

Collection Total for February 18, 2024

Envelopes: \$856.50 (30)
Loose: \$4.00
Total: \$860.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Religious Education: \$70.00 (2)

Building Fund: \$470.00 (8)

February Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

February Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 27 – 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

There will not be OCIA this week.

Friday, March 1 – Stations of the Cross at St.

Joseph Stringtown, 6:30pm

St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

Saturday, March 2 – First Saturday Mass at Holy

Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am with Confessions

beginning at 8:15am

Friday, March 8 – Stations of the Cross at St.

Joseph-Stringtown & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Our new book will be: 30 Day Eucharistic Revival by Fr. Donald Calloway. It will offer daily readings from St. Peter Julian Eymard- Apostle of the Eucharist-insights from Fr. Calloway, reflection questions and prayers. You will discover a deeper meaning and experience of the Holy Eucharist.

The book will be available on Tuesday February 27. with Day One beginning on Thursday, February 29. The cost is \$16.00. If interested in joining contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

How is your Lenten journey going with the intention to *Pray, Fast and Give Alms*?

The focus to *PRAY* by reading the Word of God daily, delving into that one “special” book you selected, or offering a rosary everyday- might find you with dust on your Bible, the “special book” buried under the latest discount code coupons and the rosary beads still in a pocket (somewhere).

The decision to *FAST* from eating between meals, no sweets or alcohol, maybe less portions- might have you feeling strong or quite possible hungrier and carrying snacks in your pocket.

The choice to *GIVE ALMS* by offering kindness, extending forgiveness, or spending your money on wholesome purchases a bit cranky, frustrated and a porch filled with random boxes of stuff.

IF this is your Lenten journey-*do not be discouraged*-do not let the stumbles, weak moments, emotion driven purchases- give you permission to toss in the towel! You are given the opportunity to have a new start each day- to Begin Again. If you do not *die with Christ*, you will not RISE with HIM! Journey onward and carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting- and Almsgiving! *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

February - Eucharistic Adoration

Live Your Catholic Faith: Say out loud everyday

No one will Rise from the dead who has not First

Died with Jesus!

Ask yourself this daily - What do I need to have *die within me?* so that I will *rise with Jesus!*

Our Family: Lord, bless our family.

All of us now together, those who are far away,

all who are gone back to you.

May we know joy!

May we bear our sorrows in patience.

Let LOVE guide our understanding of each other.

Let us be grateful to each other.

We have all made each other what we are.

O Family of Jesus,

watch over our family! Amen.

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

Olney First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 9th at Stringtown Parish Center.

Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine. If you are able to donate wine, you may put your bottles in the special box in the back of church. Please have all donations dropped off before March 3rd. Thanks for your support!

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS:

End of the year tax statements are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout 2023.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

In addition to the Stations of the Cross listed on the Lenten flier, there will be Stations of the Cross **every** Friday beginning at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown during Lent (except Good Friday). On Friday, March 8th, Fr. Steven will provide Reconciliation and conclude the Stations with Benediction. We hope everyone will take the time to attend and reflect on the suffering Jesus went through for our salvation. If you would like to sign up to lead Stations, please sign up on the schedule in the back of church. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Join us for our Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival - Saturday, February 24th! **March 9th** - Bingo Bash - tables are sold out! Thanks to everyone who is supporting the school through donations, attendance, and working the event!

Looking ahead: The 8th grade students will provide Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 15th at 2pm and Friday, March 22nd at 9am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, February 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40am, before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

Monday, February 26: Saint Joseph School 5th Grade Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes - \$10, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$2. **Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th:** Free Throw Competition during St. Joseph School 3rd-8th Grade PE Classes.

Friday, March 1: Fish Fry Night serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. Please attend to support Richland County Hope. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available. Remaining Fish Fry Nights are for Fall Kids Mall, St. Joe School, & Olney Valor Quilters. **High School Seniors** Olney Council \$250 Scholarships information forms are now available in the High School Guidance Office and at the back of the three sister parish churches.

Annual Baby Crib Charity Drive now has cribs at Stringtown and Olney churches. During Lent, please consider a donation to benefit young mothers and their infants for the Richland County Clinic of the Jasper County Health Department. Diapers of all sizes are the critical needs. All other items are welcome such as baby wipes and blankets. Please no baby bottles. **Three winners of the 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spelling Bee** qualify for the Regional Competition at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon on Saturday, March 9th, registration at 9:30AM, with start time at 10AM.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am and again at 7:00pm in Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the coming weekend and we'll discuss if the reading is a prayer, a prophesy, a parable or a story and how it fits into the liturgical season. We'll also use our imaginations to enter the scene, create the characters, and be there in the world of the reading.

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.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the expenses are welcomed. The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting will be Monday, March 11th, at 7:00pm (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center.

The Committee Chairs are:

Financial – Lisa Boehl
Raffle – Hank & Nina Ginder
Food Stand – Francis Ochs
Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50 – Janice Zwilling
Kitchen (Dinner) – Lisa Boehl
Basket Stand – Mona Kocher
Outside Games & Stands (Cake Stand, Country Store, & games) – Ethan & Delaney Steber
Kids Games – Doug & Shelly Seaman
Grounds & Maintenance – Scott Seiler
If you would like to help with the planning for any of these areas, please contact the respective chairperson.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices in preparation for Easter will be held at 7pm on: 2/28, 3/11, 3/20, 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Our 2nd Euchre tournament took place Sunday, February 18th with 32 players. Thank you to all who came out and had a fun day!
1st place—Kent Will ---60 pts---\$48.00 **2nd place**—Marilyn Smithenry –57 pts---\$9.60
Stacey Smithenry –57 pts---\$9.60, Seth Meinhart ---57 pts---\$9.60 **3rd place**---Connor Will ---56 pts---\$19.20 It was a very nice afternoon. We look forward to seeing you all back on our LAST Euchre

tournament on Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm at Stringtown Parish Hall. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon with us!
Holy Cross Family Life Committee

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Our speaker will be Tristan Mitchell, Richland County CEO Program. Refreshments will be provided by Kathy Zuber and Janice Zuber.

ST. ANDREW DINNER:

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. Please contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org **by March 5** to RSVP or obtain more details.

SAINT MARY'S BRUNCH:

Saint Mary's Bunch will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 8am to noon at the St. Mary's Parish Center in Sainte Marie. Menu will consist of sausage links, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads, fruit, and juice, milk, & coffee. Cost of adults will be \$10 and children age 4-10 will be \$5. Children 3 and under are free. Bake sale sponsored by the Youth Group.

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber

Sunday, February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, February 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+" "Ralph & Cyril Zwilling+"

Monday, February 26, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling+"

Tuesday, February 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 2, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Lelia Volk+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

02/25/2024

Servers:

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Gus Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Josie Kocher
Janette Kocher
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Gifts:

Harold & Lisa Boehl

Ushers:

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Lester Zuber

Greeters:

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