

Collection Total for January 21, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,148.25 (33)
Loose: \$25.00
Total: \$1,173.25

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$625.00 (10)

First Offering: \$5.00 (1)

January Bulletins: For The Parish

January Missalettes: For The Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, January 28 – Follow Up Server Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

Monday, January 29 – Finance Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following Mass

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

Stringtown Study, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm
OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 7pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, February 3 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am

Wednesday, February 7 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with First Eucharist Parent Meeting and Confirmation Check-in Following

Sunday, February 11 – Donuts Following Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown

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STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Our new book will be The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri. Contact Caroline Trimble if you are interested in joining.

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:

St. Paul tells us; *I should like you to be free of all anxieties.* St. Paul is on to something here- we all need to be free of all anxieties. How about you- would you like to be free of all anxieties? Where does one begin? The first place to begin is God First! Begin- Live- End- your day with God. Take a few more steps and limit the time you spend watching TV- following social media platforms- keeping up with all the noise of this world. Open your Bible everyday- say your prayers- pray the Rosary- Read a Spiritual book about the Saints- immerse yourself in God alone. There is Joy in the journey with God. Keep your eyes focused on HIM and not on this world- *I should like you to be free of all anxieties.* Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us! J.O.Y.S*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

January Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Epiphany-Sanctifying Time

Live Your Catholic Faith – Place a picture of Jesus at your Home Altar

Discover the richness of Sanctifying time-by living the month and daily devotions.

Family Prayer – Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

Lord Jesus, we humbly pray to You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name.

Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain, or without due respect.

Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.

Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men)

You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.

We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us and our work, and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus. Amen

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

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

- Join us for our alumni mass Wednesday, January 31st at 8:05 am. Call the school office with your name and graduation year.
- Visit our Saints Wax Museum Thursday, February 1st from 11 am - Noon in the gymnasium

Thursday, February 1st - Winter Sports Photos

Thanks to everyone who helped with our VFW Spaghetti Dinner - thanks to the VFW and the 5th and 6th grade families! We appreciate all of the parishioners who attended to eat and support the school!

Mark your calendars:

- **Saturday, February 24:** Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival
- **Saturday, March 9:** Bingo Bash and Auction (tables are going fast - call to

reserve yours today). We are accepting donations for items to auction, prize money, and wine. Contact the school office if you want to participate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, January 28: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before the Olney-St. Joseph Mass.

Thursday, February 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, February 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, February 16: Fish Fry Night, serving from 5 -7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building benefiting the Richland County Mentor Program(Bowling For Kids.) Only six Fish Fry Nights this year. The public is invited. Family members are welcome. Carry outs are available. The meal price is the same as the last two years.

Free Throw Competition for grades 3rd -8th will be scheduled soon. It's recommended to practice for the Spelling Bee, grades 6th, 7th, & 8th which will also be in February. There is a separate fun school Spelling Bee also for 5th grade.

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 to set up an appointment.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb 6 at 7:00pm at the Parish Center. The speaker will be Sabina Cantrell - Specialty Cookies/Goodies. She will provide refreshments for the meeting.

STRINGTOWN PICNIC:

St Joseph Church in Stringtown is in the process of re-vamping the structure of the church's picnic

committee. There is no longer a three-year commitment that previously came with being part of the picnic committee and parishioners are no longer being asked to be part of a group of six that oversees the entire event, but rather are being asked to help with some component of organizing the event. We are looking for people to help with planning the dinner, outside entertainment (games for adults/all ages), country store, live entertainment and advertising, and set up/tear down, among other duties. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve your parish. This is an excellent opportunity to give a small amount of your time to support our parish! Please contact any finance council member before January 29th to volunteer your time & talents or if you have any questions. (Lisa Boehl, Rick Ginder, Werner Kocher, Byron Zwilling, Scott Seiler, Lora Kocher)

BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th from 7-11:30am. Mark your calendar and go ahead and preschedule your March 10 appointment by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and using zip code 62450 to schedule your appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th at 2pm and Sunday, March 3rd at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center for the next Euchre Tournaments. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Free popcorn available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage. All are invited to attend!

DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, at

10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

ST. THOMAS WINE AND BEER TASTING:

St. Thomas Annual Wine and Beer Tasting will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Newton Knights of Columbus. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Wines from around the world, specialty drinks, bourbon and delicious food and appetizers. Live auction featuring drink themed, beautiful handcrafted charcuterie boards and much more!

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 3-4. 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 on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. Please make checks payable to **The Messenger**.

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

**Sunday, January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Sunday, January 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schenider+" "Carolyn Zuber+"
Monday, January 29, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Herman Zwilling+"
Tuesday, January 30, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, January 31, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, February 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, February 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, February 3, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, February 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Nadine Zwilling, Bill and Catherine Zwilling+" "Barbara Ann Ochs+"
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

<u>01/28/2024</u>	<u>02/04/2024</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Jared Weidner Levi Weidner -	<u>Servers:</u> *Delana Sterchi Julian Seaman Grayson Sterchi
<u>Lector:</u> Jocelyn Kocher	<u>Lector:</u> Hank Ginder
<u>EMHC:</u> Harold Boehl Lisa Boehl Elmer Ochs	<u>EMHC:</u> Owen Kocher Beth Kocher Gary Kocher
<u>Gifts:</u> Gary & Dorothy Zwilling	<u>Gifts:</u> Scott & Anita Seiler Family
<u>Ushers:</u> Tom Kocher James Schneider	<u>Ushers:</u> Carter Seaman Jack Weidner
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