

**Collection Total for May 5, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,735.00 (42)  
Loose: \$86.00  
**Total: \$1,821.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)**

**Seminarian: \$312.00 (11)**

**Religious Education: \$80.00 (5)**

**Cemetery: \$130.00 (2)**

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**May Bulletins: In Memory of Kathy Zuber**

**May Missalettes: For the Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Monday, May 13** – Youth Adult Bible Study, Holy Cross, 7pm

Picnic Chair Meeting, St. Joseph-Stringtown, 7pm

**Tuesday, May 14** – **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

**Sunday, May 19** – **Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7:00-11:30am**

**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:**

*Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.* This is what we ALL are called to do! We do this the way we live, talk, and share our time and space. Seriously, take a minute and reflect- do I proclaim the Gospel-God’s Word? Or do I proclaim my own gospel- my view? Do you share the joy, mercy, goodness, and love of the

Ascended Lord? Or the gossip, division, insults, etc. that come from the evil one? Our Lord may have ascended into Heaven but rest assured, HE REMAINS AMONGEST US ALL. So go forth, and live a life being HIS disciple- Share the wonders of HIS MOST HOLY NAME! Journey onward to the Kingdom... *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature!* St. Faustina, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!* Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!* Happy Mother’s Day to all!

**PARISH OFFICE UPDATE:**

Phones are now working in the Parish Office!

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

Meeting at the Holy Cross rectory on Monday’s at 7pm. Anyone ages 18-30 are welcome to join! (No longer in high school to those around the age of 30!) If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tyler Timm: [ttimm@stjoeolney.com](mailto:ttimm@stjoeolney.com) or 507-530-2911.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

Thank you so all our families that attended the Family Catechesis Mass with May Crowning last weekend, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph-Stringtown. We had a beautiful Mass led by the CYM and Fr. Felix followed by a Sacrament-Family Party at the St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Thank you to **Holy Cross Ladies Altar Sodality** for providing our drinks, fruit trays, and family gifts! Also, thank you to **Holy Cross Family Life Committee** for providing donuts for our celebration.

**Live Your Catholic Faith - Ways We Can Honor Mary:** 1. Pray the Rosary. 2. Say the Hail Mary Prayer throughout the day. 3. Create a Prayer Corner, placing some representation of our Blessed Mother whether that be a photo, small statue, or Rosary beads. 4. Create an outdoor space, flowers in honor of Mary. **Our Family Prayer - A Prayer of Reparation Taught by the Angel during the third apparition** Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the

most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen. *Pray three times in a row.*

**FAMILY CATECHESIS REGISTRATION OPEN:**

This is for ALL ages: birth, pre-school, grade school, high school kids, even for you ADULTS! This is for the WHOLE FAMILY that wants to be involved, participate, and kept aware of ALL THINGS FAMILY CATECHESIS. A LOT of Catholic Learning, Fun, Gatherings, Activities, Events, Speakers and so much more on the Horizon. This will surely be the BEST one YET so do not DELAY registering! Register on the parish website or FLOCKNOTE message: **Family Catechesis** [Held October-May, monthly/bi-monthly faith, fun, gatherings] **VBS June 23- 25** [Specify if you can volunteer] & **Saints in Training in July** [This is for ALL ages] **Register for All THREE by May 28<sup>th</sup>!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**VBS – Scuba – Diving Into Friendship With God**  
Ages: Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade!  
Dates and Location: June 23-25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated, please contact Ashley Hinterscher or Caroline Trimble to volunteer. Registration now open on Parish Websites under the Family Catechesis Tab or Flocknote through May 28<sup>th</sup>!

**SAINTS IN TRAINING:**

Every Sunday in July. You will pick up your packets weekly at Mass. This is for all ages! Registration now open on Parish Websites under the Family Catechesis Tab or Flocknote through May 28<sup>th</sup>!

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE:**

Mass and Memorial Day Service will be held at St. Joseph-Stringtown cemetery on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If attending, please bring a lawn chair. Service will be held inside if it rains.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** - First Grade afternoon in the park

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:15am Graduation Mass
- 7pm Graduation Ceremony in the courtyard weather permitting

**Thursday, May 16** - Third Grade Business Expo in the MPR

**Friday, May 17** - Band Trip to Holiday World

**Monday, May 20**

- Preschool Promotion Ceremony in the Church 11am
- Sports Physicals provided by CRMH 12:15 - 2:30pm in the MPR

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Last Day of School**

- Field Day Activities - 8am - 10:30am
- Prayer Service 10:30am in the Church
- Early Dismissal 11am

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, May 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. All members please plan to attend. The new slate of officers will be voted on in June! **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. This Wednesday, Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for Pentecost and we'll use our imaginations to enter into the scene as we join the Galileans as well as the Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, Judeans, Cappadocians, Pontians and Asians, Phrygians and Pamphylans, Libyans, Cretans, Romans, Arabs and more.

**2024 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**  
**The 2024 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st.**

Cash donations for the picnic expenses (including meat for meals, meal related items, entertainment, etc.) are welcomed and can be given to any of the chairs.

**Extra picnic flyers are available.** Please contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements to receive them.

**Noodle Day was a huge success.** All donations and volunteers were greatly appreciated.

**The Picnic Committee Chair's next meeting** will be

Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:30 p.m. 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

**Raffle lists and tickets** are in parishioner envelopes at the back of church. Please pick them up! Tickets can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped into the collection basket.

**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

**EMMAUS DAYS TILES:**

All children of the Diocese are invited to participate in the festivities of Emmaus Days by decorating a wood tile to be displayed. Please return these tiles by May 15<sup>th</sup> with finished artwork and place in the basket located on the table in the Parish Center. The tiles will be sent to Belleville for dramatic display at the Millennium

Spire at the top of the Amphitheater all day. Tiles will be returned! Please participate to make this a success!

**2024 GRADUATES:**

Please submit names of all graduates including name of the school to the Parish Office. You **must** notify the office to be included on the list. Names will not be published without contacting the office.

**ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:**

Please take home a baby bottle to fill with extra change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The proceeds will be donated to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its prolife ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting pro-life efforts. Thank you for your help with his campaign!

***Remember In Our Prayers***

Rick Rennie, Carolyn Elie, Fr. Mark Stec



**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, May 12, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
**"For All Mothers"**

**Monday, May 13, 6:30pm** at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
**"Ralph & Cyril Zwilling+"**

**Tuesday, May 14, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, May 15, 8:05am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Friday, May 17, NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 18, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, May 19, 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

**MINISTERS LIST**

**05/12/2024**

**Servers:**

Amity Zuber\*

Ian Kocher

Gus Kocher

**Lector:**

Beth Kocher

**EMHC:**

Gary Zwilling

Jenny Hancock

Jamie Kocher

**Gifts:**

John Ochs Family

**Ushers:**

Gary Kocher

Owen Kocher

**Greeters:**

Werner & Janette

Kocher

**05/19/2024**

**Servers:**

Emmitt Kocher\*

Austin Kuenstler

Gavin Kuenstler

**Lector:**

Kylie Kocher

**EMHC:**

Harold Boehl

Lisa Boehl

Josie Kocher

**Gifts:**

Seaman Family

**Ushers:**

Ray Schneider

Alex Schneider

**Greeters:**

Elmer & Mary

Ochs

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