

Collection Total for February 16, 2025

Envelopes: \$681.00 (22)
Loose: \$4.00
Total: \$685.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$610.00 (5)

Black & Indian Missions: \$5.00 (1)

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 23 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin Youth Space, 5:30pm.

Tuesday, February 25– 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 26 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

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

Thursday, February 27 – Confirmation Retreat at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:30am-2:00pm. *Please pray for the Confirmandi and Confirmation Retreat Team Members.*

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

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

Saturday, March 8 – St. Joseph School Bingo Bash at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center

Friday, March 14 – Newton Knights of Columbus Lenten Fry-Day Fish Fry to benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project, Newton KC Hall, 4:30-7:00pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The power of our words is mighty - mightier than a two-edged sword. I recall as a child, hearing the words, *“Sticks, and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!”* Sadly, we soon realize, that this is not true! When we measure others- speak uncharitably- with words of unkindness, disrespect, slander- it is like taking a feather pillow-ripping it open and letting the feathers scatter in the wind. Once this is done, it is impossible to collect all the feathers again- *the damage has been done.* Let us Live a Life of Love that does not measure others, but responds to others with *kindness- gentleness- patience-* this is the Christ-like way. Keep the feathers in your pillow and let us scatter words of Love! Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The next Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown will be held on Sunday, March 16. **The Stringtown Community Club will meet** on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00pm at the Parish Center. Someone will speak on behalf of Gaitway to Motion. Ashlie Zwilling, Kathy Zuber and Janice Zuber will provide refreshments.

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!)

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:

Thank you to the local Knights of Columbus for sponsoring spelling bees for our 5th-8th grade students and a Hoop Shoot competition for our 3rd-8th graders! **Wednesday, February 26**- Early release at 1:50 **Thursday, February 27**- Confirmation retreat for St. Joseph School students at Stringtown.

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS:

Tax contributions are available in the back of church. If you don't see yours, please contact the Parish Office to get a copy.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:

Happy Birthday to Carl Kessler! He is turning 85 on March 4th and would love to receive cards to celebrate. Please send cards to Carl at 1211 Shurron Street, Olney, IL 62450.

THANK YOU:

Huge thank you to everyone that came out to support and volunteer at the CYM Spaghetti Lunch last Sunday despite the winter weather. CYM as a whole greatly appreciates all the ongoing support and love from our awesome partnership of parishes that makes our youth program and summer mission trips possible!

PALMS:

Reminder to bring your Blessed Palms to church over the next two weekends. There will be a basket in the vestibule.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WINE PULL:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash is quickly approaching! It is not too late to donate unopened bottles of wine for this year's Wine Pull. So far, our donations are a little lower than in past years. With your help, we can make this another successful event! If you have a bottle or two to donate, please drop off in one of the church boxes by March 2nd. You can drop off at the school office up until Friday, March 7th. Thank you!

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th. **A special thank you to Hank and Nina Ginder**, for all their hard work with last year's picnic raffles. **We are looking for individuals to help chair the Raffle Stands** (Main, Quilt, & Kids). If you are interested or have any questions, please contact one of the Picnic Chairs. Thank you! **Picnic Chairs** are Lisa Boehl, Janice Zwilling, Francis Ochs, Mona Kocher, Ethan Steber, Delaney Steber, Shelly Seaman, Scott Seiler

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us. To turn away from evil and wrongdoing takes character! Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? You might learn how at Bible Study.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com, click on the red YouTube image in the top right corner of the screen. Please share with those who may not be able to attend in person.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, February 23 – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am before Mass at St. Joseph-Olney. **Friday,**

March 7th – First fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7pm at the Olney City Park Community Building. **Thursday, March 13** – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off of MPR at St. Joseph-Olney. **Thursday, March 20** – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off of MPR at St. Joseph-Olney. **Congratulations to Knights of Columbus 6th-8th Grade Spelling Bee Winners** – 1st - Yzabella Biyok, 2nd - Camden Blank, 3rd - Nora McClain, 4th - Leah Kuenstler, 5th - Levi Rudolphi, 6th - Andrew Lambird. Top three winners qualify for the Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee at Mt. Vernon at St. Mary's Parish Center at 10:30am on Saturday, March 15th. Good luck Yzabella, Camden, and Nora!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

VOCATION CORNER:

“People often discover their vocation to religious life at Mass or in adoration, but I “heard the call” while literally receiving a phone call! Before this life-changing moment during my last semester of college, I had spent about a year growing in my spiritual life through spiritual direction and getting to know members of Pro Ecclesia Santa. I was attracted to their joy, their charisma to live and promote holiness, and their closeness to the Sacred Heart. But I was wrestling with the question of whether God was really calling *me* to religious life. Speaking on the phone with a potential roommate for the following year, I knew deep down that I was fooling myself. I didn’t need to make housing plans; God wanted me to say “yes” to my vocation and move in with the sisters. Whatever your state of life, say ‘yes’ to God’s will

and let yourself be surprised by his loving plans for YOU. “ Sister Leann Luecke; Pro Ecclesia Santa; *Columbia Magazine* – July/Aug. 2023 **Prayer for Consecrated Persons** *The following prayer, written for the World Day for Consecrated Life, is provided courtesy U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life And Vocations.* **"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."**

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. You may sign up 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:

St. Mary’s Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 2nd 8am-12 noon at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Ste. Marie! Menu will include sausage links & ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, breads & fruit, and juice, milk, & coffee. Adults are \$10, Children (4-10) are \$5, and children 3 and under are free! Bake sale will also be sponsored by the youth group.

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

Sunday, February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “George Ochs+” “Carolyn Zuber+”
Monday, February 24, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”
Tuesday, February 25, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, February 26, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, February 27, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, February 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 1, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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Servers:

Amity Zuber
 Don Seiler
 Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
 Mary Ochs
 John Ochs

Gifts:

Harold & Lisa Boehl

Ushers:

Gary Kocher
 Ian Kocher

Greeters:

Ralph & Sue McIntire

Children’s Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie

03/02/2025

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Kaitlyn Ginder
 Haley Ginder
 Gus Kocher

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
 Jenny Hancock
 Gary Zwilling

Gifts:

Ray Schneider Family

Ushers:

Werner Kocher
 Mallory Kocher

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher Family

Children’s Liturgy:

Janette & Mallory

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