

**March 02, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Saturday, March 1, 9:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parishes”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Augustine & Lorena Ochs and Andy Ochs+”  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, March 2, 10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kenneth & Pauline Kistner+”  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Monday, March 3, 6:30pm** at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Tuesday, March 4, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday, 8:05am** at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Thursday, March 6, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Sharon Correll+” “Wilbert Blank+”

**Friday, March 7, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney

**Saturday, March 8, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “J.V. Frohning+” “Jack & Lavera Bryan+”  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, March 9, 10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Caide Weidner+, Jason Paul Weidner+, Wayne Newton+” and Ronald Hemrich+”  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. February 23, 2025**  
(66) Envelope Collection: \$2,363.00  
Loose: \$232.00   **Total: \$2,595.00**  
(3) Building Fund: \$65.00  
(5) Easter Flowers: \$190.00  
(1) Black & Indian Missions: \$20.00  
(2) Rebuild: \$120.00

<b><u>*MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS*</u></b>	
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>
<b><u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u></b> Brent & Sharon Edwards	<b><u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u></b> Henry & Sandi Kessler
<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Sherry Geier Dave Rauch Christine Hall Josy Hart	<b><u>EMHC:</u></b> Martha Deimel Sandi Kessler Missy Buerster Ellen Weber
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> Jennifer Rudolphi	<b><u>Lectors:</u></b> Amy Heuerman
<b><u>Money Counters:</u></b> *Henry & Sandi Kessler*	
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Toby Hall Mark Rudolphi Tim Weidner Kelly Geier	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> Henry Kessler Ben Street Ben Niebrugge Danny Quinn

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** As of Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - **\$261,066.90** has been received from 355 donations – thank you!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK**  
Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Tim Lidy

**CRMH COMMUNION:**  
**March 9** – Martha Deimel (217) 663-8275  
**March 16** – Lynn Weidner (618) 843-0361  
**March 30** – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841  
**April 13** – Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799  
**April 20** – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

**MASS SERVERS:**  
**Sat. March 1** – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner  
**Sun. March 2** – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard  
**Sat. March 8** – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi  
**Sun. March 9** – Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

**PARISH EVENTS:**  
**Saturday, March 1** – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin with Confession beginning at 8:15am.  
**Monday, March 3** – Burning of the Blessed Palms in Courtyard at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:15am  
**Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.**  
**Tuesday, March 4** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church. OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.  
**Wednesday, March 5** – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.  
**Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**  
**Thursday, March 6** – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.  
**Friday, March 7** – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.  
**Saturday, March 8** – St. Joseph School Bingo Bash at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Tickets are sold out. Doors open at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 7pm.  
**Friday, March 14** – Newton Knights of Columbus Lenten Fry-Day Fish Fry to benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project, Newton KC Hall, 4:30-7:00pm.

**BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:**  
Happy Birthday to Carl Kessler! He is turning 85 on March 4<sup>th</sup> and would love to receive cards to celebrate. Please send cards to Carl at 1211 Shurron Street, Olney, IL 62450.

**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:**  
Judy Hemrich is turning 80! An open house in her honor will be held on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish Center from 1:30pm-4pm. Everyone is invited! Please no gifts but cards would be appreciated!

**PALMS:**  
Please bring your blessed palms to church this weekend! There will be a basket in the vestibule.

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
**If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM!** The season of Lent begins in just a few days so how might you enrich your Lenten journey? Here are some simple and yet fruitful suggestions: **Prayer-** *make this a priority every morning- throughout the day - and night! Pick up those rosary beads- Pray the Stations of the Cross- Talk to God and make your home a place where He can be found!* **Fast-** *give up certain Likes – but take on some serious mortifications. Possibly, add in another day for fasting – this can be more than just food- try giving up your favorite entertainment- social media- put away the cellphone earlier than usual.* **Alms--** *make “giving” something you do daily. This can be achieved in numerous ways, smile, be kind, speak to others, extend Christian charity, and essentially be a blessing!* **Pray + Fast + Give Alms** and embrace your crosses this Lenten journey. Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**  
If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry or signing up your child(ren) ages 3 to 6, please contact Caroline, Ashley, or Anna Land (618)-508-2011.

**BAPTISM:**  
The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing [ctrimblepa@gmail.com](mailto:ctrimblepa@gmail.com) or calling 618-263-7106.

### **SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

**Wednesday evenings**, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available).

### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Join us Monday, March 3 at 8:15 am for burning of the palms in the courtyard!

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WINE PULL:**

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash is quickly approaching! It is not too late to donate unopened bottles of wine for this year's Wine Pull. So far, our donations are a little lower than in past years. With your help, we can make this another successful event! If you have a bottle or two to donate, please drop off in one of the church boxes by March 2nd. You can drop off at the school office up until Friday, March 7th. Thank you!

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

**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the First Sunday of Lent. As a child of God, you will encounter temptations this Lent. Bible Study will help you learn how Jesus knows exactly how to overcome the devil. Go to Jesus for help. And go to Bible Study to learn all about it.

### **NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Newton Knights of Columbus will host Lenten Fry-Days each Friday during Lent. Menu includes fried fish, cheesy hashbrowns, and coleslaw. Adult meals are \$12 and \$7 for kid's meals. \$15 for all fish orders. This will be dine in or carry out from 4:30-7pm or until sold out at the Newton KC Hall. Proceeds to benefit: March 7: Shop with A Cop, **March 14: Holy Cross-Wendelin**, March 21: Columbian Home "KC Hall", March 28: CYO, April 4: St. Thomas Church, April 11: Family Life.

### **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** – First fish fry! **Thursday, March 13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off of MPR at St. Joseph-Olney. **Thursday, March 20** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off of MPR at St. Joseph-Olney. Top three winners from the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee qualify for the Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee at Mt. Vernon at St. Mary's Parish Center at 10:30am on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Yzabella Biyok, Camden Blank, and Nora McClain!

**Olney Knights Friday Fish Frys** at Olney City Park Community Building – Serving 5-8 or until sold out. Menu will include fried fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, and beverage. Dessert by donation. Adults are \$13 and Children 12 & Under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit – March 7: Mentor Richland County, March 14: Senior Citizens Center, St. Joseph School, Richland County Hope, Fall Kids Mall, and Olney Valor Quilters.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

A signup sheet is located in the gathering space of the church. Please sign up if you would be willing to lead Stations March 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> or April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

### **RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:**

Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. You may signup by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer

217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

### **CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**

Cake/Craft drawing will be held this weekend, March 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ladies Altar Sodality is looking for sponsors for the drawings each month. If you are interested in donating an item(s) for the cake/craft drawing, please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office.

### **SURROUNDING PARISH EVENTS:**

St. Mary's Brunch will be held this Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am-12 noon at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie!

### **LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:**

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com), click on the red YouTube image in the top right corner of the screen. Please share with those who may not be able to attend in person.

### **2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese will conduct our Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able. Our financial target is \$6,808.00.

### **Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention** **MARCH – FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to the place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**  
**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**  
**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**  
**Mass Schedule:** Thurs., 6:30pm  
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am  
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