

**Collection Total for January 22, 2023**

Envelopes: \$1137.00  
Loose: \$64.25  
**Total: \$1201.25**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

First Offering: \$ 10.00 (2)  
Building Fund: \$27.00 (3)

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**January Bulletins:** Bartley C. Zuber Attorney at Law  
**January 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.

**PARISH NEWS:**

**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

**BULLETIN NEWS:** Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

**END OF YEAR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.** (Listed alphabetical in a box on the counter)

**St. Joseph Stringtown Mass Intention book open for 2023, January through June.**

**St. Joseph church in Stringtown** will be saying the Rosary every Sunday morning before Mass starting at 7:35am. Everyone is invited to come early and participate. Prayers are powerful and much needed in our world today. Also, If you

would like to help by leading the Rosary please sign up in the back of the church.

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, January 29, CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK**  
12:00PM (Noon), Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Tuesday, January 31,** 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation “The Eucharist” at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Thursday, February 2,** 2:00pm, Living Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Friday, February 3,** 8:00am, First Friday Mass 9:00am, Communion Visitation  
**Tuesday,** February 7, 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation “The Eucharist” at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Friday, February 10,** 7:00pm, Euchre at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, January 29, at 2:00pm. Bishop Michael McGovern will preside. A choir will provide music by Buckner, Byrd, and Mozart. The hour concludes with Benediction. The Cathedral is located at 200 W. Harrison Street in Belleville. All are invited!

**CYM SPAGHETTI LUNCH**

Sunday, February 19th from 10:30-12:30 at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. Also will have a basket/ dessert raffle. EVERYONE WELCOME!

**New Year- New Book Study begins...Come and join the Sisters in Christ** group as we begin a new book study: The Heart of Perfection: How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God’s by Colleen Carroll Campbell. If you are interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble. We will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. -this is an 8-week study.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Lenten Quad-Parish Renewal March 5-8, 2023, at 6:30pm with social afterwards.**

Join us for **Eucharistic Discipleship** with Dr. Mark Ginter. Each one of our parishes will host a night for the Lenten Renewal.  
**Sunday, March 5** Holy Cross  
**Monday, March 6** St. Joseph Stringtown  
**Tuesday, March 7** St. Lawrence  
**Wednesday, March 8** St. Joseph Olney  
**More information to follow in the weeks ahead!**

**JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS**

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

How Great is our Lord! He offers us the only way to live and that is found in the Beatitudes. These words are intended to be the “attitudes” of our life. Our Lord knows we are not always going to be jovial because life is not always like that. There will be trials-sickness- hurts- loss- but Our Lord always offers a blessed way. So, Blessed be the poor in spirit-those who mourn-the meek-the hungry-the merciful-clean of heart-the peacemakers-those persecuted-the insulted: *Great is the reward!* Live a life of Beatitudes- a Life of Love and let the blessings flow. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**FROM FR. MARK**

This week, throughout the United States, we acknowledge and celebrate the role our Catholic Schools play in the formation of faith in our children. Catholic faith formation is a form of evangelization. Evangelization is the fundamental mission of the Church. It describes all the ways the Church—including clergy, religious, and all the baptized faithful—teaches, celebrates, and witnesses to the gospel message with the aim of conforming hearts and minds to Jesus Christ. Evangelization includes an introduction to the gospel message through word and deed with a focus on receiving the gift of faith. Faith formation primarily focuses on deepening initial conversion to faith. It incorporates the catechetical, liturgical, and pastoral ministries. Because it is a form of evangelization, faith formation is a lifelong process. St. Joseph Catholic School and our Family Catechesis program at St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-

Wendelin, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and St. Joseph-Stringtown, promote ongoing conversion to Jesus.

Conversion describes a commitment to Christ, reflected in a person’s decisions, actions, and relationships. Receiving the gift of faith begins the conversion process. Conversion has a beginning, often referred to as “initial conversion.” We are never done conforming our lives to Christ. It is an ongoing process or “journey.” The role of Catholic School and Family Catechesis program is to both inspire initial conversion and, subsequently, deepen it.

