

Collection Total for December 24, 2023

Envelopes: \$723.00 (28)
Loose: \$28.00
Total: \$751.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)
Christmas Flower: \$30.00 (2)
Retired Priests: \$50.00 (1)
Christmas Offering: \$680.00 (7)
Needy: \$140.00 (7)

Collection Total for December 25, 2023

Envelopes: \$1,725.00 (27)
Loose: \$575.00
Total: \$2,300.00

December Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

December Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, January 1 – New Year’s Day Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.) Parish office will be closed.

Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8am

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

Saturday, January 6 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Sunday, January 7 – St. Joseph-Stringtown Blood Drive, 7am-11:30am

Wednesday, January 10 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with Confirmation Check-in Following

Sunday, January 14 – Donuts Following Mass at Parish Center

Sunday, January 14 – Euchre Tournament Sponsored by Holy Cross-Wendelin Family Life at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 2pm. All are welcome to attend!

SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Will be paused a couple weeks for Holiday Season.

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.

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:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

There is no place like home, and there is nothing like family. Those that are part of a family may not always have the same last name, DNA, faith, or the same culture. There is *family* that is given and *family* that is chosen! The Holy Family is a perfect example- Mary was Immaculately Conceived, Joseph is the foster Father, and Jesus was of a Divine Conception. Make no mistake, they were family, they loved each other, laughed, cried, supported, and shared the journey no matter the obstacles. What a family shares - *in season or out of season* - is the priceless gift of Holy Love. May this New Year bring Good Tiding and Bountiful Blessings to you and all your loves!

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

Live Your Catholic Faith – Light the candles each week on your Advent wreath.

Pray the Advent prayers at meal time and live Advent.

Let Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be present before the presents!

Family Prayer – Ave Maris Stella Prayer

Hail, you Star of Ocean! Portal of the sky, Ever Virgin Mother, Of the Lord most high.

O! by Gabriel's Ave, Uttered long ago, Eva's name reversing, Establish peace below.

Break the captive's fetters; Light on blindness pour; All our ills expelling, Every bliss implore.

Show yourself a mother; Offer him our sighs, Who for us Incarnate Did not you despise.

Virgin of all virgins! To your shelter take us;

Gentlest of the gentle! Chaste and gentle make us.

Still as on we journey, Help our weak endeavor, Till with you and Jesus We rejoice forever.

Through the highest heaven, To the Almighty

Three, Father, Son, and Spirit, One same glory be.

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Christmas Break Friday, December 22nd -

Tuesday, January 2nd

Students return Wednesday, January 3rd.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 31: Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney, followed by fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. 7:40AM Knights of Columbus led Rosary.

Thursday, January 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, January 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

We wish to thank our Clergy and Deacons with an appreciation Christmas monetary gift!

Kudos to all the Knights of Columbus Ministry for the Christmas Mass at 8AM, Olney-St. Joseph.

Thanks to all in our parishes and communities for a grand total of \$3,250.67 in the Annual Tootsie Roll Charity Drive for the Intellectually Disabled which benefits programs in Richland County.

Thanks Scott Seiler as Program Chairman.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan 2nd at the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

No speaker is scheduled for this month. Sherrie Zwilling is the only one who has signed up for refreshments. If someone would like to help Sherrie, please get in touch with her and let her know.

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 or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter (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

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The dates will be Sunday, January 14th at 2:00pm, Sunday, February 18th at 2:00pm, and Sunday, March 10th at 3pm. Free popcorn will be available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage! All are invited to attend!

Remember in our prayers...

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Happy New Year!

Sunday, December 31, 2023

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 +Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Monday, January 1, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Tuesday, January 2, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 3, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 4, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, January 6, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bill and Catherine Zwilling and Nadine Zwilling+" "Rita Damm+" "Barbara Ann Ochs+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

12/31/2023

Servers:

Mallory Kocher
 Hallie Ochs

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
 Janette Kocher
 Owen Kocher

Gifts:

Lester & Janice
 Zuber

Ushers:

Gary Kocher
 Doug Kocher

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary
 Ochs

01/07/2024

Servers:

Austin Kuenstler
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Lector:

Laura Sterchi

EMHC:

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