

**Collection Total for January 15, 2023**

Envelopes: \$1481.00  
Loose: \$47.00  
**Total: \$1528.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

First Offering: \$ 15.00 (3)  
Christmas Offering: \$80.00 (2)  
Building Fund: \$320.00 (7)

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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

**St. Joseph Stringtown Mass Intention book for 2023, January through June, will be open beginning Thursday, Dec. 22.** (Requests for mass intentions will be accepted for first 6 months). A Mass may be offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, on the occasion of an anniversary, or some special need.

**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 22,** 6:00pm, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Monday, January 23, 6:30pm, Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Hour--Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**Tuesday, January 24,** 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist" at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Sunday, January 29, CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK** 12:00PM (Noon), Baptism at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Monday, January 30,** Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin in the Parish Hall 1:30-5:30pm  
**Tuesday, January 31,** 5:30pm, Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist" at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**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!

**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!

**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.**

**JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOURNERS**  
**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! That light is God who Loves with an Unfathomable Love. That Love is offered to us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Do you see this great light of Love? Are you one of the people leaving the darkness of sin? When this Holy Love truly lives within there is no darkness - only life! This great light is leading us to a Life of Peace, Joy, and unfathomable Love! Bask in the Love of God and be the people who walked out of darkness and live in the Eternal Light! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**FROM FR. MARK**

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.  
Pope Saint John Paul II Evangelium vitae  
The battle to defend the dignity of human life, and truly serve expectant mothers with love, support, and excellent medical care has just begun. We believe that all life is sacred, and that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. We must share the good news that every person is loved by God and that we are called to defend the dignity of life from conception until natural death.  
In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.  
Come to the Prayer Vigil for Life, celebrating mass and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **AT ST. JOSEPH-STRINGTOWN, TOMORROW, MONDAY, JANUARY 23 at 6:30pm.**

**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:**

**Sunday, January 29:** Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Mass, Olney, St. Joe. Fellowship family breakfast to follow at a local restaurant.

+ K of C led rosary at 7:40AM before Mass.

**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.

**Upcoming Youth Activities:** 1. K of C Free Throw at St. Joe PE Classes. 10 winners qualify for the Regional in Effingham, and the State finals are also

at St. Anthony in Effingham. 2. Spelling Bee for grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> and a separate local Spelling Bee for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Four upper grade students advance to the State Finals in Petersburg. Cash prizes at the local competition.  
**Knight of the Month:** Dan Kuenstler Chairman for Christmas Baskets for our Parish Clergy.

**Remember in our prayers...**

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennie,  
 Carolyn Elie



**Sunday January 22, 2023**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, January 22, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Pike, Mary, & Janel Ginder, Nadine Zwilling+”**  
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Monday, January 23, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For a Respect of Life”**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, January 25, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, January 26, 6:30pm,** at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Friday, January 27, NO MASS**  
**Saturday, January 28, 4:00pm,** at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
 5:00pm, at St. Joseph-Olney  
**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

**MINISTERS LIST**

<u>01/22/2023</u>	<u>01/29/2023</u>
<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Natalie Zwilling Nathaniel Zwilling	<b><u>Servers:</u></b> Jared Zwilling Ian Kocher
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<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Elmer Ochs Lester Zuber	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Colby Steber Isaac Zwilling
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