

Collection Total for September 5, 2021

Envelopes: \$1401.50
Loose: \$
Total: \$1401.50

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund Donations: \$100.00 (1)
Religious Education: \$65.00 (5)

September Bulletins: Tom Zuber

September Missalettes:

Contributions to the Parish

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting stjoeholycross to 84576 to get connected

The 2021-2022 PSR Registration is open on the Parish website.

Our Opening PSR Mass will be on Wed.

September 29 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross.

More information to come through Flocknote.

High School Religion Class: Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at Holy Cross Parish Hall Wednesday, August 18 through Wednesday, September 29. A look at the Roman Catholic Mass and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist contrasted with other Christian denominations who also gather on Sundays for Praise and Worship Services and may even have Communion Sundays.

PARISH NEWS:

Bulletin News: Deadline Wednesday 3:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Hours for public are limited to necessity only. Please call first.

Mass will be celebrated at:

4:00pm Saturdays at Holy Cross Wendelin

5:00pm Saturdays at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am Sundays at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am Sundays at St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00am Sundays at Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00am Sundays at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Also:

Monday at 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday at 6:30pm at St. Lawrence

Lawrenceville

Wednesday at 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON MASKS
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Based on the new State of Illinois mask mandate taking effect Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, age two and older, are required to wear a mask while indoors. This includes weekday and weekend Masses, Eucharistic adoration, children's liturgy of the Word, PSR, nursery, etc. Masking is also required at all indoor parish social events.

The safety protocols for Mass and Liturgy sent in June 2021 remain in effect, which include:

- All communicants should sanitize hands prior to the reception of Communion. This should occur as people approach the priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.
- It is a good practice to continue to offer hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church.
- Parishes should continue to clean and disinfect pews and other high touch surfaces after every celebration and/or event.
- Priests, Deacons and servers should sanitize their hands frequently.

Parishes with upcoming outdoor festivals may also want to consider wearing masks in crowded outdoor settings with activities that involve close contact.

Layered mitigation approaches have proven to be most successful in minimizing Covid transmission in our churches. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to keep our people safe and our churches open.

Again...Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

+JOYS+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. A powerful verse from the Gospel of Mark, and one that is challenging. We all desire to follow Jesus and want to spend eternity with Him in heaven. However, there are choices and decisions we must make and live out to truly be one of his followers. This is where it becomes uncomfortable- for we must die to self and carry our own cross! You might be thinking- really- I am supposed to deny myself- you mean give up things- likes- desires- wants- and dare one say-even suffer- possibly even be asked to make a stand for one's religious convictions! Then, take all of that- and pick up my cross with any other concerns-worry- hurts- problems-and carry it? You mean, like Jesus did when he walked the Via Dolorosa- the way of the Cross- to Calvary? That is a lot to ask... that is a lot for me to do.... Yes-It is... but Jesus did it first and shows us the way! We do not carry it alone- suffer alone- our Lord carries- walks- encourages us along the way. This day- Begin Again- die to self- offer it up- and give that time-energy- to Jesus! Pick up and carry your cross with a joyful heart and then you will be following Jesus- this is our path. Remember this world is not our Home- we are just passing through. So, journey onward and Live a Life of Love- it is the only path that leads to God and will bring us to Eternal happiness! St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Celebration of the Liturgy: We need your help! We are compiling a new list of Liturgical Ministers as we resume full participation in Mass.

Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries. Please contact the parish office (754-3676) or send an email (stjosephstringtown@hotmail.com) if you are interested in serving our church family as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter or Gift Bearer. We will offer training. * There is a minister sign-up sheet for the August Masses in the church foyer. Please volunteer!

