

Collection Total for July 9, 2023

Envelopes: \$1056.00
Loose: \$68.00
Total: \$1124.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)
Religious Edu: \$100.00 (1)
Peters Pence: \$5.00 (1)

July Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

July Missalettes: Living & Deceased Neil & Dorothy (Zwilling) Kocher Family

-CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH-

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected

PARISH NEWS:

Enjoy our Annual Parish Picnic today! 11:00am to 6:00pm, Food, fun and games!



PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, July 18 – A.S.A.P. Prayer group 9:30am St. Joseph -Stringtown

Sunday, July 23 - St. Joseph-Stringtown, Ice cream social in the Parish Center, 2:00 to ?

(No donuts on Sunday, July 23rd. The maintenance and family life committees will meet briefly during the ice cream social on July 23).

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

What type of soil represents your life? Is it rich and producing fruit or shallow and dying? You might be thinking, "How do you know if your life is fruitful or dying?" If you look at it through the lens of the world and - compare - speculate – boast - you might be pleased- satisfied- content with the view. The world wants us to feel like we are better than because of *who we think we are* and *what we do!* We juxtapose our lives by where we vacation, our career, house, car, clothes, friends, etc....and respond to others through this lens. The lens that God wants us to see through and *most importantly*

live our life through- is the same one he uses – the *lens of Love!* Do we Love? Really, stop here and think about that, do you Love? Do you Love that person that irritates you? Do you Love that individual that ignores you? Excludes? Gossip? Time is a precious commodity and our allotted time on this earth is not of our choosing. The type of soil we possess merits where we spend Eternity- a reminder, Eternity is Heaven or Hell! I urge you to look at your life – make the changes needed - go to Reconciliation - then begin again! Live a Life of Love - it is really that simple – then the soil of your Soul will be Rich and producing Fruit! *Keep to the J.O.Y.S*

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Summer final registration dates are **July 17th & 18th** from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. & **July 19th** from 8:30 a.m. until noon. This is required for all families who are pre-enrolled.

One Friday each month, Joe's pizza delivers lunch for the staff. If you or your business would like to sponsor a staff meal one month of the 23-24 school year, please contact Carol Potter for details.

Thanks to our many school students who continue to serve the church at weekend masses. We appreciate your commitment to our parishes. Thanks to our high school alumni also continuing ministry - we have high school students serving as lectors, ushers, and song leaders.

Looking ahead...

August 14th - Open House 4:30 - 6:30 pm - all are welcome!
August 16th - First Day of School for K-8 & Opening Mass 8:15 am
August 17th & 18th - First Days for Preschoolers
August 19th - Father Jerry 5K - register now to make sure you get this year's t-shirt!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, July 20: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM. All officers and members are encouraged to attend. Officer photo needed.

Sunday, July 30: Member volunteer ministry at Olney, St. Joe Mass. K of C led Rosary at 7:40. Fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant following Mass.

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council. Gatorade and Bottled Water Needed!

During the intense heat of summer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and Overnight Center every day. And...no matter what the weather...individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. OR
SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen
3718 State Street, East St. Louis
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. If you are unable to donate items, we humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients. Thank you and God bless you for enabling St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

CRS JustFaith Program

How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? Faith and Poverty: A Global Response was developed in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and explores God’s call to respond to poverty in the global community, equipping participants to take action in solidarity with those whose lives are affected by severe poverty around the world. **This program will be held on zoom on Fridays from September 8-November 3 from 10 a.m.-noon CDT. To participate click this link to register. <https://justfaith.org/faith-poverty-a-global-response-st-louis-fall-2023-small-group/>. For more information about the program go to <https://justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/JustFaith-Catholic-Global-Program-Booklet.pdf> or email crsdiobelle@gmail.com.**



Remember in our prayers...
Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

Sunday July 16, 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday July 17, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”
Tuesday July 18, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday July 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday July 20, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday July 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday July 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday July 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bill, Catherine & Nadine Zwilling+”
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

07/16/2023	07/23/2023
Servers: Ian Kocher Mallory Kocher	Servers: Kaitlyn Kocher Kylie Kocher
Lector: Owen Kocher	Lector: Joselyn Kocher
Eucharist Minister: Jamie Kocher	Eucharist Minister: Janette Kocher
Gifts: Tom & Kathy Kocher	Gifts: Doug & Lora Kocher
Ushers: Scott Seiler Luke Seiler	Ushers: Elmer Ochs Lester Zuber
Greeters: Werner & Janette Kocher	Greeters: Gary & Beth Kocher Family

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