Collection Total for October 23, 2022

Envelopes: $675.00
Loose: $338.50
Total: $1013.50
Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00

Building Fund Donations: $45.00 (3)
Religious Education: $5.00 (1)
World Mission Sunday: $95.00 (6)

****

October Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
October Missalettes: In Memory of Jan Kocher
****

-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.

PARISH NEWS:

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
BULLETIN NEWS: Deadline Wednesday 2:00PM

Thank you to everyone that came to the CYM pancake breakfast last Sunday! Your generosity and support of the youth and those attending the 2023 CHWC mission trip is greatly appreciated!

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, October 29, 3:00-5:00pm Trunk or Treat at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish
Sunday, October 30, 5:00pm, Priest Support Group at Mt. Vernon
Monday, October 31, 6:30 pm, All Saints Vigil Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, All Saints Vigil Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Tuesday, November 1,8:00am, All Saints Day School Mass at St. Joseph-Olney
5:00pm, All Saints Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, November 2,8:00am, All Souls Day Mass at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am, All Souls Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
6:30pm, Family Catechesis (For all the Saints) at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Thursday, November 3, 7:15pm, Finance Council Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, November 4, 8:00am, Mass and First Friday Communion visits at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6, Candles and prayer with 3rd grade, at All Parishes at All Masses
Sunday November 6, Blood Drive- St. Joseph Stringtown
Soup Supper – St. Joseph Stringtown 4:00 to 6:00pm
Monday, November 7,10:00am, Presbyterial Council Meeting at Chancery Office-Belleville
3:00pm, Project Night at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Wednesday, November 9,Knights of Columbus Deceased Member Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

ASAP Prayer Group will continue meeting every Tuesday at 9:30am to say the rosary and have fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate. Questions call Janette Kocher 843-1650

"Be A Saint" Family Catechesis

Bring your family to the Maze of Saints presentations given by our CYM. You will follow the path of Saints along a maze of turns and twists. YOU do not want to miss this exciting night. We will offer prayers to remember the Holy Souls in Purgatoryand receive your November Family Catechesis Bag!
Nov 2 Holy Cross 6:30 pm ~We will gather at the Parish Hall.

Journey ADVENT with your Sisters in Christ, come and experience the faith sharing, friendship, and love of sisterhood.

Our journey will be a 6 week study *Gazing upon Jesus through the eyes of Mary, and other gospel women.* **It begins on Wednesday Nov 9 at 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross.** We will use the book *Gaze Upon Jesus* Experiencing Christ's Childhood through the Eyes of Women, by Kelly Wahlquist. The book cost $14.00. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble if you would like to join.

M.C.4.C. Married Catholics 4 Christ
30 Day THANKFULNESS Challenge
It is important to understand that Thankfulness in marriage is a lot like a muscle: *you need to exercise it.* You need to strengthen and flex your Thankfulness to enjoy the full benefit. It is easy to get busy, stay focused on the day to day and overlook-take for granted- each other.
There is no such thing as a perfect marriage-marriage takes work! There is always more that can be done, said, shared, appreciated, experienced, and noticed. The next 30 days you will honor, respond, acknowledge, share, laugh, pray, and love more thankfully. Check FLOCKNOTE for more information. Are you prepared to accept them.M.C.4. C. Thankfulness challenge?

JOURNEY ONWARD YE SOJOUNERS
CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Today we hear these words from Jesus, "for today I must stay at your house." How do you respond when someone says there coming over? Are you excited and filled with joy or become upset? Possibly, you might even panic and think of all the things you need to pick up – hide - throw away? Jesus is the one guest that isn't interested if the glasses match-the floor is swept-the lawn is mowed. He wants to come to the mess – and make all things new with his grace and mercy. Where sin abounds, grace overflows all the more. Seek the grace and mercy on this side of heaven and remember to pray for the Holy Souls who need us to aid them on their journey home – to the Eternal Home! Live a Life of Love – it is the life of a Saint! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

FROM FR. MARK

AllHallowtide, The Christian attitude toward the death of martyrs is first exemplified in the New Testament, which records that after the beheading of St. John the Baptist, his disciples respectfully buried him. Stephen was likewise "given a Christian burial by his fellow-Christians after he had been stoned to death by a mob." Two of the Post-Nicene Fathers, Ephrem the Syrian, as well as John Chrysostom, both wrote about the importance of honoring the dead; the theologian Herman Heuser writes that in the early Church, the feast days of the martyrs were local observances, with churches being built on those sites where their blood was shed.

This arrangement worked very well at first, but soon there were more martyrs than there were days in the year, and so one day was set apart in honor of them all, and called All Saints' Day. This took place about the year A.D. 610. The day of the year on which the festival first occurred was the first of May, and it was not till two hundred years after that it was changed to Nov. 1, the day we now observe. The Christians of those times were in the habit of spending the night before All Saints' Day in thinking over the good and helpful lives of those in whose honor the day was kept and in praying that they might be like them. Services were held in the churches, and candles and incense burned before the pictures and statues of the saints. It was to them one of the holiest, most significant days of all the year.

