

**Collection Total for August 18, 2024**

Envelopes: \$845.00 (29)  
Loose: \$51.00  
**Total: \$896.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$295.00 (4)**

**Assumption of Mary: \$130.00 (8)**

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**August Bulletins: For The Parish**

**August Missalettes: For the Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, August 24** – Middle School Nights for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, St. Joseph-Olney, Following Mass

**Sunday, August 25** – CYM Kickoff Youth Group BBQ, Holy Cross-Wendelin, 12pm

Young Adults Theology on Tap, Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (West Boat Launch), 6pm

**Tuesday, August 27** – **ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

**Stringtown Study, 10am**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. These are powerful words and an encouraging reminder for us. No matter the storm, trial, or moment- go to the Master- the Father! There is no peace- there is no joy- there is no life -no Life Eternal-without Him. The more we turn to the Father- the more we come to see his grace working within our lives. Begin each day, turning to the Father, say I love you and thank you throughout the day for all the blessings, and before you close your eyes at night offer Praise and Glory to the Father. Let these words from Psalm 34, begin your journey- *I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.**

*Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. Journey onward with the Master to a Life Eternal. Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

Meeting at the Holy Cross rectory on Monday’s at 7pm. Anyone ages 18-30 are welcome to join! (No longer in high school to those around the age of 30!) If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm at [ttimm@stjoeolney.com](mailto:ttimm@stjoeolney.com) or 507-530-2911.

**MASS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER**

First Friday Masses at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am will continue. There will **NOT** be any other Friday morning masses during these months.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Thank you** for all the prayers, well wishes and support to start off the school year. It has been a great first week of growing together in Christ!  
**Many thanks** to the Father Jerry 5K Committee for a fantastic 10th annual event last weekend!  
**Wednesday, August 28** - 1:50pm Dismissal  
**Mum Fundraiser**- currently taking orders! See any student or call the school office to order big, beautiful mums!

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**3rd Degree Meeting:** September 12 at 7:00 PM  
**4th Degree Meeting:** September 19 at 7:00 PM  
**Knight of Month** is Steve Kuenstler. **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** is coming up. Canisters will be in stores in Olney during September and October. Please mark calendars for September 27 and 28! This will be the drive weekend where we will be collecting in front of IGA and Big R (Rural King) in Olney.

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the Bible readings for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll hear a

bunch of Pharisees accuse Jesus and his disciples of not following the ablution traditions of the elders. Will Jesus give them what-for? Attend this Bible Study and see.

**CYM:**

Sunday August 25th - CYM Kickoff Youth Group BBQ, 12 pm @ Holy Cross-Wendelin

**YOUNG ADULTS:**

Sunday August 25th - Young Adults Theology on Tap, 6 pm @ Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (West boat launch), Speaker: Fr. Dean Probst - “Defending the Faith through Scripture”

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**

Any parishioner that graduated from high school in 2024 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 September 20th. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber by email at [janice.zuber@yahoo.com](mailto:janice.zuber@yahoo.com) or hand them in.

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:**

Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00pm at the Parish Center. No speaker is planned. We will sign up for committees and discuss plans for the year. New members are welcome!

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**

Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and all years over 60 on Sunday, October 13, at 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter. If you are celebrating one of these milestones and would be interested in receiving an invitation from the Diocese, please contact Ashley by August 26<sup>th</sup>!

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

This liturgy is developed especially for children. They listen to the Gospel and participate in discussion all at their level. We welcome all children age 3 through kindergarten. Please bring your child to the Parish Center before Mass. We will bring them back to church after the homily. A huge thank you to all the teachers and helpers who make this program possible. If you have any questions, contact Anne Crites, 618-838-3935.

**2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*  
Do you remember your or your children’s or, perhaps, your grandchildren’s first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a “family” member of the **Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University**. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman’s students and staff by making **your gift** to The Appeal today!

**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:**

Thank you to all who were able to come out and supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive last Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful blood drive with 44 productive units of blood being collected, which means we reached our goal. Congratulations to Roger Zwilling and Edward Kocher winners of Sunday's gift cards (each received a \$25 gift card). We appreciate everyone's help in supporting the Stringtown Community Blood Drive. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful drive, including all the donors, volunteers, those who donated food items, and the American Red Cross staff! 📌 The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 7-

11:30 a.m., which will be the 30th anniversary of having blood drives at Stringtown. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-schedule your November 3rd appointment by using our drive zip code which is 62450 to schedule your appointment.

**PRECANA OPPORTUNITY:**

Date: September 14, 2024 Where: St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church (Fellowship room). Registration: 9:15 – 9:45; Start: 9:45 Close with 5:00 Mass. Cost: \$75.00 per couple. The cost includes materials, lunch and pizza (optional) after 5:00 Mass. Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027 to register.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

**PRIEST APPRECIATION:**

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our diocesan priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE. This year Priesthood Sunday falls on Sept. 12, 2024. Our priests’ pastoral ministries affect people’s spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married in the church; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home,

receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual.

To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests’ pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. Please send brief comments to: [messenger@diobelle.org](mailto:messenger@diobelle.org) or contact Ashley at the Parish Office.

**ST. JOSEPH SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:**

Let’s celebrate! Celebrate good times, come on! One hundred fifty years and counting! Everyone is invited to join in the celebration On Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 11 PM and on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 until 11 PM at St. Joseph’s Church grounds at Island Grove. Come to enjoy fellowship with food, live music, soft drinks, beer, bounce house all on Friday. Then, add yard games, quilts, church & rectory tours, bingo, antique tractors, Corn hole tourney, Commode races, beard/dress contest and Spark Show to that on Saturday. Representative Adam Niemerg will present a Resolution from the State of Illinois at 1 PM on Saturday.

**ST. MARY’S PICNIC – SAINTE MARIE:**

The 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic will be held Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The meal will be \$12 from 3-6pm in Parish Center and feature Ste. Marie Style Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert, and Water. To go containers available. ½ Chickens only \$12 with leftover chicken sold from 6-7pm. Food and games from 3-7pm with porkburgers, chips, soda, and Homewood Grill ice cream. There will also be big ticket raffle, hand-made quilt raffle, basket raffle, bingo, and kids games. Raffle drawings at 7pm with beer garden running from 3-9pm. A Little Southern Comfort (SOCO) will play from 6-9pm.

**Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner**

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, August 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ann Ochs+” “Augustine & Lorena Ochs Family, Living & Deceased”**

**Monday, August 25, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”**

**Tuesday, August 26, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, August 27, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, August 28, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, August 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, August 30, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, September 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Herman & Ethel Zwilling+”**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**08/25/2024**

**Servers:**

Silas Sager\*  
Julian Seaman  
Ian Kocher

**Lector:**

Shelly Seaman

**EMHC:**

Elmer Ochs  
Mary Ochs  
John Ochs

**Gifts:**

Brian Ochs  
Famil

**Ushers:**

Carter Seaman  
Harold Boehl

**Greeters:**

Bill Zuber

**09/01/2024**

**Servers:**

Kerigan Kocher\*  
Levi Weidner  
Jared Weidner

**Lector:**

Anita Seiler

**EMHC:**

Jamie Kocher  
Harold Boehl  
Lisa Boehl

**Gifts:**

Elmer & Mary  
Ochs

**Ushers:**

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**Greeters:**

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