

Collection Total for September 15, 2024

Envelopes: \$596.00 (24)
Loose: \$244.50
Total: \$840.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$330.00 (3)

Religious Education Fund: \$50.00 (1)

Retired Diocesan Priest: \$40.00 (1)

September Bulletins: In Memory of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family by the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family Descendants

September Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, September 22 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm
Praise and Worship, 7pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. All are welcome!

Tuesday, September 24 – **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

Sunday, September 29 – Young Adults Theology on Top – More details to follow!

Sunday, October 5 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Joy! My friends, there is always a Joy in the journey. The journey will not always be smooth- filled with giggles- or serenely peaceful- and can at times be heart-breaking- confusing- even unfathomably difficult. But no matter what the moments of life bring - there is a Joy in the journey because God is with You. One of the best

passages of scripture speaking about joy comes from the book of James: *Count it All Joy, My Brethren!* This doesn't mean you are flamboyant exteriorly 24/7- but you are interiorly joy-filled because you know to Whom you belong! You are a Son or Daughter of God and Our Blessed Mother. So, begin this day with Joy! Live your Life of Love filled with Joy! Live knowing that the Joy of the Lord is my Strength! There is a Joy in the Journey! Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

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.

STRINGTOWN STUDY:
Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer
Join us for a 9-week study of discovering the privilege of praying for others. Our praying for others is a beautiful way of thinking, acting, and living like Christ. Also, this deepens our own prayer life and relationship with our Lord. Books will be available September 17th. Study is Tuesday mornings at 10am at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center beginning Sept 24. Contact Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if interested.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
IOWA Testing next week, September 23-27, for grades 2-8.

- Basketball Season Passes**
- Season passes on sale now in the school office for the A/B Basketball Seasons!
 - Boys A/B home games- \$20
 - Girls A/B home games- \$30
 - Combination Pass (boys and girls home games)- \$50
 - Price difference due to the amount of scheduled home games
 - St. Joseph School students receive free admission to all home games!

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Family Catechesis begins on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. The schedule, workbooks, supplements, etc. will be shared and more information about our Catholic Extension Family Grant. We are required to have a "Listening Session" with our parish families; parents, kids, grandparents, parish families, parish councils, This date for this **Important and Required** session will be November 2nd, after the 4:00 Mass at Holy Cross. There will be a catered meal for everyone and lots of fun and fellowship. This will be a banner year for Family Catechesis, so get ready for a fabulous year of Catholic fun, learning, and community.

FIRST SATURDAY MASSES:
Saturday, October 5th at Holy Cross-Wendelin 8:15am Confession starts; 9:00am Mass
Why First Saturday? On July 13th, 1917, Mary appeared for the third time at Fatima and requested, among other things, that Catholics receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday of five consecutive months in reparation for sin. To those who perform this devotion, our Lady promised her assistance at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. Our Lady gave four conditions for the Five First Saturdays of Reparation, namely, that one go to confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the rosary, and meditate 15 minutes on five decades of the rosary. These are to be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

FR. FELIX ADDRESS:
As many of you know, Fr. Felix is in South Carolina for officer training. Please remember to pray for him over the next few months. He will be back with us in December. His address is: Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course, Class #24-003, Cpt. Felix Chukwuma, USA-IRL, 1011 Liberty Division Road, Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090 During this time of Fr. Felix's absence, Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Jurek will be here with us to

help with weekend Mass rotations. Welcome Fr. Dan!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:
Our deepest sympathy to the family of Kathleen Zwilling. Kathleen died on September 14th. The Mass and Burial were held on Friday, September 20th at St. Joseph-Stringtown. ***"May Kathleen rest in the peace and love of our Lord."***

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.

MARRIED CATHOLICS 4 CHRIST (& Engaged Couples):
Fall Gathering on Saturday. September 28th at 6:00pm at Holy Cross Parish House. Food, Fun and Fellowship all provided.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:
The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. Ethan Steber will be our speaker and will be discussing weather forecasting. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to attend.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Sunday, September 29: K of C Led Rosary at 7:40am. Mass Ministries led by K of C 4th Degree, and Fellowship Breakfast After Mass.
Thursday, October 10: 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm. **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive**, we will collect in front of IGA (Sept 27 & 28), Big R (Rural King) (Sept 28), and Olney Tiger Home Football Game (Sept. 27). To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA>

FAF2DA3F4CF8-51129884-kofc or text Scott Seiler - 618-843-0540.

Knight of the Month: Brad Doll

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll learn that leading others astray from Jesus' way or wandering off ourselves have severe consequences. Ever see a millstone? Don't miss this Bible Study. A millstone? Really? Yes, a millstone!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(OCIA): Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you must do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. This is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. An informational meeting will be scheduled in October. Contact Caroline Trimble, if interested or have questions.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at anytime you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for

the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sun, November 3, 2024, from 7-11:30am., which will be the 30th anniversary of having blood drives at Stringtown. Mark your calendar and pre-schedule your November 3rd appointment and using zip code 62450 to schedule your appointment.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)." * NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Live the Gospel of Life"

DIOCESAN BLESSING OF THE HARVEST:

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Harvest Blessing**, which will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Four Beck Dairy, 9500 Bartelso Road, Bartelso, IL 62218. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, and Luke G. Kocher

Sunday, September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Sunday, September 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Living & Deceased Members of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family"

Monday, September 23, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Herman, Ethel, and Kathleen Zwilling+"

Tuesday, September 24, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, September 25, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, September 26, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, September 27, NO MASS

Saturday, September 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, September 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+" "David & Betty Zwilling+" "Vincent, Lorna Mae, and Mike Boehl+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

09/22/2024

Servers:

Delana Sterchi*
Grayson Sterchi
Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Gary Zwilling

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Seaman Family

Ushers:

Caden Kocher
Brian Ochs

Greeters:

Gary & Beth Kocher Family

Children's Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie O.

09/29/2024

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Emmitt Kocher*
Brady Ochs
Mitchell Ochs

Lector:

Josie Kocher

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Scott Seiler

Gifts:

John Ochs Family

Ushers:

Elmer Ochs
Mallory Kocher

Greeters:

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Kocher Family

Children's Liturgy:

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