Following the establishment of All Hallows' Day and its vigil, All Hallows' Eve in the 8th century A.D., Odilo of Cluny popularized the day to pray for All Souls, forming the third day of the triduum of Allhallowtide. It has been thought that the first three days of Allhallowtide may have originated as a ritualistic remembrance of the deluge in which the first night, Hallow's Eve remembers the wickedness of the world before flood. The second night then celebrates the saved who survived the deluge and the last night celebrates those who would repopulate the Earth.

The octave of Allhallowtide, lasting "eight days was established by Pope Sixtus IV in 1430 for the whole Western Church." The octave, however was eliminated in the 1955 reforms of the Catholic

Church. The faithful may still obtain a Plenary Indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead during the octave of All Hallows. Within Allhallowtide, which has a theme revolving around martyrs and saints, many Christian denominations also observe the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on the first Sunday of November, to remember those who continue to be persecuted for their Christian faith.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Reminder - School mass is Tuesday, November 1st, this week instead of Wednesday.

Looking ahead: Weekend of November 5th and 6th - 3rd graders received blessed candles

Sunday, November 6th - Recognition of Fall Athletes and Musicians at 8 am mass - Pack the Place followed by breakfast served in our cafeteria - Boosters fundraiser.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Wednesday November 9: Mass for Deceased Members, 7PM to honor the memory of Mark Weiler, Gerald Blank, and George Ochs. Coffee and cookies in the multi-purpose room following Mass.

Good Luck to nine Soccer Kick participants at Sister City Park K of C Competition this weekend. Winners advance to the State Finals in Petersburg.

Christ in Christmas Poster begins this weekend and continues until the deadline Thursday, November 24th. Winners will qualify for the Chapter (Southern Illinois K of C Council) contest with winners published in the Messenger. Information will be at the back of each of the Council Parish churches.

Mark your calendar for the Free Member and your Family to the Christmas Dinner in the multi-Purpose Room on Sunday, December 4th at 5PM. Santa is scheduled to arrive after the meal.

"On behalf of the Stringtown Community Club, we wanted to send our utmost gratitude to all those who made a donation to us in memory of Kathryn "Kathy" Zuber. We are overwhelmed by your love and generosity."

Stringtown Community Club: meeting will be Tuesday Nov 1 at 7 pm

Stringtown Community Club will host a Soup Supper on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center in Stringtown, IL.
Serving Times from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
There is a full meal deal for $8.00, which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately.
Menu consists of:
Chili & Vegetable Beef Soup with free refills
Hot dog or Grilled Cheese
Pie
Tea and coffee
We will also have a cake walk and 50/50 drawing.
Hope to see you all there!

Remember in our prayers…

Carolyn Zuber, Ed Ginder, Rick Rennier, and Carolyn Elie

Sunday October 30, 2022

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, October 31, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown All Saints Vigil For our Deceased Parishioners
6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Tuesday, November 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, November 2, 8:00am, All Saints Day Mass at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am, All Saints Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Thursday, November 3, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, November 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, November 5, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, November 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown Charles & Helen Zuber+, Rev. Joseph Rasher+
10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTERS LIST

10/30/2022	10/30/2022
Servers:	**Servers:**
Natalie Ochs	Alex Schneider
Mitchell Ochs	Grayson Sterchi
Lector:	**Lector:**
Kylie Kocher	Beth Kocher
Eucharist Minister:	**Eucharist Minister:**
Elmer Ochs	Lisa Boehl
Gifts:	**Gifts:**
Lester & Janice Zuber	Doug & Lora Kocher
Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Luke Seiler	Brian Ochs
Scott Seiler	Lester Zuber
Greeters:	**Greeters:**
Doug & Lora Kocher	Owen Kocher

St. Joseph Church
In Stringtown Illinois
P.O. Box 10, Dundas, IL 62425

(GPS address: 6342 N. Stringtown Rd, Olney, IL 62450)
Phone: 618-754-3676
Fax: 618-988-7099
Email: stjoestringtown@hotmail.com
Web site: **www.stjosephstringtown.com**

Very Rev. Fr. Mark Stec, V.F..... Pastor
Fr. Mark's Cell..... 618-841-7324
E-mail..... mstec88@msn.com

Reverend Felix Chukwuma..... Pastor
Fr. Felix's Cell..... 618-671-0641
E-mail..... chibuchuma@yahoo.com

Caroline Trimble..... Pastoral Associate
Caroline's Cell..... 618-263-7106
E-mail..... CtrimblePA@gmail.com

Savannah Lenear.....Administrative Assistant
Office phone 618-754-3676
E-mail.....stjoestringtown@hotmail.com