

Collection Total for February 9, 2025

Envelopes: \$705.00 (21)
Loose: \$56.00
Total: \$761.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Black & Indian Missions: \$100.00 (1)

February Bulletins: In Memory of Herman & Ethel Zwilling

February Missalettes: In Memory of Herman & Ethel Zwilling

***Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**

Prices are \$100 to sponsor missalettes and \$50 for bulletins for a month.*

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 16 – CYM Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center – 10:30am-12:30pm with Basket Raffle Fundraiser for Mission Trip! – Gluten Free Noodles available!

Monday, February 17 – Parish Offices closed in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Tuesday, February 18– **St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be OPEN 9am-1pm.**

ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

Wednesday, February 19 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, February 20 – **St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be OPEN 9am-1pm.**

Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Sunday, February 23 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin Youth Space, 5:30pm.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Blessed or Woe! Do you live Blessed? Or do you live in Woe?

The difference is the one who is Blessed seeks God, the one who is in Woe, seeks self. These extraordinary days of ordinary time offer us this important opportunity to examine “to whom we belong”. Do we belong to God and trust HIM alone, or do we belong to the world and seek all its empty promises?

The one who is Blessed knows and *lives Faith, Hope and Love*. The one who lives in Woe, knows, and lives with evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly.

Our God is calling us for More- the more that is Blessed-Trusting- Hopeful- Loving - Faithful. Let us journey onward to rejoice and leap for joy for the Kingdom of God will be ours. Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown will be held on Sunday, March 16.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble. (On Wednesday evenings – childcare available!)

YOUNG ADULTS:

Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday’s at 7pm.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, February 17 - No School, Presidents' Day
Thank you to everyone who supported our Boosters and PTO fundraiser last weekend!

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS:

Tax contributions are available in the back of church. If you don’t see yours, please contact the Parish Office to get a copy.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:

Happy Birthday to Carl Kessler! He is turning 85 on March 4th and would love to receive cards to celebrate. Please send cards to Carl at 1211 Shurron Street, Olney, IL 62450.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WINE PULL:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash is quickly approaching! It is not too late to donate unopened bottles of wine for this year's Wine Pull. So far, our donations are a little lower than in past years. With your help, we can make this another successful event! If you have a bottle or two to donate, please drop off in one of the church boxes by March 2nd. You can drop off at the school office up until Friday, March 7th. Thank you!

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.

A special thank you to Hank and Nina Ginder, for all their hard work with last year's picnic raffles. **We are looking for individuals to help chair the Raffle Stands** (Main, Quilt, & Kids). If you are interested or have any questions, please contact one of the Picnic Chairs. Thank you!

Picnic Chairs are Lisa Boehl, Janice Zwilling, Francis Ochs, Mona Kocher, Ethan Steber, Delaney Steber, Shelly Seaman, Scott Seiler

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. With God all things are possible. His love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness for overcoming evil with good? Don't miss Bible Study!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, February 20 – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm.
Sunday, February 23 – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

VOCATION CORNER:

“I was born in El Salvador and came to the United States when I was 12. My family faced many challenges: civil war, immigration, a new language, and culture. Our faith held us together and provided solace during the hard times. After I was confirmed in 2011, I felt a deeper call to be active in the Church, and I began to teach catechism at my parish. One evening, I went out to measure a building for my job with an insurance company...and I got lost. Turning into another

building, I went inside, where a receptionist welcomed me to Holy Trinity Seminary. I knew I couldn't keep running from my desire to give more. I ... entered seminary that summer. Being embraced by divine providence in my call to priesthood and through all the challenges of my life allows me to cry out with confidence: Viva Cristo Rey!

Fr. Elmer Herrerea-Guzman, Diocese of Dallas;
Columbia Magazine, March 2023

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. Potluck meal will follow in the parish hall with meat and drinks provided. Our speakers will be the Norbertine priests from Springfield, IL. Adoration and Reconciliation will begin at 2pm, then conclude at 3pm with Benediction. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering to assist the visiting priests with their expenses. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Catholic Charities food pantry. Babysitting will be provided, let us know if needed when you signup. You may signup by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

SURROUNDING PARISH EVENTS:

St. Mary's Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 2nd 8am-12 noon at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie! Menu will include sausage links & ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads & fruit, and juice, milk, & coffee. Adults are \$10, Children (4-10) are \$5, and children 3 and under are free! Bake sale will also be sponsored by the youth group.

HAPPY NATIONAL FFA WEEK!



In honor of FFA week, we want to celebrate our FFA members! Prayers for all FFA members to have a wonderful National FFA Week!

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Luke G. Kocher, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber

Sunday, February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Norman Kocher+, Neil & Dorothy Kocher+”
Monday, February 17, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Mike & Ellie Kocher+, Jim Schweizer+”
Tuesday, February 18, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, February 19, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, February 20, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, February 21, NO MASS
Saturday, February 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, February 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “George Ochs+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

02/16/2025

Servers:

Kerigan Kocher
Hallie Ochs
Ian Kocher

Lector:

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EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Tom Kocher
Family

Ushers:

David Muhs
Lester Zuber

Greeters:

Werner & Janette
Kocher

Children's Liturgy:

Anita & Anna

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Amity Zuber
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Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Harold & Lisa
Boehl

Ushers:

Gary Kocher
Ian Kocher

Greeters:

Raph & Sue
McIntire

Children's Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie

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