

**Collection Total for August 11, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,223.00 (28)  
Loose: \$22.00  
**Total: \$1,921.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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

**Religious Education: \$100.00 (1)**

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**August Bulletins: For The Parish**

**August Missalettes: For the Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, August 18 – Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7-11:30am.**

**Tuesday, August 20 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

**Stringtown Study, 10am**

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

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

What a beautiful world it would be if we *truly* lived as imitators of God. There would be no bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, reviling, or malice. It would be heavenly-truly heaven on earth! Then kindness, compassion, and forgiveness could flow like honey. It is possible to have such a world, but it begins with choices, thoughts, and actions that reflect God. We are beloved children of this Good, Good Father, so Live a Life of Love that reflects the image of your heavenly Father. This heavenly bread that is offered to us at every Mass in the Most Holy Eucharist helps us to become more God-like. The more we partake of this heavenly banquet the kinder, the more compassionate and forgiving we become. This is Love-Holy Eucharist - Bread from Heaven - Living Bread! Be an imitator of God and a life of love will be yours. Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

**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 questions, please contact Tyler Timm at [ttimm@stjoeolney.com](mailto:ttimm@stjoeolney.com) or 507-530-2911.

**MASS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER**

First Friday Masses at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am and First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am with Confession beginning at 8:15am will continue. There will **NOT** be any other Friday morning masses during these months.

**NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:**

Phone lines are technically working, however, there is a lot of static present and it is hard to hear from both the caller and office. Please note if you leave a message, it is the same way. Please know you are always welcome to use my cell phone number to get ahold of me. Thanks! - Ashley

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Saturday, August 17- Father Jerry 5K  
Saturday, August 24- Middle school youth group after 5pm Mass  
Thank you everyone for a wonderful start to the 2024-25 school year! Growing Together in Christ

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Next 3rd Degree Meeting September 12 at 7:00 PM  
Next 4th Degree Meeting September 19 at 7:00 PM  
Annual K of C Family BBQ on August 18 at 5:00 PM at Doll's Cabin.  
Knight of Month is Steve Kuenstler.

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B.**

**CYM:**

Sunday August 25th - CYM Kickoff Youth Group BBQ, 12 pm @ Holy Cross

**YOUNG ADULTS:**

Sunday August 25th - Young Adults Theology on Tap, 6 pm @ Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (West boat launch), Speaker: Fr. Dean Probst - “Defending the Faith through Scripture”

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHTS:**

***Middle School Nights for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders:*** Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> following Mass at St. Joseph Olney

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**

Any parishioner that graduated from high school in 2024 and is attending college or an institution of higher education, may apply for a scholarship from the club. To apply, please pick up an application and rules in the back of church or call Janice Zuber at 618-392-3411 for the forms. The deadline to return the application is September 20th. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber. You can email them to [janice.zuber@yahoo.com](mailto:janice.zuber@yahoo.com) or hand them in.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**

Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and all years over 60 on Sunday, October 13, at 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter. If you are celebrating one of these milestones and would be interested in receiving an invitation from the Diocese, please contact Ashley by August 26<sup>th</sup>!

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

This liturgy is developed especially for children. They listen to the Gospel and participate in discussion all at their level. We welcome all children age 3 through kindergarten. Please bring your child to the Parish Center before Mass. We will bring them back to church after the homily. A huge thank you to all the teachers and helpers

who make this program possible. If you have any questions, contact Anne Crites, 618-843-3935.

**2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

**BLOOD DRIVE – DONORS NEEDED:**

**BLOOD EMERGENCY!**

Blood drive TODAY at Stringtown Parish Center from 7-11:30am. Come give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Card by email. All presenting donors will also be entered into a drawing for two Holiday World tickets! Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and type in zip code 62450 to register.

**PRECANA OPPORTUNITY:**

Date: September 14, 2024 Where: St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church (Fellowship room): 1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon IL. 62864; Registration: 9:15 – 9:45; Start: 9:45  
Close with 5:00 Mass. Cost: \$75.00 per couple. The cost includes materials, lunch and pizza (optional) after 5:00 Mass. To register: Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life”  
<https://www.respectlife.org/culture-of-life>

**ST. JOSEPH SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:**

Let’s celebrate! Celebrate good times, come on! One hundred fifty years and counting! The celebration weekend is September 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration On Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 11 PM and on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 until 11 PM at St. Joseph’s Church grounds at Island Grove. Come to enjoy fellowship with food, live music, soft drinks, beer, bounce house all on Friday. Then, add yard games, quilts, church & rectory tours, bingo, antique tractors, Corn hole tourney, Commode races, beard/dress contest and Spark Show to that on Saturday. Representative Adam Niemerg will present a Resolution from the State of Illinois at 1 PM on Saturday.

**ST. MARY’S PICNIC – SAINTE MARIE:**

The 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic will be held Sunday, September 1, 2024. Meal will be \$12 from 3-6pm in Parish Center and feature Ste. Marie Style Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert, and Water. To go containers available. ½ Chickens only \$12. Leftover chicken will be sold from 6-7pm inside. Food and games from 3-7pm with porkburgers, chips, soda, and Homewood Grill ice cream. There will also be big ticket raffle, hand-made quilt raffle, basket raffle, bingo, and kids games. Raffle drawings at 7pm with beer garden running from 3-9pm. A Little Southern Comfort (SOCO) will play from 6-9pm. Hope to see you there!

**Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie,  
 Teresa Zehner**

*Give blood.*  
 Every 2 seconds someone  
 in the U.S. needs blood.  
**American Red Cross**



**St Joseph Stringtown  
 Community Club Blood Drive**

**St Joseph Stringtown  
 Community Club**

Parish Hall  
 6342 County Rd 1700 E  
 Olney, IL 62450

**Sunday, August 18, 2024  
 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

All presenting donors will be entered into a drawing for two Holiday World tickets! Tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be redeemed for cash. 2024-APL-2291

Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See [redcross.org/help](http://redcross.org/help)

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**Sunday, August 18, 2024  
 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 +Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, August 18, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Norman Kocher+” “Joseph Schneider+”  
**Monday, August 19, 6:30pm** at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”  
**Tuesday, August 20, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, August 21, 8:05am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, August 22, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Friday, August 23, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Saturday, August 24, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, August 25, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ann Ochs+” “Augustine & Lorena Ochs Family, Living & Deceased”  
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

<u>08/18/2024</u>	<u>08/25/2024</u>
<b>Servers:</b> Delani Sterchi* Don Seiler Grayson Sterchi	<b>Servers:</b> Silas Sager* Julian Seaman Ian Kocher
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<b>EMHC:</b> Gary Kocher Beth Kocher Owen Kocher	<b>EMHC:</b> Elmer Ochs Mary Ochs John Ochs
<b>Gifts:</b> Werner & Janette Kocher	<b>Gifts:</b> Brian Ochs Family
<b>Ushers:</b> Scott Seiler Luke Seiler	<b>Ushers:</b> Carter Seaman Harold Boehl
<b>Greeters:</b> Ralph & Sue McIntire	<b>Greeters:</b> Bill Zuber

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