

Collection Total for November 12, 2023

Envelopes: \$2,326.00
Loose: \$12.00
Total: \$2,338.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$370.00 (3)

All Saints Day: \$20.00 (2)

Religious Education: \$50.00 (1)

World Mission: \$5.00 (1)

November Bulletins: In Memory of Joseph Schneider

November Missalettes: For the Parish

HONORING OUR VETERANS:

On Sunday, November 19, everyone is invited to the Parish Center after Mass for coffee and donuts. We want to remember to honor and thank our Veterans.

SERVER TRAINING:

Server training scheduled for Sunday, November 19th is cancelled and rescheduled for Sunday, November 26th. This brief training will be led by Deacon Steve Andrews following 8am Mass.

NOTES FROM PARISH OFFICE:

Phone Lines - If you have tried reaching the office and I have not gotten back to you, please call my cell (Ashley – 618-843-1892). Our phone lines have been down. Sorry for the inconvenience!

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

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, November 19 – Donuts with Veterans at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

Tuesday, November 21 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Stringtown Study, 10am

Wednesday, November 22 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm

Thursday, November 23 – Parish Offices Closed

Friday, November 24 – Parish Offices Closed

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

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:

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. These final days of our Liturgical year and approaching end of our calendar year are a call to remain firm and steadfast. Our Lord tells us over and over -*To Remain-Be Still-Do not be Afraid-Trust in Me-!* I read recently, that we should spend as much - *if not more time with God* - as we do eating! So, typically, one might spend 15 minutes eating breakfast, Lunch around 20 minutes, Supper a good 30 minutes, snacking possibly 10 minutes a day - this adds up to 75 minutes! How much time do you spend in prayer each day? Seriously, think about it! How awesome is our God who never says it is too late! So Today-Open your Bible, Read your Devotional, Pray your Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Pray/Offer Hail Mary’s throughout the day, Sing joyfully to the Lord in Song, Sit in

Silence.... *Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.* Live a Life of Love-a Life bearing Heavenly Fruit! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Thank you to those that participated, dressed up, provided candy, and in any way helped to make our November Family Catechesis All Saints Trunk or Treat a success! Special thanks to Brian and Brenda Streif for donating pumpkins again for our children. **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:

Any active parishioners interested in a full-time Catholic education in 2024-25 should contact the school office before the Christmas break.
Tuesday, November 21st - Early Dismissal 1:50pm (Bus Service Available) **Wednesday, November 22nd** - Early Dismissal 1:50 pm (No AM OR PM Bus Service) **Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th** - No School – Thanksgiving Break
The staff at St. Joseph School is grateful for the support of our parents, extended families, and parishes!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Wed., Nov. 22: Christ in Christmas Posters due to St. Joe School Office or at Sunday Masses at the back of Church. Cash prizes in each age divisions of

Pre K -K; 1st-2nd; 3rd-4th; 5th- 6th, and 7th – 8th for \$10, \$5, \$3, & \$2. Winners advance to Belleville if the poster is 11x17 and in the three age divisions of 5 through 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14. **Sun., Dec. 3:** Olney Council Members and Family Christmas Appreciation Dinner at St. Joe-Olney MPR, 5PM. Santa arrives after the meal. **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 Holiday in Olney at 9:30 a.m. 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).

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collection remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber



Sunday, November 19, 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, November 20, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown **"Ed and Janel Ginder+"**
Tuesday, November 21, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, November 22, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Thursday, November 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Friday, November 24, NO MASS
Saturday, November 25, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, November 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Nadine Zwilling and Bill and Catherine Zwilling+"
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

<u>11/19/2023</u>	<u>11/26/2023</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Kaitlin Kocher Gabriel Volk	<u>Servers:</u> Don Seiler Julian Seaman
<u>Lector:</u> Beth Kocher	<u>Lector:</u> Hank Ginder
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Elmer Ochs Mary Ochs Josie Kocher	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> John Ochs Lisa Boehl Harold Boehl
<u>Gifts:</u> Brian Ochs Family	<u>Gifts:</u> Tom Kocher Family
<u>Ushers:</u> Scott Seiler Luke Seiler	<u>Ushers:</u> Doug Kocher Carter Seaman
<u>Greeters:</u> Jean Kocher Family	<u>Greeters:</u> Gary & Beth Kocher Family

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