There are many phishing and scams that attempt to separate us from our money. Fr. Felix Chukwuma or myself WILL NEVER ask for money or gift cards for ourselves or others. These scams sound legitimate, using our names, but we will never solicit you

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting this season's first committee meeting on Monday, September 13th at 7pm at the Stringtown Parish center. This night will be focusing on club members signing up for committees such as the Halloween Party and trunk or treat, Soup Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, Blood Drives, Senior Citizens breakfast, Mother's and Father's banquets, Scholarship committee, and the church picnic's basket stand. The Community club facilitates those activities and can only do so with the continued support of community members in and around Stringtown. Please consider joining us for this informational meeting and getting involved in your community's events. You do not have to live in Stringtown to be a member, and both men and women are encouraged to join. At each meeting, you have the opportunity at a chance to win a prize and we will typically have different activities or speakers from the area. This year, we would love to hear feedback from the community members on what events or speakers they would be interested in getting to know more about. If you would like to speak at a monthly meeting or cannot make the meeting, but would still like to be involved in a committee during this season, please call or text the Stringtown Community Club president, Ashlie Zwilling at 615-332-2500 or email her at hope_7695@yahoo.com

St. Joseph School – Olney

Thank you to the Ralph Zwilling Estate for the generous gift to the St. Joseph School Foundation Trust. It is a model of true faith in the mission of our church - educating our youth.

As part of Kitchen Table Catechesis, we will provide a Red Plate to each parish first grader the weekend of September 18th and 19th.

Knights of Columbus

Thursday, September 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Kudos to all the volunteers for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Days this past weekend at IGA! Thank you members, and family, and Special Olympic Coaches, parents and athletes!

Special thanks for the assistance of the St. Joe School staff for coordinating 138 students in PE classes for the Knights of Columbus Soccer (15) Kick Shoot-Out this past Tuesday and Thursday! Winners, male and female in grade levels 3rd through 8th and ages 9-14, qualify for the Regional Competition. Eight year old 3rd grade students receive all the local Council awards.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8. James 3:16–4:31. Mark 9:30-37.
“I’m Better Than You.” Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- ◆ Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- ◆ Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- ◆ Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

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 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

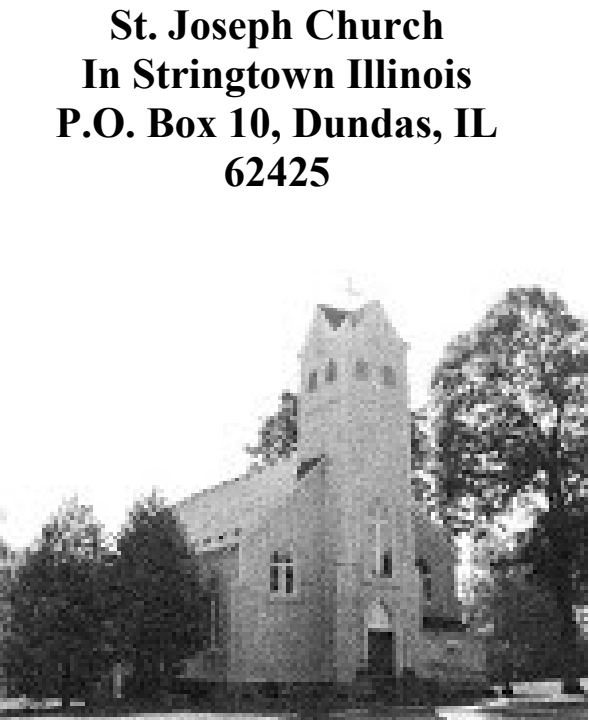
Remember in our prayers . . .
Kim Dallmier, Marcia (Hahn) Zanellato, Bob Dallmier, Donna Zwilling, Health care workers



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12
TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR
WEEK OF September 13**

Mon. Sept. 13 NO MASS
Tue. Sept. 14 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Sept. 15 8:00AM (at Olney)
Thu. Sept. 16 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Sept. 17 2:00PM (at Olney)
Sat. Sept. 18 4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM (at Olney)
Sun. Sept. 19 8:00am (at Olney)
8:00am (at Stringtown) “For Catherine Zwilling; Ralph Zwilling”
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)
Mon. Sept. 20 6:30pm (at Stringtown)
“For Barb Ochs”



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