

**Collection Total for September 22, 2024**

Envelopes: \$670.00 (25)  
Loose: \$49.00  
**Total: \$719.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$225.00 (3)**

**Retired Diocesan Priest: \$10.00 (1)**

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

**September Missalettes: For the Parish**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, September 29** – Young Adults Theology on Tap, Rotary Park-Olney, 6pm

**Tuesday, October 1** – **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, 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:**

The disciples journeyed with Jesus-what an amazing thing to reflect upon. They shared conversation-meals- laughs- tears- they walked together- they sat at His feet and were told of the wonders and mercies of God. How blessed among men are they for they shared intimately in His life- but we too have the choice to share in that same journey with Our Lord! Do we share the journey daily or are we too busy? Or do we just seek Him when a need arises? This journey is priceless and precious- there is nothing more important or pertinent than a Life Shared with Jesus. Do not be led astray by the wiles-division-cruelty-misguidedness of this world!

Seize the moment and journey closer and closer with Jesus- learn from Him- walk with Him- come to know and hear that sweet voice. Begin the journey by speaking to the Lord every morning- spend time in prayer (get up 10 minutes sooner to pray)- give part of your lunch time to reading His Holy Word-pray together before meals- call someone to pray with you- learn about the Saints- ask Mary our Mother to help you - receive the Sacraments. Journey onward with Jesus- hold tight- never let go- and the Joy in the Journey will be unfathomable. 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.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:**

Young Adults Theology on Tap at 6pm at Rotary Park. Speaker: Fr. Pawel Luczak, "The Eucharist: The Source of our Faith". Ages 18-35, those over 21 may bring adult beverages to responsibly enjoy. Next Theology on Tap will be October 20th - more details to follow!

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:**

**October 13th** - CYM Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am with Meeting at 9am

**October 13th** - High School Youth Group - 5:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**October 19th** - Middle School Night – Following 5pm Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

**October 27th** - High School Youth Group - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**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. 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:**

**School Mass on Wednesday, October 2** will be a prayer service in the absence of a priest. Mrs. Dorn's 3rd graders will lead. **PreK Trip** to Dorney's Pumpkin Patch Thursday, October 3. **During the month of October**, St. Joseph school students and staff will pray a decade of the Rosary a day together, reflecting on each of the mysteries. **Thank you to Bryan and Darla Cummins** for your generous donation for school safety lockdown magnets for our school building. **Please follow our school Facebook page!** Search "St. Joseph Catholic School".

**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.

**THANK YOU:**

The Family of Kathy Zwilling would like to say a tremendous Thank YOU to St. Joseph Parish and all who prayed, supported, and gave in any way during our time of loss especially at her funeral. We are grateful and appreciate everyone kindness and continuing prayers.

The Family of Kathy Zwilling

**FIRST SATURDAY MASSES:**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:**

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00pm 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:**

**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/10C084FAFAF2DA3F4CF8-51129884-kofc> or text Scott Seiler - 618-843-0540.

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

**Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and we'll learn that we must be willing to follow the example of Jesus. Those we consider less than ourselves are our equals before God. We are called to embrace and bless them as Jesus did. You should probably attend Bible Study.

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

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

**KING'S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:**

"Come share the Good News at King's House at the Shrine in Belleville. Nov. 15-17, 2024 is the weekend. There are more available dates if this won't work for you. If you are interested in going, please contact Shelby Weidner at (618)843- 5803 or Lynn Weidner (618)843-0361. If you need information on any other dates, let us know or you can contact King's House at the Shrine at (618)397-0584 or you can email Ashore@snows.org or Grichards@snows.org.

**MINISTER'S LIST:**

Please be sure to review the new minister's list for this quarter, October-December. We appreciate your participation with these ministries. If you are interested in training or volunteering for any ministries, contact Ashley at the Parish Office.

**OCTOBER COUNT:**

Just a reminder, the parishes will be doing Mass attendee counts for a Diocesan data collection the month of October!

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SMORGABORD & BAZAAR:**

St. Joseph Church in Olney would like to invite everyone to the 2024 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Sun, Oct. 20 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11am to 1:30pm. Adults: \$12, Children (8&Under): \$8. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, salad bar, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls & desserts! Drive-Thru/Pick-up meals available on Elliott Street by the parish office. Homebound deliveries also available. Bazaar includes chance stand, cake stand, country store and games! Raffle tickets are available for \$20 each in the parish office before October 20th, or for purchase in the gymnasium lobby the day of the event. Grand prize is \$5,000! Raffle winners are drawn at 1:30 PM. (Need not be present to win.) All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

**SCAM ALERT:**

Please note some scams are coming through again as happens periodically. Just a reminder that Fr. Steven, Fr. Felix, visiting priests, or any other parish office staff will not contact you via text, email, etc. to ask for money, gift cards, etc. Be vigilant when you receive these, never give away personal information, and if you have any questions, reach out to the Parish Office. Thank you!

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

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, September 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+" "David & Betty Zwilling+" "Vincent, Lorna Mae, and Mike Boehl+"**

**Monday, September 30, NO MASS**

**Tuesday, October 1, NO MASS**

**Wednesday, October 2, 8:05am Prayer Service at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, October 3, NO MASS**

**Friday, October 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

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

**Sunday, October 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber+"**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST:**

**09/29/2024**

**Servers:**

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:**

Doug & Lora  
Kocher Family

**Children's Liturgy:**

Donna & Natalie

**10/06/2024**

**Servers:**

Silas Sager\*  
Will Volk  
Gabriel Volk

**Lector:**

Kylie Kocher

**EMHC:**

Gary Kocher  
Beth Kocher  
Owen Kocher

**Gifts:**

Chad & Jenny  
Hancock Family

**Ushers:**

Ray Schneider  
Alex Schneider

**Greeters:**

Caden Kocher

**Children's Liturgy:**

Janette & Mallory

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