

Collection Total for January 19, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,520.00 (38)
Loose: \$28.00
Total: \$1,548.00.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$525.00 (4)

Religious Education: \$50.00 (1)

First Offering: \$10.00 (2)

Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00 (2)

Christmas Flowers: \$40.00 (1)

January Bulletins: For the Parish

January Missalettes: For the Parish

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

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

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, January 25 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Sunday, January 26 – Donut Sunday TODAY at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following Mass. High School Youth Group at Holy Cross Wendelin Youth Space, 5:30pm.

Tuesday, January 27– St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be closed.

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, January 28 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

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

Thursday, January 29 – St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Office will be closed due to Ashley’s infusion being scheduled.

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

Saturday, February 1 – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Sunday, February 2 – Young Adults Gathering at Holy Cross Parish Center – Dinner at 6pm, Speaker/Topic TBD for Ages 18-35, 21+ welcome to bring adult beverages to drink responsibly!

Sunday, February 9 – High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 5:30pm.

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:

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

This is a Jubilee year, “a holy year,” represented by God’s grace, redemption, and deliverance. A time, “to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” This is a time to forgive, seek reconciliation, and offer kindness. A time of grace to re-establish a deeper and more personal relationship with God, and one another. The call to live as a Pilgrim of Hope is the theme and the challenge for us all. Pope Francis wrote, “In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.” The Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing said Jesus. Will this scripture be lived, heard, and fulfilled in your Jubilee year? Hope does not disappoint. Live being free from oppression and seek favor. Live this Jubilee year - intently- 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. Mark your calendars and preregister by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and using zip code 62450.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

"World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen 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, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings - childcare available)

CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT UPDATE:

"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints." will officially launch August 2025 and will be a yearlong project to July 2026. **Catholic Extension committee enthusiastically received and approved the full amount of \$15,000.00!** More will be shared ongoingly as we venture into this project.

ASHLEY UPDATE:

Thank you for the prayers – I am so appreciative of all the texts, calls, emails, and everyone checking in with me as I recover. I want to be as transparent as possible with everyone so I received an infusion on Thursday morning (01-23-25) in Effingham. I had several side effects but feeling a little better now. I go back again next Thursday for my next infusion in this series followed by more lab work to see how my levels stand. Office will still be closed this week but I am planning to be back February 4th on a near normal schedule. I have future appointments scheduled in Olney so I am thankful for that. As always, I appreciate your prayers, patience, and understanding! Please continue to reach out if you need anything – you know how to contact me! Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS:

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

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

- Wednesday at 8am - Alumni Mass
- Thursday from 11am-Noon - 5th Grade Saints Wax Museum in the gym
- Friday at 8:15am - Living Rosary presented by our 1st and 2nd Grade classes in the church.

Thank you to students for providing ministries for our Catholic Schools Week kickoff Mass celebrations! **Preschool and kindergarten enrollment is currently underway for the 2025-26 school year.** Please contact the school office if you have not previously reached out and plan to enroll a student. **St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars** are available in the school office! Calendars are \$25 each and provide 257 daily chances to win \$25 & 4 opportunities to win \$500! Get yours today! We will not draw until the last week of January (so you still have time to win).

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 Gospel for The Presentation of the Lord. We'll spend time in the Temple at Jerusalem and we'll see the parents of Jesus, devout Jews, present Jesus to be consecrated to the Lord as a first-born son, as the law of Moses required. Mary has to be cleansed, too. This will be quite a 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:

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how at <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/how-talk-friend-whos-had-abortion> *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

VOCATION CORNER:

My parents gave me and my siblings a joyful and loving childhood where the beauty of the Catholic faith shone brightly. They sent us to a school in Madrid operated by the sisters of the Company of the Savior, whose charism is to cooperate with parents by providing a strong education in a faithful catholic environment. The joy, devotion and dedication of the sisters immediately attracted me. During my last years of high school and my first year of college, I was tempted by new experiences and friendships based on different ideals than those of my youth. It was Mary who opened my eyes to see deeper. She brought me back to the heart of Jesus. Eventually, I embraced His loving call to be only his and joined the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. *Sr. Maria Alguacil; Sisters of the Company of the Savior; Columbia, Sept. 2021*

THE MESSENGER:

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and

\$45 for both. Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Saturday, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10 am 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 2 pm, then conclude at 3 pm with Benediction. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be accepted to assist the visiting priests with their expenses. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Catholic Charities food pantry, as they are in need at this time. Babysitting will be provided, let us know if you have small children when you signup. A signup sheet is in the back of St. Aloysius Church and St. Joseph Church or 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, 4841 N. 2125th St in Oblong. Menu will feature Hartrich sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, potato casserole, fruit cocktail, breakfast breads and sweets, and drink. 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, January 26, 2025

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider+” “Catherine & Bill Zwilling+”

Monday, January 27, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Rita Damm+”

Tuesday, January 28, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 29, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 30, NO MASS

Friday, January 31, NO MASS

Saturday, February 1, 9:00 at Holy Cross-Wendelin 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Louis & Lelia Volk+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

01/26/2025

Servers:

St. Joseph School

ALL MINISTRIES

Except EMHC

Lector:

Beth Kocher

EMHC:

Janette Kocher

Joselyn Kocher

Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

David Muhs

Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider

Alex Schenider

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

Children’s Liturgy:

Donna & Natalie

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Roland Sager

Silas Sager

Julian Seaman

Lector:

Shelly Seaman

EMHC:

Gary Kocher

Beth Kocher

Ian Kocher

Gifts:

Jack Weidner

Family

Ushers:

Scott Seiler

Luke Seiler

Greeters:

Mallory Kocher

Children’s Liturgy:

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm