

Collection Total for February 11, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,446.00 (34)
Loose: \$41.00
Total: \$1,487.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

First Offering: \$10.00 (2)

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Black and Indian Missions: \$75.00 (1)

February Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

February Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 18 – Euchre Tournament at Stringtown Parish Center Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm

Monday, February 19 – Parish Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents’ Day

Tuesday, February 20 – 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

Friday, February 23 – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The season of Lent provides the opportunity for one to *die with Christ*. To let those bad habits-behaviors- attitudes-opinions- ultimately “vices” to

die. They must die so that God can be *-more-* so that HE will be what fills our hearts with kindness-compassion-generosity-forgiveness-ultimately with “virtue.” Are you willing to journey more intimately towards the heart of the Father? Then begin with dying by praying, fasting, and giving alms. Journey onward this Lent -carry your cross with Love- carry it with Prayer- Fasting and Almsgiving! - and you will Rise with HIM at Easter. *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.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, February 19th - No School Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20th - FFA Petting Zoo Prek - 1st Grades

Saturday, February 24th - Boosters Pasta Dinner (featuring Joe's famous sauce) and PTO Carnival in the gymnasium - join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday, February 23: Fish Fry Night, 5-7pm, Olney City Park Community Building to benefit the Senior Citizens Center. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available.

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

Monday, February 26: Saint Joseph School 5th Grade Knights of Columbus Fun Spelling Bee. Cash prizes - \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4, \$2, \$2, \$2

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th: Olney Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition during St. Joseph School 3rd-8th Grade PE Classes.

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.

Olney Council Knights of Columbus 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 babies for the Richland County Clinic of the Jasper County Health Department.

Kudos to the 6th, 7th & 8th Spelling Bee winners at Olney St. Joe this week of cash prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$7, \$4, & \$2. ^2 participants with the following winners in order of winning place: Korynn Snider, Kylah Matthews, Yzabella Biyok, Mattux Hart, Braden Weidner, Judah Dicks,

and Bella Stevens. Top three winners qualify for the Regional Spelling Bee in Peterburg.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney begins this Wednesday will continue 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 to set up an appointment.

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 7:00 p.m. (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: 2/19, 2/28, 3/11, 3/20, 3/25, and 3/27. All are welcome to join us!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th and Sunday, March 3rd at 2pm 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!

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. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness

-Psalm 100

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Thank you to the 9 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$2,047.40 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Eugene Zuber, Leota Humphreys (Caroline Trimble's Aunt)

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, February 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Norman, Neil, & Dorothy Kocher+" "George Ochs+"

Monday, February 19, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Ed & Janel Ginder+"

Tuesday, February 20, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 21, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 22, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, February 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, February 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

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

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

02/18/2024

Servers:

Amity Zuber*
Hallie Ochs
Natalie Ochs

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
Gary Zwilling
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Tom Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Harold Boehl
Jared Boehl

Greeters:

Werner & Janette Kocher

02/25/2024

Servers:

Kerigan Kocher*
Mallory Kocher
Gus Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Josie Kocher
Janette Kocher
John Ochs

Gifts:

Harold & Lisa
Boehl

Ushers:

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Greeters:

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