

Collection Total for October 27, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,286.50 (35)
Loose: \$113.00
Total: \$1, 474.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$50.00 (4)

Religious Education: \$75.00 (2)

November Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

November Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, November 3 – 30th Anniversary Blood Drive, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7-11:30am

Stringtown Community Club Soup Supper, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 4-6pm

Tuesday, November 5 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

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

There will not be OCIA this week!

Wednesday, November 6 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm – Everyone welcome! Fr. Steven will be presenting an adult topic on Gender, Identity, and the Creation of the Image of God” while CYM presents VBS lesson to children!

Sunday, November 10 – High School Youth Group, St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, November 11 – Donuts with Veterans, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following 8am Mass

Saturday, November 16 - Middle School Youth Group (backup date is Nov. 30th)

Sunday, November 17– CYM Meeting and Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown

Theology on Tap (More details to follow!)

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

We exist in a time, that is set-apart in history, where people are so nonchalantly discarded, overlooked, and slanderously abused. It is obvious in the disrespectfulness of authority, and in the personal agendas that are engaged. When the approach to “*take matters in our own hands*” is sought with fervent diligence. I ask you, “Where is the seeking of God in these times?” “Where is prayer, sacrifice, and dare, I ask, love for one another?” When did “*we the people*” become God? If you were asked, “Why are here,” or “What is your purpose?” How would you respond? Who is first God or you?

The answer should be, “God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.”

Does your life emulate these words, or the words of the world? Be like the poor widow and give and live out of love-for Love! Because she is the one who is truly rich- in the only way that will forever count-she knew her purpose, and she was not god! Can you live trusting God’s plan? Can you let God lead your life? Will you seek prayer or agendas? Let us live a Life of Love that is one of genuineness, consideration, and Godly respect. Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday’s at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm.

CYM:

High School CYM:

Nov. 10th - High School Youth Group (Olney)

Nov. 17th - CYM Meeting and Mass (Stringtown)

Nov. 22nd - High School Movie Night (Holy Cross) (Note* this date was changed from the HS CYM master schedule)

Nov. 24th - High School Youth Group (Holy Cross)

Middle School CYM:

Nov. 16th - Middle School Youth Group (backup date is Nov. 30th)

STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer

Study is Tuesday mornings at 10am at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Boosters Fundraiser Breakfast this Sunday, November 3 in the school cafeteria. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School sports and music! Serving from 8:30-11:00!

Tuesday, November 5- No School, Election Day **Donations of** wrapping paper, gift bags, and gift tags for students to use for Secret Santa are appreciated and may be dropped off at the school office.

Our October school Mass collection benefitted CRS- Hurricane Relief Fund. Students collected \$249.71 to help those affected by recent hurricanes. Additional donations are appreciated at Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700

SOUP SUPPER TODAY:

The Stringtown Community Club will host a **Soup Supper TODAY** Sunday, November 3rd at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center in Stringtown, IL. Serving times from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. There is a full deal meal for \$10, which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. Menu consists of: Chili, Vegetable Beef, and Chicken Noodle Soup with free refills, hot dog or grilled cheese, pie and ice cream, tea, lemonade, and coffee. We will also have a cake walk, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you all there!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Are you looking to understand how to develop a deeper prayer life? Do you have some questions about the Catholic faith? Looking for some spiritual

answers to help you heal? Take some time for "you and your relationship with Jesus" this fall and schedule an appointment for a Spiritual Check-Up. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate for scheduling. All appointments are confidential.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Our next Family Catechesis will be held Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Fr. Steven will be presenting an adult topic on **Gender, Identity, & the Creation of the Image of God. All are welcome to attend!** During the adult talk, our CYM will be presenting the material from one of the two VBS days “**God is a friend who loves!**” we were not able to cover this summer. **If your child(ren) attended VBS this summer, please be sure to attend – and invite those that would like to finish up the VBS program with us. We would love to see you!**

FR. STEVEN HOMILY:

Did you miss Fr. Steven’s homily? If you did, or if you’d like to listen to it again, you can find Fr. Steven’s most recent homilies recorded online. You can access these tracks on your computer at soundcloud.com or using the Soundcloud app on a device. You can search “Steven Beatty” to find his page or visit this link in your browser. <https://soundcloud.com/steven-beatty-332422989>

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Canisters for Tootsie Roll Drive will still be in stores until early November so there is still time to give. **The Knights of Columbus Council 1352 Memorial Mass** is on November 20th at 6:30 PM for Cleo F. Hahn and Richard M. Dallmier. ***Please note the date change.* November 14th:** 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM. **November 21st:** 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Our speaker will be Dana Baker with Mentor Richland County. Refreshments will be provided by Ashlie Zwilling and Linda McWhirter.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We'll hear about two poor women, alone, with limited resources, yet generous and giving. You probably know of someone like one of these ladies. Think about coming to Bible Study.

MINISTER'S LIST:

If you are interested in training or volunteering for any ministries, contact Ashley at the Parish Office.

OCTOBER COUNT:

Thank you to Werner & Janette Kocher for making sure this was taken care of each Sunday at Mass. We appreciate you!

KIDS' BULLETIN:

The kids' bulletin is a resource for Catholic kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass every week! We hope the Kids' Bulletin help you to know, love, and serve God better everyday for your child(ren) and as a family. Please pick up as you grab your weekly bulletins! We're excited to be adding this resource for you and hope you enjoy it!!

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY:

The Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled **TODAY** from 7-11:30am., which will be the 30th anniversary of having blood drives at Stringtown.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients

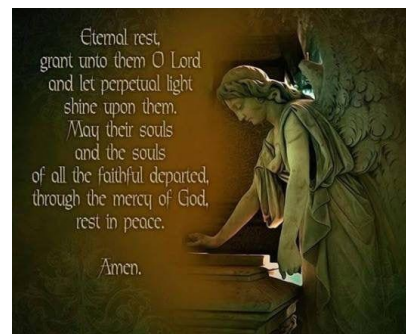
and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross...The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

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



Please remember in your prayers our faithful departed.

Cleo F. Hahn – May 29, 2024

Geraldine M. (Hardig) Read – June 17, 2024

Ethel M. (Volk) Zwilling – June 28, 2024

Kathleen "Kathy" Zwilling – September 14, 2024

Sunday, November 3, 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Augustine, Lorena, & Andy Ochs+"

Monday, November 4, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bernadine & Lawrence Kocher+"

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

Wednesday, November 6, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, November 7, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, November 8, NO MASS

Saturday, November 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, November 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Charles & Helen Zuber+" "Meryl & Opal Schafer+" "Carolyn Zuber+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

11/03/2024

Servers:

Amity Zuber
Gavin Kuentler
Austin Kuentler

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

Jamie Kocher
Joselyn Kocher
Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

Gary & Dorothy
Zwilling

Ushers:

Scott Seiler
Luke Seiler

Greeters:

Werner & Janette
Kocher

Children's Liturgy:

Laura & Delana

11/10/2024

Servers:

Emmitt Kocher
Gabriel Volk
Will Volk

Lector:

Shelly Seaman

EMHC:

Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Owen Kocher

Gifts:

Brian Ochs
Family

Ushers:

David Muhs
Harold Boehl

Greeters:

Ralph & Sue
McIntire

Children's Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie O.

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