

**Collection Total for January 07, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,126.50 (29)  
Loose: \$65.00  
**Total: \$1,191.50**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)**  
**Christmas Offering: \$120.00 (1)**  
**First Offering: \$85.00 (16)**  
**Solemnity of Mary: \$185.00 (7)**  
**Religious Education: \$180.00 (6)**

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**January Bulletins: For The Parish**  
**January Missalettes: For The Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, January 14 – Donuts Following Mass at Parish Center**

**Euchre Tournament at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm. All are welcome to attend!**

**Monday, January 15 – Parish Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, January 16 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm

OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 7pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, January 20 – CYM Mission Trip Bake Sale After Mass at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, January 21 – CYM Mass and Mission Trip Bake Sale to Follow, St. Joseph-Olney**

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

Our new book will be The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri

The book will be given out on the 16th, after the rosary. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 23. at 10:00am. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate 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:**

*Where are you staying?* The disciples asked Jesus, this very question. Do you know what Jesus said? He said, *“Come, and you will see.”* Our Lord invites, extends, opens, and shows us the way to come to him. Are you accepting the invitation? Is your heart, soul, and home a haven for Jesus-the Messiah? Do you stay-visit- rest with Jesus or does your notifications, agendas, ego, or pride keep you occupied? Begin Again- turn to the one that loves you with an Everlasting Love. The one who says, *“Come and you will see.”* May we all see while there is time- May we all accept the invitation. Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for us!*

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

**January Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

**Epiphany-Sanctifying Time**

**Live Your Catholic Faith**

Place a picture of Jesus at your Home Altar  
Discover the richness of Sanctifying time-by living the month and daily devotions.

**Family Prayer – Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus**

Lord Jesus,  
we humbly pray to You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name.  
Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain,  
or without due respect.  
Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus,

and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.  
Your name, dear Jesus,  
is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men)  
You have saved us,  
and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name,  
and it would be granted.  
We ask You,  
humbly and confidently,  
to bless us and our work,  
and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus. Amen  
**Confirmation:** April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**First Eucharist:** April 27-28<sup>th</sup> at All Masses

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Our Catholic Schools Week alumni mass will be held Wednesday, January 31st. To sign up, use this link: <https://forms.gle/hFmKsnDwZ6e6dSCN7> or call the school office (395-3081). Anyone who graduated from a Catholic school anywhere will be recognized.

**Monday, January 15th** - No School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Wednesday, January 17th** - Cross Bearer Training for fourth grade students

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Sunday, January 21st** - VFW/St. Joseph School Spaghetti Dinner at the VFW serving from 11 am - 1 pm

**Saturday, February 24th** - Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival

**Saturday, March 9th** - 2nd Annual Bingo Bash - St. Joseph School Fundraiser at the Stringtown Parish Center. To reserve your table of 8, call the school office (395-3081). Each table is \$200.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, January 18:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.

**Sunday, January 28:** K of C led Rosary at 7:35AM.

**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.

**FARMERS SUPPORTING FARMERS**

Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally will tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at [cherylsommer@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylsommer@yahoo.com) or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter ([principal@stjoeolney.com](mailto:principal@stjoeolney.com) or 618-395-3081).

**Saturday January 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL**

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

Thank you to all who were able to come out and supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive on January 7<sup>th</sup>. It was very successful drive with 42 productive units of blood being collected, which means we reached our goal! Congratulations to Loretta Steber and Mike Doll winners of Sunday's gift cards (each received a \$25 gift card). We appreciate everyone who made this a successful

drive, including the donors, volunteers, those who donated food items, and the American Red Cross staff. The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2024 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive) and using zip code 62450 to schedule your appointment.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:**

Holy Cross-Wendelin Family Life Committee will sponsor Euchre Tournaments at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The dates will be Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, and March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm. Popcorn will be available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage! All are invited to attend!

**DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with

their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

**RESPECT LIFE NOVENA:**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24.** Say 1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory Be for Life. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)! #PrayForLIFE!

***Remember in our prayers...***

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

**Sunday, January 14, 2024  
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, January 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+"**  
**Monday, January 15, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Mike and Ellie Kocher+"**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Thursday, January 18, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Friday, January 19, NO MASS**  
**Saturday, January 20, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, January 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carol Stallard+"**  
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

<b><u>01/14/2024</u></b>	<b><u>01/21/2024</u></b>
<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Mitchell & Brady Ochs	<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Nathaniel Zwilling Julian Seaman
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<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Mary Ochs Gary Zwilling Josie Kocher	<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> John Ochs Jamie Kocher Janette Kocher
<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Wayne Kocher Family	<b><u>Gifts:</u></b> Ellen Steber Family
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Scott & Luke Seiler	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Evelyn Volk Caden Kocher
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Bill Zuber	<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Seaman Family

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