

Collection Total for August 25, 2024

Envelopes: \$2,335.00 (38)
Loose: \$46.00
Total: \$2,381.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$270.00 (2)

Assumption of Mary: \$5.00 (1)

September Bulletins: In Memory of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family by the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Descendents

September Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, September 2 – Parish Offices Closed!

Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 3 – 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

Parish Office will be closed at St. Joseph-Stringtown. Contact Ashley on cell phone, if needed.

Saturday, September 7 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST: Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

There is not a person on the earth that God does not Love! Let that sink in just a moment- Everyone- *is a Beloved Son or Daughter of God.* Our God will always Love us- No doubt! Yet, there are things we do that are not of Love-*which is not of God!* When we sin, our hearts turn from God- our eyes look downward- our actions are harsh- our life is in peril. The longer we stay in sin- the deeper and deeper we plunge into the darkness. There is a light in that darkness- it is Jesus. He bore it all so

that we would have Life Eternal. So, this day, look at your life- *Do you spend time thanking, praising, asking, offering your life to God? Or do you invest more time into the sinfulness that separates and kills your soul?* Journey onward to the kingdom where milk and honey flow and the Peace and Love of God abounds. Let Love be the response that comes out of your mouth-Live a Life of Love-a Beloved Life! God Be Praised Now and Forever! Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study – Meeting at the Holy Cross rectory on Monday’s at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm. **Gatherings – Sun, September 29th:** Young Adults Theology on Tap – More Details Soon!

CYM:

Sun, Sept. 8th: High School Youth Group @ Holy Cross - 5:30 pm **Sun, Sept. 15th:** CYM Mass & Meeting in Olney **Sat, Sept. 21st:** Middle School Night @ Olney - after 5 pm Mass (~6 pm) **Sun, Sept. 28th:** High School Youth Group @ Holy Cross - 5:30 pm (Praise and worship music at 7 pm, all are welcome!)

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:

Monday, September 2- No School, Labor Day **Friday, September 6-** Mum orders and payment due Please see any St. Joseph School student or call the school office to order big, beautiful mums! **Confirmation Check-In slips** will be backpacked home this week. Begin using them this **upcoming weekend** Aug 31/Sept1. Please write your child's name and date on the card, and place it in the offering each weekend at Mass. There will be extras in the vestibule of the church if you forget.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

3rd Degree Meeting: September 12 at 7:00PM
4th Degree Meeting: September 19 at 7:00PM
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. **A nice evening** was enjoyed by all who attended the summer picnic at Doll’s cabin. **Special thanks** to Brad Doll, Steve Kuenstler, and their families for putting it together.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the Bible readings for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll hear about Jesus healing a deaf man. We'll also learn how to pronounce Epephatha and impress everyone at your Euchre club. Be sure not to miss this week's Bible Study!

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 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 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!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(OCIA): Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church

home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you must do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. This is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October. Contact Caroline Trimble, if interested or have questions.

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:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sun, November 3, 2024, from 7-11:30am., which will be the 30th anniversary of having blood drives at Stringtown. Mark your

calendar and pre-schedule your November 3rd appointment by using our drive zip code which is 62450 to schedule your appointment.

PRECANA OPPORTUNITY:

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”*
<https://www.usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic>

PRIEST APPRECIATION:

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our diocesan priests with a special 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 or contact Ashley at the Parish Office. **Due by Sept. 3rd!**

ST. JOSEPH SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

Let’s celebrate! Celebrate good times, come on! 150 years and counting! Everyone is invited to join in the celebration on September 6th 6-11pm and September 7th from 1-11pm 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, cornhole tourney, commode races, beard/dress contest and Spark Show on Saturday! Representative Adam Niemerg will present a Resolution from the State of Illinois at 1pm on Saturday.

ST. MARY’S PICNIC – SAINTE MARIE:

The 187th Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic will be held Sun, Sept. 1st. 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 available. Food and games from 3-7pm. 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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:

The Diocese is sponsoring a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died by suicide, on Sun, Sept. 15, at 2:00pm, at St. Mary Church in Belleville. Bishop McGovern will preside. Family members and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend this Mass and bring a photograph of the person you wish to pray for to be placed in the Sanctuary during Mass. The week of September 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week. At this time, let us remember those who have died by suicide and recommit ourselves to providing hope and healing for those who mourn their passing. For more information, call Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003.

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, and Luke G. Kocher

Sunday, September 1, 2024

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Sunday, September 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Herman & Ethel Zwilling+”
Monday, September 2, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown NO MASS
Tuesday, September 3, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 4, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, September 5, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, September 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, September 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bill & Kathy Zuber Family”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

MINISTERS LIST

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:
Owen Kocher
Gary Kocher
Greeters:
Sam & Mary Zwilling

09/08/2024

Servers:
Amity Zuber*
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk
Lector:
Owen Kocher
EMHC:
Janette Kocher
Josie Kocher
Jenny Hancock
Gifts:
Lester & Janice Zuber
Ushers:
Doug Kocher
Evelyn Volk
Greeters:
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