

Collection Total for December 22, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,448.00 (35)
Loose: \$71.00
Total: \$1,519.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$30.00 (2)

Christmas Flowers: \$20.00 (1)

Needy: \$246.00 (8)

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$52.00 (2)

Christmas Collection Totals for December 25, 2024

Envelopes: \$2,575.00 (31)
Loose: \$274.00
Total: \$2,849.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$400.00 (2)

Religious Education: \$200.00 (1)

December Bulletins: In Memory of Barbara Ann Ochs

December Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 31– Parish Office will be closed!

ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

OCIA will not meet. OCIA will resume on Tuesday, January 7th!

Wednesday, January 1 – Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 2 – Parish Office will be closed!

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

Sunday, January 5 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7-11:30am

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The long-awaited gift of Love has come!

Let the heavens rejoice, and our hearts be gladdened with that Silent Night promise of never-ending, always faithful, and true Love!

May all the heavenly blessings that come from that glorious first Holy Family + Jesus +Mary + Joseph resides in your heart always!

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Let us begin to live a life that truly radiates the Love of God to one and all.

Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 7-11:30 a.m. Mark your calendar and schedule an appointment online today!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

New Year’s Eve – Tuesday, December 31, 2024

5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

New Year’s Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

THANK YOU:

Thank you for coming and singing Christmas Carols for us! From The Residents and Staff of Brookstone Estates of Olney

FR. DAN ADDRESS:

We really enjoyed having Fr. Dan here with us as a substitute priest while Fr. Felix was away at officer training. If anyone is interested in sending Fr. Dan

a card while he is undergoing some health issues, please send them to:

Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests

2620 Lebanon Avenue

Belleville, IL 62221

YOUNG ADULTS:

Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday’s at 7pm.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

School resumes for students January 7.

2025 Benefit Calendars are here! The price is \$25.

Total payout is \$8,425. Calendars are for sale at the school office, parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. The next Wednesday Bible Study falls on New Year’s Day so we won’t be meeting as usual. We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Deacon Jack wishes you all a healthy and happy New Year!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 29th: The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.

Mass ministries led by the K of C 4th degree members, and a fellowship breakfast after mass.

Knight of the Month: Steve Kuenstler Family

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to **Vote NO on SB 3499** - assisted

suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

“May God’s blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers.”

-Bishop Michael McGovern

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Heavenly Father,
As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for

the blessings of the past and hope for the future. We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your divine presence and guidance in the days that lie ahead. Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of life and the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we enter into this new year, we humbly ask for Your abundant grace to be upon us. Grant us the wisdom to make righteous choices, the strength to face challenges, and the courage to follow Your path.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the precious gift of peace in our lives and in the world around us. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Let Your calming presence be felt in our homes, communities, and nations. Bring reconciliation where there is discord, understanding where there is confusion, and unity where there is division. Lord, we also lift up our physical and mental well-being to You. In the name of Jesus, we ask for Your healing touch to rest upon those who are facing illnesses or challenges to their health. Strengthen their bodies, comfort their spirits, and grant them the assurance of Your love and care. May the year ahead be marked by a renewed sense of vitality and health.

We entrust our plans, dreams, and aspirations for the coming year into Your hands, O Lord. May everything we do be guided by Your will and directed towards Your glory. Help us to be a source of love, compassion, and encouragement to those around us.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Happy New Year!

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Luke G. Kocher, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber

Sunday, December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Barbara Ann Ochs+"

Monday, December 30, NO MASS

Tuesday, December 31, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Wednesday, January 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 2, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, January 4, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Rita Damm+" "Herman, Ethel, and Kathleen Zwilling+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

12/29/2024

Servers:

Silas Sager

Hallie Ochs

Natalie Ochs

Lector:

Natalie Zwilling

EMHC:

Jenny Hancock

Janette Kocher

Jocelyn Kocher

Gifts:

Lester & Janice Zuber

Ushers:

James Schneider

Owen Kocher

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher

Family

Children's Liturgy:

Anne, Joselyn, Kaitlin

01/05/2025

Servers:

Kerigan Kocher

Levi Weidner

Ian Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs

Mary Ochs

John Ochs

Gifts:

Chad & Jenny

Hancock Family

Ushers:

Jack Weidner

Jared Weidner

Greeters:

Sam & Mary

Zwilling

Children's Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday

9am-1pm