

Collection Total for November 3, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,076.00 (36)
Loose: \$39.25
Total: \$1,115.25

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$40.00 (1)

Religious Education: \$170.00 (6)

All Saints Day: \$190.00 (6)

November Bulletins: In Memory of Norman

Kocher

November Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, November 10 – Donuts with Veterans, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following 8am Mass

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

Monday, November 11 – Happy Veteran’s Day! Parish Offices Closed!

Tuesday, November 12 – 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

OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm

Saturday, November 16 – Middle School Youth Group (Backup Date is Nov. 30th)

Sunday, November 17– CYM Meeting and Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am

Theology on Tap (More details to follow!)

Friday, November 22 – High School Movie Night at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, November 24 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

As we near the end of the Liturgical year our readings bring us to the triumphant power and majesty of Our Risen Lord. Our Savior and Our King. While we may take great comfort in knowing that Our Lord is reigning, there is still the necessity to be reminded of the battle that is raging for each of us. This battle is for our soul- and it will determine where we will spend eternity. Do not let the sinful wiles of evil snare you into their traps!

If gossip, duplicity, unkindness, anger, slander, sloth, lust, (etc...) consume your life and time - Repent! Repent while you have this present moment! We are not promised tomorrow! Journey onward to live a life where the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords reigns within you. Be wise-Shine Brightly- with the Love and Light of Jesus! St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU:

Stringtown Community Soup Supper was held November 3 and was a huge success. A big thank you to all who attended and helped support this event from the community and the parishes. A special thanks to Stringtown Community Club members and their families for helping to make this event possible. The Stringtown Community Club would like to thank the Stringtown youth who volunteered and helped out where needed, including the Stringtown Confirmation Class.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU:

A big thank you to all who were able to come out and supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive on November 6th, which was our 30th anniversary of hosting blood drives. A special thanks to Zachary Elmore, American Red Cross Blood Services Account Manager, and the American Red Cross Team who helped us celebrate this special day with excellent care and support.

It was a very successful drive with 46 productive units of blood being collected, which means we exceeded our goal of 43 units. We appreciate everyone's help in supporting the Stringtown Community Blood Drive and look forward to future drives. Thank you! **The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 7-11:30 a.m.** All donors at this drive will be eligible to be entered in a chance for a gift card. Mark your calendar and schedule an appointment online today!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donate-on-time> Lots of families participated in donating blood, which was greatly appreciated. Everyone enjoyed great food and visiting with all their friends.

CONGRATULATIONS FRED OCHS!

Congratulations to Fred Ochs for reaching a milestone of donating 36 gallons of blood at the November Stringtown Community Blood Drive. This means that Fred has donated blood a total of 288 times over the years. He received a certificate and a special pin marking his accomplishments. **During the blood drive**, Fred brought in and showed everyone all his special lanyard that has every pin marking each gallon he has donated. **Fred started giving blood in 1959** when he was 19 years old in the basement at the American Legion in Olney. Later he donated blood at the First United Methodist Church in Olney. Since then, Fred has donated at the Stringtown Parish Center since November 1994. Fred currently tries to donate blood 5 times per year.

Over the years Fred has recruited and encouraged other family members to donate blood, including his sons and siblings. The Ochs family has donated and supported the local blood drives over the years to help their community and others in need.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Our deepest sympathy to Caroline Trimble on the loss of her father, George C. Harper. George died on November 2, 2024. Please keep Caroline and her

family in your prayers. *“May George rest in the peace and love of our Lord!”*

SERVER TRAINING:

There will be server training after Sunday Mass on December 1st. All school children age 4th grade through freshman in high school are asked to attend. High school and adults welcome to attend, as well! Servers will be trained to ring bells at Consecration time so it is important that everyone attend. Any questions, call Janette Kocher 618-843-1650.

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:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Booster Breakfast fundraiser!
Monday, November 11 – No School - Thank you Veterans for your service!

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.

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:

Thank you to all that helped and supported Tootsie Roll Drive. **November 14th:** 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM. **November 20th:** The Knights of Columbus Council 1352 Memorial Mass for **Cleo F. Hahn** and **Richard M. Dallmier** at 6:30 PM. **November 21st:** 4th degree meeting at 7 PM. **November 24th:** The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am. **December 1st:** Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner at 5 PM. All knights and their families are welcome to attend. Santa will be there around 5:45. **K of C State Soccer Kick Competition** in Bloomington on November 9th for the 1st place winners from the Regionals. State Soccer Kick Competition Regional in Charleston results from our council: 1st place: Lauren French, Nora McLain, Cheney Meadows, David Fleming, and Connor Buchner, 2nd place: Ella Fitch and Meira Cotterell, 3rd place: Josh Patel. **Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** is beginning with information from each St. Joseph School classroom teacher and at the back of each church. There are cash prizes for three winners in each of the five class age groups. The poster deadline is November 26th at St. Joseph School Office, or November 24th in the back of each church.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Hold onto your hats because both Jesus and the prophet Daniel will speak about a time when the world, as we know it, will end. The physical order we currently rely on will disappear. Scripture has the answers. Better get to Bible Study.

MINISTER'S LIST:

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

KIDS' BULLETIN:

Please pick up as you grab your weekly bulletins! We're excited to be adding this resource for you and hope you enjoy it!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own." Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Living Radical Solidarity"

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Charles & Helen Zuber+" "Meryl & Opal Schafer+" "Carolyn Zuber+"

Monday, November 11, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For All Veterans"

Tuesday, November 12, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, November 13, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney; 1:30pm at CRMH

Thursday, November 14, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, November 15, NO MASS

Saturday, November 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, November 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Pike, Mary, Ed, & Janel Ginder+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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.

11/17/2024

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CYM All
Ministries

Lector:

EMHC:

Gifts:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Children's Liturgy:

Janette & Mallory

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