

Collection Total for November 10, 2024

Envelopes: \$733.00 (25)
Loose: \$36.50
Total: \$769.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

November Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

November Missalettes: For the Parish

PARISH EVENTS:

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

Young Adults Gathering at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6pm

Tuesday, November 19 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Sisters in Christ, 10am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm
OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm

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

Saturday, November 23 – Married Catholics for Christ (M.C.4.C) and Engaged Couples (E.C.) at Holy Cross-Wendelin at 5:30pm

Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24 – Candle Blessing for Third Graders At All Masses

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

Sunday, December 1 – Server Training at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Following 8am Mass

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Be vigilant at all times... these are powerful words, not only for now, near the end of the

Church year, but for every day of our lives. What does “be vigilant” mean? How does one become vigilant? One begins by being prayerful, remaining close to God through the Sacraments and Holy Scripture. To be vigilant-battle ready- is to stay alert, focused, and armed for battle. The evil one never stops his attacks; he goes about like a roaring lion - seeking whom he may devour! Therefore, we must always be ready - wear the armor (the scapular) and use the weapon (the rosary) given to us from our Momma Mary. They are the powerful weapons from heaven! If there were anything more powerful would not Our Heavenly Father and Mother have told us? The road is treacherous; the journey oftentimes is relentless with trials, and opportunities of sin. If we fail to be vigilant-battle ready- we will become enslaved to the evil one. Our Lord Jesus Christ won the victory over sin and death, but our personal battle continues, and the armor and weapons are freely offered. Take up your cross, and live battle-ready! Let us pray- *pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us! St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle...! Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 7-11:30 a.m. Mark your calendar and schedule an appointment online today!
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

CONGRATULATIONS:

Deacon Aspirants received the Rite of Admission to Candidacy on November 9, 2024 at the 4:00pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter. This Rite holds profound public and ecclesial significance. Enrollment for the candidates for Holy Orders is the Church’s first official recognition of the positive signs of a vocation of the diaconate. It affirms the candidates’ call to serve, which will

continue to be nurtured and confirmed through the subsequent years of formation. This moment marks a pivotal step in the journey toward ordained ministry. It represents the Church’s formal acceptance of the candidates’ intention to pursue Holy Orders and their commitment to serve God’s people. Though this Rite, the community is invited to witness and support these men as they take on greater responsibilities in their formation. The candidates publicly affirm their desire to dedicate themselves to the diaconate – a ministry of service that reflects Christ’s mission of love and compassion. They commit to deepening their relationship with God, enhancing their understanding of the faith, and preparing to serve the needs of the Church and the world. **Please pray for these men as they embark on this sacred path, especially our own Gary Zwilling and his wife Dorothy. May Gary be guided by the Holy Spirit throughout his formation. His willingness to serve will enrich our Church and provide a living example of faith in action. Congratulations to Gary, Dorothy, and all family! You are in our prayers!**

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS:

The Adopt-A-Family information will be in the back of church. It will also be posted on Facebook. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to list the person you want to buy for. If any questions, call Kathy Zuber, 618-869-2306 or Robbie Ginder, 618-843-1742. You can also sign up on Facebook.

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.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING TODAY: 6pm - Sunday, November 17th - Stringtown. Topic - **Mary: The Greatest Woman Ever.** Speaker - **Fr. Mark Stec.** Meal will begin at 6. For ages 18-35, 21+ may bring adult beverages.

CYM: High School CYM: 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)

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Join us this Advent for a 4-week journey of *Encountering Emmanuel*. Embark on a transformative journey this Advent with Heather Khym, cohost of the *Abiding Together* podcast, in *Encountering Emmanuel*. Each day will show you a unique way God can come into your life, including the following:

- *he comes in the darkness*
- *he comes to set us free*
- *he comes to awaken us from slumber*
- *he comes as a helpless child*
- *he comes as a gift to the world*
- *he comes as a person with a face*
- *he comes to be our food*

God will not force—love never does—but he asks, and we have a choice. Will you open wide your heart to the Savior and give your fiat as Mary did? Come and Encounter Emmanuel this Advent, the book cost is \$8.00.

Tuesday morning: St. Joseph Stringtown 10:00 am
Wednesday evening: Holy Cross Wendelin 5:30 pm
Contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate for more information.

MARRIED CATHOLICS FOR CHRIST (M.C.4.C.) and ENGAGED COUPLES (E.C.) November 23rd 5:30 pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin Join us for a delicious supper, fellowship, and conversation on “Three to

Get Married” offered by Fr. Steven Beatty. *CYM will be offering babysitting that evening in the parish house. R.S.V.P. for the evening and for childcare on Flocknote or call the Holy Cross Parish Office, 618-752-5671.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, November 20- Bishop McGovern and Fr. Caruso visits St. Joseph School! Please note school Mass time moved to 10am. **Thursday, November 21-** Early release at 1:50pm **Saturday and Sunday, November 23-24-** Third Grader Candle Blessing at all Masses

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

November 20th: The Knights of Columbus Council 1352 Memorial Mass for **Cleo F. Hahn** and **Richard M. Dallmier** at 6:30pm. **November 21st:** 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm. **November 24th:** The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40am. **December 1st:** Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner at 5 PM. All knights and their families are welcome to attend. Santa will be there around 5:45pm. **December 12th – 3rd** Degree Meeting at 7pm. **Results for K of C State Soccer Kick Competition** in Bloomington on November 9th are 1st place - Lauren French, 2nd place - Nora McClain, 3rd place - Cheney Meadows, David Fleming, and Connor Buchner. **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.

CYM RADA FUNDRAISER:

Please consider ordering and supporting our CYM families as they raise money to go on mission trip! They work so hard to fundraise all year for this trip. Catalogs are available in the back of church for anyone interested. Orders are due December 1st and can be turned into the parish offices, given to a CYM member, or Tyler Timm.

You can also order from this link but will be required to pay tax and shipping if ordering online – you will not be required to pay tax and shipping if ordering through the office or CYM member. Orders will be delivered December 21-22nd. Thanks for your continued support of our CYM! Checks can be made payable to Holy Cross CYM. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=6184508.e1a053>

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for The Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom does not belong to this world. In fact, Jesus' Kingdom is everywhere. It's difficult, even in this day and age, to consider a ruler who serves. We can broaden our limited understanding at Bible Study.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: WHAT HAPPENS WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE? A doctor prescribes lethal drugs that can be sent through the mail to a person wishing to end his or her life if diagnosed with a terminal illness. There is no requirement that a doctor or anyone be present with a person in case something would go wrong upon consumption of the drugs. The person may take hours to die. Assisted suicide is not dignified, it is deadly. Tell your state legislators: Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2024 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

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

Sunday, November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider+” “Pike, Mary, Ed, & Janel Ginder+”

Monday, November 18, NO MASS

Tuesday, November 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, November 20, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Olney *Please note the time change!*

Thursday, November 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, November 22, NO MASS

Saturday, November 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, November 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Carolyn Zuber+ “Raymond Zuber+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

11/17/2024

Servers:

CYM

All Ministries

Lector:

EMHC:

Gifts:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Children's Liturgy:

Janette & Mallory

11/24/2024

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Grayson Sterchi
Ian Kocher

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Werner & Janette
Kocher

Ushers:

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Mallory Kocher

Greeters:

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Children's Liturgy:

Anne & Joselyn & Kaitlin

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