

**Collection Total for August 27, 2023**

Envelopes: \$1,888.00  
Loose: \$19.00  
**Total: \$1,907.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$110.00 (3)  
Assumption of Mary: \$25.00 (1)  
Religious Education: \$90.00 (2)  
Cemetery \$100.00 (1)

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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 stjeholycross to 84576 to get connected!

**PARISH NEWS:**

The first meeting of the Community Club will be on Tuesday, Sept 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. We will have the installation of officers, plan the year and sign up for committees. There will be no speaker this month. The officers will provide refreshments. New members are welcome to attend.

**The ministers' list for September had some errors regarding servers and will be corrected for October. If unable to attend on your scheduled**

**date that was printed for September, please find a replacement or call into the parish office.**

**Thanks!**

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Friday, September 1 – Family Catechesis**

**Registration Begins**

**Saturday, September 2 – First Saturday Devotion** at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession at 8:15am

**Monday, September 4 – Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, September 5 – Rosary and A.S.A.P**

**Prayer Group/Stringtown Study at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am**

**Community Club Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7pm**

**Wednesday, September 6 – Sister's in Christ** at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

CYM Youth Group Gathering at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm

**Thursday, September 7 – Brother's in Christ** at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm

**Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10 – CYM Mission Trip Bake Sale Fundraiser**

Following Masses at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Sunday, September 10 – CYM** is assisting with Mass at Holy-Cross Wendelin. CYM Meeting at 8:30am before Mass this date. Parents are encouraged to come as well.

**Monday, September 11 – Finance Council Meeting, St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7pm after Mass**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Holy Cross 9:00 am with Confession at 8:15am.**

Our Lady is always guiding us to new depths in our spiritual life. The First Saturday devotion does this over the course of five months so that we, through Mary's intercession, may grow in virtue more quickly—and more perfectly reflect Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

A New Book begins on Sept 5th at 10:00 am - after the 9:30am Rosary.

The book will be "The Four Teresas by Gina Lohr."

An out-of-the-box look at four of the greatest women of the Church, and what their example can mean for you. Thérèse of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and Mother Teresa—who wouldn't want these women as friends and guide? Contact Janette Kocher if you are interested in joining the study.

**SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

**Wed. Sept. 6, 5:30pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin.**

-New Study- The Devil in the Castle.

Chapter 4 and answer discussion questions.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

**Thurs. Sept. 7, 7pm, at Holy Cross-Wendelin.**

Topic will be on Spiritual Warfare.

**MARIAN MOMENT:**

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, Sept 8**

“Mary, Mother of Grace, it becomes you to be mindful of us, as you stand near Him who granted you all graces, for you are the Mother of God and our Queen. Help us for the sake of the King, the Lord God and Master, Who was born of you.”

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

The absence of Love is the absence of God. One does not have to look far to see the absence of Love in our world today. The violence that fills the media-killing of innocent babies-gossip-duplicity- the alienation we show to others-etc...all feed the chaos of evil. Are you building up the Kingdom of God or adding to the chaos? Do you Love or is there an absence of Love? It is easy to get caught up in our own day to day activities and live with the notion that those issues- are not my problem. Yet, when our personal actions are not of Love. When we exclude others to justify a cause. When mere kindness, and compassion is *only given* to those in your circle- we feed the absence of Love! Live today

and tomorrow and so on-with Love guiding our understanding and being our response! It is really quite simple- if each one of us smiled- listened- cared- and prayed- Love would flourish abundantly! For where LOVE is- God is- because God is LOVE! Journey onward anew with Love leading the way! Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

**Family Catechesis Online Registration Opens**

**September 1.** The registration forms can be located on the parish website: <https://www.holycrosswendelin.com> and click on the Catechesis tab. **The Opening Family Catechesis Mass is on September 24 at the 10:00am Mass times.** The schedule for the year is there along with the OSV workbook calendar. There will be monthly Family shared experiences, sacrament meetings, and monthly check-in meetings for the sacraments. It will be a Catholic faith filled family sharing year.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

We are looking to see if there is any interest in once again offering Children's Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations. This program would be available for preschool (age 3) through first graders and held in the parish center. Children would be brought back to their families after the homily. If you are interested in this program for your child, please sign up in the back of church or contact Anne Crites at 618-838-3935. If you are interested in helping with this program either as a teacher or an assistant, please contact Anne Crites.

**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:**

**Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10** – CYM Mission Trip Bake Sale Fundraiser  
Following Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Saturday, September 10** - CYM Meeting at 8:30 am before Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Parents are encouraged to come as well.

**Sunday, October 1** – CYM Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Time TBD

**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:**

**Monday, September 4th** - No School - Labor Day  
**Friday, September 8th** - Mum orders and payment due by 3pm

**Looking Ahead:** First Grade Plate Blessing - Weekend of September 16th and 17th

**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:**

**Thursday, September 14:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting, 7PM.  
**Thursday, September 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.  
**Tootsie Rolls Days for the Intellectual Disabled** that supports Richland County Special Olympic Programs and Special Needs Programs will be Friday, at IGA, September 15 and Saturday, September 16th at IGA and Wal-Mart. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAFAF2DA3F4CF8-kofc> or Text/Message Scott Seiler (618-843-0540 or sseiler76@gmail.com) for available hour slots. Thank you for your continued support!

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER:**

Thank you for your donations and support of Family Life Center’s Baby Bottle Campaign! **Our contribution was \$600.48.**

**YOUNG ADULT MASS:**

Bishop McGovern will be hosting his annual Mass for young adults on Sunday, Sep. 10th at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 5 PM. Following mass, we will have our social downstairs in the undercroft. We will offer sandwiches, snacks and refreshments! We will also have a table available for SEEK Registration, future events, and upcoming opportunities you don't want to miss out on.

**ST. MARY’S SAINTE MARIE PICNIC**

The 186<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 3, 2023 beginning at 3PM.

**Remember in our prayers...**

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Louise Weber

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, September 4, NO MASS**

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

**Wednesday, September 6, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, September 7, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

**Saturday, September 9, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, September 10, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Ed & Mary Zuber+”**

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**09/03/2023**

**Servers:**

Kylie Kocher  
Mallory Kocher

**Lector:**

Jocelyn Kocher

**Eucharist Minister:**

Elmer Ochs

**Gifts:**

John Ochs  
Family

**Ushers:**

Lester Zuber  
Luke Seiler

**Greeters:**

Sam & Mary  
Zwilling

**09/10/2023**

**Servers:**

Owen Kocher  
Alex Schneider

**Lector:**

Anita Seiler

**Eucharist Minister:**

Jenny Hancock

**Gifts:**

Gary & Dorothy  
Zwilling

**Ushers:**

Doug Kocher  
Ray Schneider

**Greeters:**

Bill Zuber

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