

**Collection Total for September 17, 2023**

Envelopes: \$1,396.00  
Loose: \$143.87  
**Total: \$1,539.87**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Retired Diocesan Priest Collection:** \$255.00 (2)

**Religious Education:** \$50.00 (1)

**Building:** \$660.00

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**September Bulletins:** In Memory of Barbara Ochs

**September Missalettes:** For the Parish

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**-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 EVENTS:**

**Sunday, September 24 – Donuts Following Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

Catechetical Sunday and Opening Family Catechesis Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting to follow Mass at Holy Cross.

**Tuesday, September 26 – Rosary and Stringtown Study at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am**

**Wednesday, September 27 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm**  
CYM Youth Group Gathering at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm

**Sunday, October 1 – CYM Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8-11am**

**Sunday, October 3 – Stringtown Community Club Meeting, 7pm**

**Wednesday, October 4 – Family Catechesis with CYM at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with First Reconciliation Parent Meeting & Confirmation Check-In Following**

**Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 – Confirmation Commitment Weekend**

**Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22 – Blessing Cup for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders at All Masses**

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

**Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9:30am – After Rosary**

Chapter 3 & answer discussion questions.

*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us!*

**SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

**Wed. Sept. 27, 5:30pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin.**

The Devil in the Castle - Chapter 7 and answer discussion questions.

**-NEW STUDY-Beginning October 4.**

Come and join this study and learn about the True Meaning of Christmas! *The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season*, biblical scholar Dr. Michael Patrick Barber offers an inspiring look at the Bible's accounts of Jesus' birth and the development of the Christmas season. As Dr. Barber will show, to find our way "home" at Christmas, we need to first return to Christmas's home in the story of the Bible. Only by carefully reflecting on the stories of Jesus' birth can we hope to celebrate Christmas in the way it is meant to be celebrated and discover the real joy it promises! **If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.**

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:** Will pause for Harvest.

**MARIAN MOMENT:**

*“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world*

*today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”* St. Padre Pio

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*Amen, Amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” John 1:51*

Yes, angels are real. And they are mighty glorious, beautiful, and magnificent in every way. We honor the three Archangels - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael - September 29th. These ‘*holy angels*’ are found throughout the Old and New Testament helping, healing, warning, and guarding. They continue today to offer the same touch of God to our lives too. How does one seek their assistance you might ask? The *St. Michael* prayer is one avenue to enlist the mighty angelic warrior for his assistance in our lives from the snares and temptations of Satan. We can ask *St. Gabriel* to proclaim the wonders of God in us. *St. Raphael* is God’s remedy- he brings healing to the afflicted, and he can help bring healing in our lives, too.

October 2nd is the feast day of the *Guardian Angels*. God has given each of us a guardian angel by our side to aid us and give comfort. This is a Powerhouse of Holy Assistance – one just needs to ask for their assistance: *O’ Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, O’ My Dear Guardian Angel, come into my life, fight, and protect me from all evil, open my eyes, ears, and heart to the words of Life of God, and heal all the areas on my being that is not of God. St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, help me. My Dear Guardian Angel, I love you and thank you for your protection over me! Amen! A Life of Love awaits – a life where the angels trod and peace on earth reigns to all those of good will! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.*

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:**

The Stringtown Community Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, Oct 3 at 7:00pm at the Parish Center. Bea Gardner will be there to talk about her missionary work for Ukraine. Refreshments: Ashlie

Zwilling, Jamie Kocher, and Janice Zwilling. New members are welcome.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

**Family Catechesis online registration still open on parish website until September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

We will be starting soon. If interested in helping, please contact Anne Crites, 618-838-3935.

**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. **Upcoming Schedule: Sunday, October 1 – CYM Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8-11AM** Youth please bring a dozen breakfast dessert items each. If going on the mission trip (8th graders included), please bring a basket raffle item for fundraising. **Sunday, October 8 – CYM Meeting after 8AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney**

**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 (frsteven.beatty@gmail.com/618-697-2632) or Caroline Trimble (ctrimblePA@gmail.com/ 618-263-7106).

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**

Any parishioner that graduated from high school in 2023 and is attending college or an institution of higher education, may apply for a scholarship from the club. To apply, please pick up an application and rules in the back of church or call Janice Zuber at 618-392-3411 for the forms. The deadline to return the application is October 1, 2023. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Thanks to everyone who supported our mum sales! Thanks especially to Andrea Kuenstler and Sara Peavler for running this important fundraiser.

**Tuesday, September 26th** - Mandatory Basketball Parent Meeting - 6pm in the gymnasium

**Wednesday, September 27th** - Fall Sports pictures Team photo first followed by individual photos for those who wish to order. 3:00- Softball Pictures, 3:40- Baseball Pictures, 4:20- Cross Country Pictures

**Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th** - Book Fair in the MPR **Friday, September 29th** - Pet Blessing in the grassy lot across from the gymnasium 2:40 pm

If you know of any St. Joseph School alumni who would like to receive our annual newsletter, please send us their addresses. You can email [office@stjoeolney.com](mailto:office@stjoeolney.com) or [principal@stjoeolney.com](mailto:principal@stjoeolney.com). You can also call the school office 618-395-3081 with the information.

**THE EUCHARIST**, facilitated by Deacon Jack, invites you to take a deeper look at the “source and summit” of our Faith. This five-week series in the St. Joseph-Olney Room B is held on Wednesday mornings after the Rosary at 9:15AM or in the evening at 7PM, through October 4. The Eucharist, with Bishop Robert Barron brings to light the Blessed Sacrament’s reality as a sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for the communion with God, and most importantly, as the Real Presence of Christ.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sunday, September 24:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40AM before the St. Joseph-Olney Mass. **Thursday, October 12:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, October 19:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Saturday, October 21:** Regional Soccer 25 Kick at Sister City Park, Charleston, noon. **Sunday, October 29:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary and Volunteer Ministry at St. Joseph-Olney 8am Mass, followed by fellowship breakfast at the Holiday.

**Knight of the Month:** Brad Doll – Pork Burger Chef at Membership/Family Picnic

**Kudos** to St. Joseph School 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers and staff, for all their cooperation in Olney Council Knights of Columbus 15 kick of seven PE classes on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ST. JOSEPH SMORGASBORD AND BAZAAR:**

St. Joseph Church in Olney would like to invite everyone to the 2023 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Sunday, October 15 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11AM to 1:30PM. Adults \$12, Child (8 and Under): \$8. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, and desserts! Drive-Thru/Pickup Meals available on the west side of the cafeteria. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store, and games! Raffles drawn at 1:30PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

**DIOCESAN FALL BLESSING OF THE HARVEST:**

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest**, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lavern and Terry Thole Farm located at 8606 Tank Road; New Baden, IL 62265. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

**SAINT THOMAS HARVEST PICNIC:**

The St. Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4PM-7:30PM. Flier viewable in church for more information!

**Remember in our prayers...**

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, September 25, 6:30** at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Rita Damm+”

**Tuesday, September 26, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, September 27, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, September 28, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, September 29, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, September 30, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, October 1, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “**For the Parish**”

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**09/24/2023**

**Servers:**

Carter Seaman

Julian Seaman

**Lector:**

Hank Ginder

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Harold Boehl

**Gifts:**

Brian Ochs

Family

**Ushers:**

David Muhs

Jack Weidner

**Greeters:**

Seaman

Family

**10/01/2023**

**Servers:**

Natalie Ochs

Hallie Ochs

**Lector:**

Gary Zwilling

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Jamie Kocher

**Gifts:**

Ray Schneider

Family

**Ushers:**

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**Greeters:**

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