

Collection Total for April 21, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,048.00 (33)

Loose: \$36.00

Total: \$1,104.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$400.00 (6)

Holy Land Good Friday: \$10.00 (1)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$10.00 (1)

April Bulletins: For the Parish

April Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 30 – 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

Thursday, May 2 – Parish Office will be closed. Please feel free to contact Ashley on cell if anything is needed!

Saturday, May 4 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am

Sunday, May 5 – Closing Family Catechesis Mass, CYM Mass, and May Crowning at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am with Reception including Sacrament Recognition Following in Parish Center
Tuesday, May 7 – Stringtown Community Club Mother/Daughter Banquet at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 6pm

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

"Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska" the Saint of Divine Mercy. Come join us at 10:00am and share in the joy.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The spring weather invites us to spend some time outdoors working on our lawn, flower beds, gardens, and even some needed repairs. We pick up the fallen twigs and sticks, rake wet and dingy leaves, straighten weed riddled flower beds, till the soil for vegetables and flowers, etc.... all of this is hard work and takes time. So, what about your interior garden- *the garden of your soul?* Have you taken time to look at the weeds-debris-the clutter that has overtaken and possibly, even taken root? Will you let God trim- cut- dig out- what holds you bound? Our Father-the vine grower- longs to prune those areas in our life that keep us from growing- flourishing- being Christ-like! Ask God to prune the dead and broken areas so that you will bear fruit- and be HIS- be His disciple! Let this be your prayer: *Father take away every branch in me that does not bear fruit and prune it so that it bears more fruit. I want to be yours- I want to be a disciple! I love you my Lord and my God! Amen!* Journey onward my fellow sojourners- onward to the Kingdom! St. Faustina, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

April - Divine Mercy

Live Your Catholic Faith – Share a token of your love and appreciation with your parishioners at your parish. Send a “Thank You”- “Praying for You”- “You are Special”- “Get Well” card. Pray a Rosary for them and support their works. Participate in: Sisters in Christ, Brothers in Christ, Family Catechesis, Stringtown Study, CYM Schedule an appointment for Spiritual Direction. Live the Easter Joy! **Our Family Prayer** - Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (10x)

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE:

Phones –

Parish Office phone lines have been down off and on for a couple of weeks now. If you cannot reach the office, please use my personal cell phone to reach me! (618) 843-1892

Messengers –

If you received a notice from the Messenger, please ignore this. This has been handled already and all is well. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph-Stringtown for all parishes! June 23-25th from 6-8pm for Pre-K through 5th grade! Please make plans to join us or volunteer to help.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

Meeting at the Holy Cross rectory on Monday's at 7pm, starting this Monday, April 29th! Anyone ages 18-30 are welcome to join! (No longer in high school to those around the age of 30!) This first study is on the Gospel of Mark! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tyler Timm: ttimm@stjoeolney.com or 507-530-2911.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to our second grade students celebrating their First Holy Communion!

Friday, May 3rd

- Third grade author's corner 9am in the church
- 10:50 am Early Dismissal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Annual Giving Campaign! The response has been tremendous. Remember you have until May 1st to be recognized in the "printer proof" letter. I still hope to hit the \$100,000 goal by May 1st! **8th graders** will have their science fair displays set up in the MPR after Mass on May 4th and 5th for parishioners to see. Several 8th graders may be in attendance to showcase their projects to anyone that would like to visit.

Important Dates:

Friday, May 10th - Final Band Concert 3pm in the Gymnasium

Wednesday, May 15th - Graduation Mass 8:15am and Graduation Ceremony 7pm in the courtyard (weather permitting)

Monday, May 20th - Preschool Promotion 11am in the church

Tuesday, May 21st - Last Day for K-7 students 11am Dismissal and Field Day

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, April 28: Knights led Rosary at Olney St. Joseph, 7:40AM.

Thursday, May 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, May 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, May 26: Knight led Rosary, 7:40AM before Olney-St. Joseph Mass.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study at St. Joseph-Olney every Wednesday at 9:15am 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.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET:

The Stringtown Community Club will have their annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00pm in the parish center. The meal will include pulled pork and a potato bar catered by Barney Ochs. Members with last name starting with A-M are asked to bring a salad and those with names starting with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert. **To RSVP, call or text the committee by April 28:** Mona Kocher 618-843-6662, Delaney Steber 618-843-9121, or Mary Zwilling 618-562-8433.

2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st. Cash donations for the picnic expenses are welcomed and can be given to any of the chairs. Thanks to all that provided donations for Noodle Day and those that helped to make it a success! The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting will be Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. (after Mass) at the Stringtown Parish Center.

The Committee Chairs are:

Financial & Kitchen (Dinner) – Lisa Boehl, Raffle – Hank & Nina Ginder, Food Stand – Francis Ochs Beer Garden, Bingo, Live Entertainment, & 50/50 – Janice Zwilling, 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.

THANK YOU:

So many thanks to everyone who bought a quilt or gave a donation to the cure for dementia and Alzheimer's. We collected \$495.00 from the quilts. Your generosity is amazing. The walk will be September 14th at Mattoon. Kathy Zuber

EMMAUS DAYS:

Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to Emmaus Days. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. **Sunday, July 7** – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows **Monday, July 8** – Cathedral of St. Peter

Remember In Our Prayers

Rick Rennier, Carolyn Elie, Fr. Mark Stec

Congratulations to the following on their First Holy Communion! May the blessings of Christ be upon them always!



*Charlotte McCann
Eva McCann
Averie Ochs
Ryker Sterchi
Sawyer Volk
Georgianna Zuber*

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, April 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For Our First Communicants"

Monday, April 29, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"

Tuesday, April 30, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 1, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney 1:30pm at Carle RMH 3rd Floor "Special Intention"

Thursday, May 2, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, May 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 4, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 5, 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

04/28/2024 _____ **04/28/2024**

Servers:

Delana Sterchi*

Grayson Sterchi*

Anna Seiler

CYM

ALL

MINISTRIES

Lector:

Laura Sterchi

EMHC:

Gary Kocher

Beth Kocher

Owen Kocher

Gifts:

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Ushers:

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Greeters:

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