Faith includes both a set of beliefs and a set of actions that correspond to those beliefs. But faith is not lived in isolation. The life of faith is lived in community with other believers. We are called, by God, to community. The Word of God, the Sacraments, Ordained Ministers, and the witness of the faithful, together, inspire and nurture faith. To be formed in the faith, in part, is to be prepared for life in a community—a life marked by service, humility, and charity.

Catholic education and catechesis is directed not only toward service of the believing community, but also to society at large. Jesus called his disciples to go out to all the world to spread the good news of salvation. Catholics do this when they use their gifts and talents in the service of others. Evangelization—proclaiming the Good News of Christ—is not just a matter of preaching but showing kindness and charity to others. Faith formation nurtures the mind and the heart so that the gospel message may be evidenced by words and deeds.

Through engagement with Catholic Schools Week 2023, our parish and school communities have an opportunity to support and give living witness to the Person of Christ in our ethos, values and characteristic spirit.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Thanks to the First National Bank for providing the Wildcat debit card! Thanks to those of you who use this card for purchases - the bank made a \$1050 donation to the school due to the use of the Wildcat

card. Don't have one? It's easy to do. Stop by any FNB branch to get yours.

**VFW Spaghetti Dinner** to benefit our 8th grade activities account: Sunday, January 29th serving from 11 am - 1 pm. Purchase a ticket from any 7th or 8th grader or pay at the door. We are grateful to the VFW for their support.

**Mark your calendars - St. Joseph School St. Patty's Day Bingo Night** - including bingo, games, silent and live auctions! Saturday, March 18th - Doors open at 5:30 pm - Games begin at 7 pm. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200 - call the school office 395-3081

-We will have both a silent auction and a live auction at our upcoming bingo event in March. The committee is asking our school family and parish families for help. If you are willing to donate an item for our auctions, please contact Lora Kocher (618-843-8126), Amanda Nelson (217-621-5884), or the school office (618-395-3081). Ways you can help:

- Donate an item(s) to be used for the auctions
- Donate money to put towards the purchase of larger auction items
- Contact your place of employment (or a family member's) and ask them for a donation
- Get together with a group of other families and donate a larger item

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, February 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting, 7PM.

**Friday, February 10:** First Fish Fry Night, 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. As in the past, donations at the Fish Fry Nights are going to Senior Citizens, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, R/C Hope, Fall Kids Mall, Olney Valor Quilters, and St. Joe School.

**February 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7:30PM.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

**Save the Date: Illinois March For Life**

March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL

10:00 am Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1

University Plaza 12:00 pm Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

12-5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave.

1:00 pm March around the Capitol Building

**Remember in our prayers...**

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie



**Sunday January 29, 2023  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, January 29,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis Volk+, Rebecca Volk+"**

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, January 30,** 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "

**Tuesday, January 31,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, February 1,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, February 2, NO MASS**

**Friday, February 3,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

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

5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, February 5,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Pike, Mary, & Janel Ginder, & Bill Zwilling+"**

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**MINISTERS LIST**

**01/29/2023**

**Servers:**

Jared Zwilling

Ian Kocher

**Lector:**

Joselyn Kocher

**Eucharist Minister:**

Beth Kocher

**Gifts:**

Lester & Janice Zuber

**Ushers:**

Colby Steber

Isaac Zwilling

**Greeters:**

Elmer & Mary Ochs

**02/05/2023**

**Servers:**

Kaitlin Kocher

Kylie Kocher

**Lector:**

Anita Seiler

**Eucharist Minister:**

Janette Kocher

**Gifts:**

Jim & Thelma Muhs

**Ushers:**

Doug Kocher

Owen Kocher

**Greeters:**

Gary & Beth Kocher

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