

**Collection Total for September 1, 2024**

Envelopes: \$1,260.00 (36)  
Loose: \$46.25  
**Total: \$1,306.25**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund: \$70.00 (2)**

**Religious Education Fund: \$135.00 (5)**

**Retired Diocesan Priest: \$100.00 (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 8 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm**

**Tuesday, September 10 – 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 15 – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following 8am Mass**

CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney

**Red Plate Blessings for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders at ALL MASSES**

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

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

Jesus heals! In our Gospel today, we read where Jesus restored the speech and hearing of the mute and deaf man. Interesting, point to ponder- but we all are mute and deaf on some level-physically-spiritually-mentally-emotionally. We go through this life picking and choosing what we want to see and hear. Then we wonder why we stumble around on our journey towards God. There is opportunity every moment of the day to seek the Lord. So, whatever is weighing on you heart- bring it to Jesus.

Ask the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, to open your ears and tongue for God Alone. Be healed and Live a Life of Love- sharing and showing the wonders of His Healing. Praise the Lord My Soul! Praise His Holy Name! Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*

**YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study** – Meeting at the Holy Cross rectory on Monday’s at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm.

**Gatherings – Sun, September 29th:** Young Adults Theology on Tap – More Details Soon!

**CYM:**

**Sun, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>:** High School Youth Group @ Holy Cross - 5:30 pm **Sun, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:** CYM Mass & Meeting in Olney **Sat, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Middle School Night @ Olney - after 5 pm Mass (~6 pm)

**Sun, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** High School Youth Group @ Holy Cross - 5:30pm (Praise and worship music at 7 pm, all are welcome!)

**MASS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER**

First Friday Masses at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am will continue. There will **NOT** be any other Friday morning masses during these months.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Join us** on the courtyard for the first 6-8th grade band performance of the year Tuesday, September 10 at 2:30pm!

**Thank you** to all who supported our mum fundraiser! Drive-through pickup in the grassy lot north of the school Friday, September 13 from 10 am- 5:30 pm.

**1st Graders Red Plate Blessing** at weekend masses September 14-15.

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**3rd Degree Meeting:** September 12 at 7:00PM

**4th Degree Meeting:** September 19 at 7:00PM.

**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.**

**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 in the back of church or call Janice Zuber at 618-392-3411 for the forms. The deadline to return the application is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber by email at [janice.zuber@yahoo.com](mailto:janice.zuber@yahoo.com) or hand them in.

**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.

**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, 618-838-3935.

**2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*  
*The Messenger*, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support *The Messenger*. If you haven’t done so, subscribe to *The Messenger* today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

**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 by using our drive zip code which is 62450 to schedule your appointment.

**PRECANA OPPORTUNITY:**

Sept. 14, 2024 at St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church (Fellowship room). Registration: 9:15-9:45; Start: 9:45 Close with 5:00 Mass. \$75.00 per couple and includes materials, lunch and pizza after 5:00 Mass. Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027 to register.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.” USCCB, “Prayer to Heal Racial Division” <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-heal-racial-division>

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:**

The Diocese is sponsoring a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died by suicide, on Sun, Sept. 15, at 2:00pm, at St. Mary Church in Belleville. Bishop McGovern will preside. Family members

and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend this Mass and bring a photograph of the person you wish to pray for to be placed in the Sanctuary during Mass. The week of September 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week. At this time, let us remember those who have died by suicide and recommit ourselves to providing hope and healing for those who mourn their passing. For more information, call Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003.

**MESSENGER ALL SOULS DAY TRIBUTES:**

Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day with a personalized tribute in the Messenger. These tributes will appear in the October 24<sup>th</sup> publication of The Messenger. Forms can be picked up in church and submitted directly to the Messenger, dropped in the collection, or returned to the Parish Office. It is a \$20 donation for each name. Names are due by October 4, 2024.

**BACH SOCIETY CONCERT – BELLEVILLE:**

There will be a Bach Society Concert on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. Join The Bach Society of Saint Louis at the Cathedral of St. Peter and embark on a profound journey of light and hope with Rachmaninoff’s Vespers. Immerse yourself in the sublime harmonies and soaring voices of The Bach Society Chorus under the direction of Music Director and Conductor A. Dennis Sparger. The concert features soloist’s mezzosoprano Kelly Beekman and tenor Freddie Rice. This is a free event sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville.

**SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE TO OUR PRIESTS – RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION:**

On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us, at baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmation, at times of sickness and sorrow, dedicated their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the Retired Diocesan Priests

Collection. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December. Show your appreciation with a generous gift this weekend! Thank you so much

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

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Sunday, September 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bill & Kathy Zuber Family”**

**Monday, September 9, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Mike & Ellie Kocher+”**

**Tuesday, September 10, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, September 11, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, September 12, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, September 13, NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, September 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Carolyn Zuber+” “David & Betty Zwillig+, Vincent, Lorna Mae, and Mike Boehl+”**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**MINISTERS LIST**

**09/08/2024**

**Servers:**

Amity Zuber\*

Will Volk

Gabriel Volk

**Lector:**

Owen Kocher

**EMHC:**

Janette Kocher

Josie Kocher

Jenny Hancock

**Gifts:**

Lester & Janice Zuber

**Ushers:**

Doug Kocher

Evelyn Volk

**Greeters:**

Seaman

Family

**09/15/2024**

**Servers:**

Kaitlyn Ginder\*

Haley Ginder

Anna Seiler

**Lector:**

Kathy Kocher

**EMHC:**

Gary Kocher

Beth Kocher

Owen Kocher

**Gifts:**

Bill Zuber

**Ushers:**

Austin Kuenstler

James Schneider

**Greeters:**

Jean Kocher

Family

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