber at (618)838-3989. You can purchase gifts for a specific family or just make a cash donation. Checks should be made out to

Good Samaritan, with AAF in the Memo Line. You can mail it to PO Box 365, Olney or you can give your check to Kathy Zuber or Robbie Ginder to deliver to Good Samaritan.

REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED:

Our area still needs representatives from Holy Cross, Wendelin, and St. Joseph, Stringtown for Catholic Relief Services. If you want to serve your parish in this role, please contact Carol Potter (rep from St. Joseph, Olney) at school (618-395-3081).

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS:

If you are at least 70 1/2 and have an IRA that is subject to Required Minimal Distribution, you can save paying taxes on whatever amount you choose and at the same time do great work. St. Joseph School is a 501c3 and therefore eligible to receive qualified distributions. The financial advisor who administers your IRA account can assist you with the necessary paperwork.

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total 17 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.



Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, November 27, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Rita Damm+"

Tuesday, November 28, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, November 29, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

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

Friday, December 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, December 2, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Lelia & Louis Volk+" "Joseph Schneider+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

11/26/2023

Servers:

Don Seiler
Julian Seaman

Lector:

Hank Ginder

EMHC:

John Ochs
Lisa Boehl
Harold Boehl

Gifts:

Tom Kocher
Family
Ushers:
Doug Kocher
Carter Seaman

Greeters:

Gary & Beth
Kocher Family

12/03/2023

Servers:

Mitchell Ochs
Will Volk

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Jenny Hancock
Janette Kocher
Owen Kocher

Gifts:

Seaman
Family
Ushers:
Jack Weidner
David Muhs

Greeters:

Doug & Lora
Kocher Family

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