

Collection Total for February 2, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,296.00 (32)
Loose: \$13.00
Total: \$1,309.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$170.00 (4)

Black & Indian Missions: \$194.00 (8)

Religious Education: \$40.00 (5)

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 9 – CYM Mass & Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am.

Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, TODAY following Mass!

High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5:30pm.

Tuesday, February 11– 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 12 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

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

Thursday, February 13 – St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be OPEN 9am-1pm.

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

Friday, February 14 – M.C.4.C & E.C. Valentine’s Day Party at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 6pm.

Saturday, February 15 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney at 5:30pm.

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

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:

Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch, these are very powerful and

vital words for our times. It takes extra effort to cast into the deep—simply because it requires trust! How well do you trust? More specifically, how well do you trust God?

Casting into the deep is unfamiliar to most because we do not go beyond the surface.

We spend way too much time on the surface – skimming through life - thinking we are in control - picking and choosing who and what we like and dare I say, even love! Sadly, this means that we also keep God on the surface.

Then all the worldly-materialistic-prideful- essentially sinful behavior is what ends up in our nets. It is time to cast our nets into the waters of Everlasting life and to delve deeper and deeper into the Heart of the Father. *When you live in the deep- you live deeply with God and live abundantly.* Decide

this day to stop living on the surface with empty nets and plunge into the depths and receive the catch-of-a-lifetime - God’s Love. 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!)

M.C.4.C. & E.C. LOVE IS BOOKLET:

Love is... a journey of more you, me & God. One week of growing more in virtue and deepening the relationship. Continue praying together, living virtuously, and spending time with God. Once the booklet is finished, give to your love! *"It took two to get married, but it will take three to stay married. Keep God in your marriage."* Venerable Fulton Sheen

M.C.4.C & E.C. VALENTINE’S DAY PARTY:

Attention Married and Engaged Couples – join us February 14 at 6pm for a Valentine’s Day party at Holy Cross Parish Center with catered meal by Ochs Smoked Meats and music and dance by Midnight Hours DJ! Cost is \$40 per couple. Semi-formal to formal attire! Childcare will be provided by the CYM at the Parish House. Let us know if childcare is needed when RSVPing. You can RSVP to Sandi Kessler by calling or texting 618-676-5080 by February 9th.

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:

Thursday, February 13- Early release at 11:50am, There will be parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon.

Friday, February 14- No school. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in the morning.

Monday, February 17- No school for Presidents’ Day!

Please join us for our Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival on Saturday, February 8. We will be serving famous Joe’s sauce and pasta in the cafeteria from 5-7pm with carnival games in the gym for the kids! Proceeds benefit our athletics, music, and PTO programs!

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 8th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine for our wine pull. If you can donate a bottle or two, please place them in the special box in the back of each church. Please have any wine donations dropped off by Sunday, March 2nd.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone? We'll talk about that at Bible Study.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, February 13 – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm. Thursday, February 20 – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm. Sunday, February 23 – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”
USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

VOCATION CORNER:

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issued of health, and aging – all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.

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:

Valentine’s Breakfast on Sunday, February 9 from 8am-12pm at St. Valentine Hall in the Bend, Oblong. Adults are \$10, 3-10 years of age \$5, and adult meal refills \$5. Carryouts are available.

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

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider+” “Barbara Ann Ochs+”

Monday, February 10, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”

Tuesday, February 11, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 12, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 13, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, February 14, NO MASS

Saturday, February 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Norman Kocher, Neil & Dorothy Kocher+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

02/09/2025

Servers:

CYM ALL
Ministries
Except EMHC

Lector:

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EMHC:

Janette Kocher
Joselyn Kocher
Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

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Ushers:

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Greeters:

Children’s Liturgy:

Laura & Grayson

02/16/2025

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Kerigan Kocher
Hallie Ochs
Ian Kocher

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

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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