

Collection Total for January 5, 2025

Envelopes: \$585.00 (15)
Loose: \$172.10
Total: \$757.10

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Religious Education: \$35.00 (4)

First Offering: \$25.00 (5)

Solemnity of Mary: \$120.00 (6)

January Bulletins: For the Parish

January Missalettes: For the Parish

***Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**

Prices are \$100 for sponsor missalettes and \$50 for bulletins for a month.*

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, January 12 – Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin CANCELLED due to weather.

Tuesday, January 14– St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be closed!

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

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

Wednesday, January 15 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, January 16 – St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be closed!

Sunday, January 19 – CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

We continue the journey into this New Year that is filled with Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It is up to each one of us to spread that Light of Christ. Our Gospel today, reverberates the ongoing message with the words- we should all long to hear from our Lord’s mouth ... *with you I am well pleased!* Do you live (really) a life that would merit these words? Take a moment and reflect upon how you treat other people- respond to others-spend your time-etc.? How much time are you spending with God? Are you caught up in the drama and fear of this world? Take a new step- seek a fresh outlook- *Begin Again*- and start your day living a life pleasing to God. Spread Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in everything you do-it’s not just an Advent message! Live this Jubilee year as a Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown will be held on Sunday, March 16. Mark your calendars and preregister by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and using zip code 62450.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

A New Year and our groups resume with "World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen. *Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and stresses mankind's need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children.* Join us for the study on: **January 14, Tuesday morning, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

January 15, Wednesday evening, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). Remember to have your Saint and Word for the New Year.

It's a Jubilee Year let us journey onward as Pilgrims of Hope! **Tuesday group also available at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-7:30pm.** If interested, contact Amy Heurman at 217-240-1599.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to Fr. Steven, the choir, organist, lectors, eucharistic ministers, and everyone who helped with the funeral service for Judy Ann Kocher. Also the Stringtown ladies who prepared and served the wonderful meal. Everything was so appreciated! Thank you to everyone who visited with Judy, all phone calls, get well cards, Christmas cards, and all acts of kindness shown to Judy over the past few years! God Bless!

The Judy Ann Kocher Family

UPDATE FROM ASHLEY:

Thank you for the continued prayers! Please know you are also in my prayers daily. Office will still be closed next week. I plan to be back in the office January 21st with normal or near normal hours. Watch next weekend’s bulletin for updates in case that changes but right now that is the plan. Next Tuesday, the 14th, I am scheduled for an appointment with Dr. Saba followed by some infusions and injections. My labs just aren’t improving like they had previously hoped. Once again, if you need anything at all, please reach out to me by the parish email – stjoestringtown@hotmail.com or by calling/texting my cell phone 618-843-1892 I’ll be finishing up contributions for 2024, Christmas flower memorial lists, and continuing to do the things I need to do remotely. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

FLOCKNOTE UPDATES:

Please make sure you are signed up to Flocknote for the latest updates regarding the parishes. Text [stjoeholycross](text:stjoeholycross) to 84576.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped clear snow off the sidewalks and parking lots to make the church and parish center accessible! You are appreciated!

YOUNG ADULTS:

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

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Good luck to our girls basketball teams competing in the Belleville Diocesan Tournament this weekend!

Calling all Catholic School Alumni! Join us for our annual Catholic Schools Week alumni mass on Wednesday, January 29th at 8:00 am in Olney. To be added to the list, please email your name and graduation year to jhart@stjoelolney.com or call the school office at 395-3081.

We're also updating our alumni directory! If you're a SIS alum and don't currently receive annual mailings from the school, please reconnect with us! Email your address to jhart@stjoelolney.com or call the school office. **St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars** are available in the school office! Calendars are \$25 each and provide 257 daily chances to win \$25 & 4 opportunities to win \$500! Get yours today! We will not draw until the last week of January (so you still have time to win).

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, January 16: 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm.
Sunday, January 26: Knight led Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney at 7:40am.

FRIDAY – ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY MASSES:

There will only be First Friday masses at Olney until further notice.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!



VOCATION CORNER:

“Though I was raised in a Catholic family and blessed with good priests throughout my life, the priesthood did not attract me when I was young. In fact, during college, I didn’t even practice the faith. The Lord eventually led me back to the Church, and when he began to call me to the priesthood, I was both terrified and excited. He was asking me to sacrifice my will and to trust and follow him. This meant breaking up with the girl I was dating and placing my desires for fatherhood and family into his hands. Had I been called when I was younger, I wouldn’t have been mature enough in my faith to answer with the generosity and trust that let me to the priesthood.”
Father Jonathan Schnobrich, Diocese of Burlington, Vt. *Columbia Magazine October 2020*

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent

de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

THE MESSENGER:

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2. 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 at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both.

Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

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

Sunday, January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Sr. Antoinette Volk, PHJC+” “Sr. Loretta Volk, PHJC+”

Monday, January 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Rita Damm+”

Tuesday, January 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 17, NO MASS

Saturday, January 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Ralph & Cyril Zwilling+” “Ed & Janel Ginder+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

01/12/2025

Servers:

Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Sadie Seiler

Lector:

Laura Sterchi

EMHC:

Gary Zwilling
Jamie Kocher
Scott Seiler

Gifts:

Ellen Steber
Family

Ushers:

Byron Zwilling
Isaac Zwilling

Greeters:

Caden Kocher

Children’s Liturgy:

Janette & Mallory

01/19/2025

Servers:

Emmitt Kocher
Gavin Kuenstler
Gus Kocher

Lector:

Beth Kocher

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

David Muhs
Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider
Alex Schneider

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

Children’s Liturgy:

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm