

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **Bulletins**

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**Collection Total for March 09, 2025**

Envelopes: \$3,601.00        (42)  
Loose:        \$286.00  
**Total:        \$3,887.00**  
Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00  
**Building Fund: \$170.00 (2)**  
**Easter Flowers: \$10.00 (1)**  
**CSMA: \$1,956.00 (6)**  
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**March Bulletins: For The Parish**  
**March Missalettes: For The Parish**  
**\*Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**  
**Prices are \$100 to sponsor missalettes and \$50**  
**for bulletins for a month.\***  
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**PARISH EVENTS:**  
**Sunday, March 16 – Stringtown Community Club**  
**Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish**  
**Center, 7:30-11:30am TODAY.**  
**Tuesday, March 18– 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 the  
church at all times.  
OCIA at St. Joseph–Olney, Room B, 6pm.  
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross–Wendelin Parish  
House, 6:30pm.  
**Wednesday, March 19 – Deacon Jack Bible Study**  
at St. Joseph–Olney, 9:15am.  
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross–Wendelin Parish  
Center, 5:30pm.  
**St. Joseph Table at St. Joseph Stringtown, 6:00pm**  
**Mass Followed by Prayer and Fellowship in the**  
**Parish Center.**  
**Thursday, March 20 – Brothers in Christ at Holy**  
Cross Parish House, 7pm.  
**Friday, March 21 – Stations of the Cross at St.**  
**Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm.**

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
The days of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving are  
becoming more familiarized -more readily  
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If we do not allow Him to gently remove the  
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Amazing Love! Do not delay! Ask God to come  
into the messiness of your life and help you to let  
go of everything that is not of Him! Then go -  
go quickly- to the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
where you will be made a new creature in Christ -  
be remade whole - and be Loved! Live a Jubilee  
year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima,  
pray for us!

**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. (On Wednesday evenings – childcare  
available!) A Tuesday study will also be available in  
the Holy Cross Parish House at 6:30pm. They will  
be utilizing the same book as the Tuesday  
Stringtown and Wednesday HC group.

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**  
Bingo Thanks:  

- Thank you to our amazing committee:  
Kevin Bookhout, Megan Brinkley, Jennifer  
Cummins-Zuber, Lora Kocher, Andrea  
Kuenstler, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson,  
Carol Potter, Jacquelyn Seals, Sydni  
Sorensen, Lauren Tibbs, Janice Zwilling!  
We had a fantastic community-building  
fundraiser!
- Thanks to the families and businesses  
who provided the meal.
- Thanks to those who donated items &  
experiences for our auction.
- Thanks to all who attended, bid, played  
games, and made purchases.
- Thank you to St. Joseph, Stringtown, for  
the use of their parish center.

**Monday, March 17-** No School  
**Wednesday, March 19-** Trash bag fundraiser  
begins. See any St. Joseph School student to order!  
**Friday, March 21-** 7th and 8th graders travel to St.  
Mary's Mt. Carmel for Eucharistic Miracles  
Exhibition created and designed by Blessed Carlos  
Acutis.  
**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Olney City Park-**  
**benefitting St. Joseph School!**

**2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**  
**The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July**  
**20th. Donations –** Cash donations for the purchase  
of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the  
entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed  
and can be given to any Picnic Chair.  
**Raffles –** Thank you to the volunteers that signed  
up to contact businesses and collect raffle  
donations last Sunday. **Noodle Day –** Noodle Day is  
scheduled for May 17th at the Stringtown Parish  
Center. Thank you! **Picnic Chairs –** Lisa Boehl  
(Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden,  
Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food  
Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny  
Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney  
Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games),

Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler  
(Grounds & Maintenance)

**PARISH SURVEY:**  
Please fill out a survey in the pews if you have not  
already. Sheets are towards the center aisle in the  
church, as well as pencils available for you to use.  
These surveys can be dropped into the collection  
during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

**VBS ENVELOPES:**  
Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the  
vestibule of church. These envelopes can be  
dropped into the collection and will help fund the  
VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to  
be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More  
information will be made available regarding VBS  
at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral  
Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any  
questions. Thank you for your support of this  
important ministry for our children!

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**  
**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.** Deacon Jack will  
take you through the readings for the Third Sunday  
of Lent. God calls us to repent and at Bible Study  
you'll learn that He also calls us to produce good  
fruit as evidence of our repentance. You'll also lean  
some things about cultivating fruit trees! Don't  
miss Bible Study.

**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICES:**  
Choir practices for Holy Week will be on  
March 17, 20, 24, April 1, 3, 13, 15 all at 7pm. You  
don't have to attend all practices, all are welcome!

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, March 20** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off MPR at SJO. **Saturday, March 22nd** – Regional Spelling Bee at St. Mary's Parish Center, Mt. Vernon. Good Luck: Andrew Lambird, Levi Rudolphi, and Yzabella Biyok. These three represent the winners from 63 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes from St. Joe School.

**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 21: St. Joseph School, March 28: Richland County Hope, April 4: Fall Kids Mall, and April 11: Olney Valor Quilters. **Baby Crib Collection** is now happening to benefit Richland and Jasper County Health Clinic. Diapers newborn and sizes 1-6, wipes, pulls ups 3T-5T, kids underwear sizes 2T-3T and 4, 6, and 8, blankets, sleepers, diaper rash cream, crib sheets, sippy cups, and pacis are needed.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (The Gospel of Life 84).

**2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

Thank you to the **6** households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. So far **\$1,956.00** has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! ***Our parish goal for 2025 is \$5,011.***

**MASS & ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION:**

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Olney, St. Joseph Stringtown, Holy Cross, Wendelin and St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration with Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church, followed by prayer fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind especially sweet breads. St. Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family. As we continue our partnership, let us take this time to gather and pray together to St. Joseph for his blessing on our parish families. ***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” Matthew 18:20***

**Faith and Justice Internship with the Belleville**

**Diocese** - This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. The internship is paid and requires an average of 14 hours a week for 24 weeks. Interns may start in the summer or the school year. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a desire to grow in an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Please send your resume by March 24 to Cheryl Sommer, CCHD Diocesan Director at [cchddiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:cchddiobelle@gmail.com) or contact 618-624-2838 with any questions.

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

**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.

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Carolyn Zuber+” “Janice Zuber and Albert & Geneva Zuber+”**

**Monday, March 17, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Louis & Lelia Volk+”**

**Tuesday, March 18, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, March 19, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney; 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”**

**Thursday, March 20, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, March 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

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

**Sunday, March 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Augustine & Lorena Ochs and Deceased Family+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**03/16/2025**

**Servers:**

Roland Sager  
Silas Sager  
Nathaniel Zwilling

**Lector:**

Natalie Zwilling

**EMHC:**

Elmer Ochs  
Mary Ochs  
John Ochs

**Gifts:**

Jean Kocher  
Family

**Ushers:**

Doug Kocher  
Caden Kocher

**Greeters:**

Bill Zuber

**Children’s Liturgy:**

Jenny & Kylie

**03/23/2025**

**Servers:**

Amity Zuber  
Brady Ochs  
Levi Weidner

**Lector:**

Kylie Kocher

**EMHC:**

Scott Seiler  
Janette Kocher  
Jamie Kocher

**Gifts:**

Doug Kocher  
Family

**Ushers:**

Brian Ochs  
Mitchell Ochs

**Greeters:**

Seaman Family

**Children’s Liturgy:**

Anita & Anna

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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm**

*Sunday, March 16, 2025*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar. 17 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Mar. 18 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Mar. 19 8:05 am *For the Parish***  
Thu. Mar. 20 6:30 PM at Wendelin  
**Fri. Mar. 21 8:00 am *For the Parish***  
**6:30 PM *Stations of the Cross***

**Sat. Mar. 22**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM *For the Parish***

**Sun. Mar. 23**  
**8:00 am *Catherine O'Dea Steed***  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville  
**2:00 PM *Reconciliation (Olney)***

***OUR MARCH SPONSORS***

Bulletins: Marie Beal  
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

***OUR TITHES FOR MAR. 9<sup>th</sup>***

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$5,841.50 (102) Loose: \$112  
Guatemala: \$20 (2) Black & Indian Missions:  
\$155 (8)

**Let Us Pray For:** Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Mar. 10: Karen & Jim Scherer (#767)  
Mar. 11: Evey Rosenburg (#297)  
Mar. 12: Nancy VanBlaricum (#258)  
Mar. 13: Teresa Hunt (#108)  
Mar. 14: David Abell (#003)

*~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~*

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:30 PM, Rosary before mass.
- Mass for deceased & living members of Hermina & Frances Zuber Family; Judy, Jan, & Mike Kocher; and Ephraim & Frances Hahn.

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 am, Rosary before mass.
- Mass for Gus & Frances Weiler; and Lawrence & Clorine Kistner.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass on Sundays.

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blesses Sacrament.
- OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

**Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Feast Day of St. Joseph, spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary. A prayer for St. Joseph can be found on the bulletin boards by the doors to the church.
- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Third Sunday of Lent. God calls us to repent and at Bible Study you'll learn that He also calls us to produce good fruit as evidence of our repentance. You'll also learn some things about cultivating fruit trees! Don't miss Bible Study!

- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis - St. Joseph Table - St. Joseph Stringtown. Sacrament check-in.

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 5-7 PM, Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out at the Olney City Park community building. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.
- 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Olney. Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of church to volunteer to help with stations in March.

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 2:00 PM, Penance service at St. Joseph, Olney.

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

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- Friday, March 21 - 7th and 8th graders travel to St. Mary's Mt. Carmel for Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition created and designed by Blessed Carlos Acutis.
- Friday, March 21 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Olney City Park- benefitting St. Joseph School!

**Bingo Thanks:**

- Thank you to our amazing committee: Kevin Bookhout, Megan Brinkley, Jennifer Cummins-Zuber, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Carol Potter, Jacquelyn Seals, Sydni Sorensen, Lauren Tibbs, Janice Zwilling! We had a fantastic community-building fundraiser!
- Thanks to the families and businesses who provided the meal.
- Thanks to those who donated items & experiences for our auction.
- Thanks to all who attended, bid, played games, and made purchases.
- Thank you to St. Joseph, Stringtown, for the use of their parish center.

*~ PARISH NEWS ~*

- **CSMA:** Our parish financial target is \$21,855. We have already received pledges for \$2,705. Thank you to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. These donations also benefit our school through grants. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

• **Parish & Family Life Committee:**

The committee is sponsoring “**Blessings in a Bag**” for a Parish Lenten outreach project. We will be collecting small items from Parish members to be shared with people in our community that are needing a special Blessing or just a little extra help with basic living essentials. The deadline for collections will be **Wednesday, April, 9th.**

- **Suggested items are:** Lip Balm, Kleenexes (pocket size), socks (men, women or children's), gum, hard candy, tooth paste & brushes, comb, brush, deodorant, lotions (pocket size), snack crackers & cookies, band aids, apple sauce (snack size), pudding cups, trail mix or dried fruit, gift cards to local fast foods (\$5 - \$10), pens & notepads, & nail files. Items can be dropped off in the basket placed at the entrance doors of church or with the church office. Monetary donations can be dropped off to church office and tagged as Blessings in a Bag. If any Parish Member has someone in mind from our community that could use a helping hand, please contact the church office with their information. Thank you all for your support.

- **Let us remember Matthew 25:40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"**

**SPRING CLEAN UP TIME!**

- At the cemetery in Olney in preparation for mowing season, Spring cleanup at the St. Joe Olney Cemetery will begin soon.
- Please remove all ground decorations that you wish to keep by March 23; otherwise, they will be disposed of.
- As a reminder, per cemetery rules, no free-standing decorations are permitted due to difficulties while mowing.

**Cemetery Committee**

**Kathy Hursta**  
**618-839-0583**



~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- March 20<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at 7 PM.
- March 21<sup>st</sup>: Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park community building.
- The Knights of Columbus are proud to support our youth through **The Knights of Columbus Scholarship program**. We are awarding four \$250.00 scholarships to High School Senior applicants to be chosen by committee. To qualify, the applicant or parent must be a current member of the Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352 3rd Degree. Applicants must be received by **Friday, April 4th ,2025**. Return by mail to the K of C, P.O. Box 172 Olney, IL 62450. Applications can be found on the table in the back of church.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

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~ **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS**~

**Respect Life Corner: Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

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**Vocation Corner: Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

This week is the feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.” (Matt 1:24) “It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel’s Messiah. It’s the same grace that empowers us to accept God’s call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph’s yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don’t know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a “doer of the word” (James 1:2d2d).” (The Word Among Us)

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**January 15-20, 2026**

**Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville**

Registration will soon be open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com)

# St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

*Second Sunday of Lent*



~ **St. Joseph Church** ~

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Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee

Elliot Brazil ..... Trustee

~ **Welcome** ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

**Join us for mass:**

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com).

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm**

~ **Sacraments** ~

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

Josy Hart ..... Principal

Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager

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**March 16, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**  
**Saturday, March 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin ““Deceased Members of the Joseph & Agnes Hinterscher Family+”**  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, March 16, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “George & Linda Harper+”**  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Monday, March 17, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, March 19, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
**Thursday, March 20, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kenny Klingler+”**  
**Friday, March 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Saturday, March 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Clifford & Gertrude Rauch+”**  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, March 23, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Lowell & Hermina Buerster+”**  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 9, 2025**  
(73) Envelope Collection: \$2,790.00  
Loose: \$417.00   **Total: \$3,207.00**  
(19) Building Fund: \$1365.00 (2) Easter Flowers: \$60.00 (1) Catholic Relief Services \$10.00  
(6) Rebuild: \$2,350.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** As of Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - **\$266,316.90** has been received from 366 donations – thank you!

<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

**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), and Tim Lidy

**CRMH COMMUNION:**  
**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 15** – Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert  
**Sun. March 16** – Ellee Nettleton, Nora & Alex Street  
**Sat. March 22** – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi  
**Sun. March 23** – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard

**PARISH EVENTS:**  
**Monday, March 17** – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.  
**Tuesday, March 18** – 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.  
**Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 6:30pm.**  
**Wednesday, March 19** – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.  
**Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**  
**Picnic Head of Stands Meeting, Holy Cross Parish House, 6:30pm.**  
St. Joseph Table at St. Joseph Stringtown, 6:00pm  
Mass Followed by Prayer and Fellowship in the Parish Center.  
**Thursday, March 20** – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.  
**Monday, March 24** – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
The days of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving are becoming more familiarized -more readily observed- and yet are still quite hard! Right? The journey might be opening eyes and hearts to “sinful things” filling our lives that separate us from our God! What “sinful things” does God need to prune-cut away- gently remove from your life? If we do not allow Him to gently remove the “sinful things” (as only HE can!) *we will not grow- we will not flourish- we will not know Love!* God longs to prune- cut away- gently remove everything that hurts us- weighs us down- sadness us- that keeps us from accepting His Amazing Love! Do not delay! Ask God to come into the messiness of your life and help you to let go of everything that is not of Him! Then go - go quickly- to the Sacrament of Reconciliation where you will be made a new creature in Christ - be remade whole - and be Loved! 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.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:**  
Picnic committee is still looking for a male to join but we are open to anyone. All ages over the age of 21 are welcome to be on the committee. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367.

**PARISH SURVEY:**  
Please fill out a survey in the pews if you have not already. Sheets are towards the center aisle in the church, as well as pencils available for you to use. These surveys can be dropped into the collection during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**  
Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missallettes and will remain published in the bulletin for the entire month!**

**VBS ENVELOPES:**  
Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the gathering space of the church. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection and will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross-

Wendelin! More information will be made available regarding VBS at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

#### **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:**

Mowing will resume in the spring and all flowers, decorations, and/or grave blankets **must be removed** by March 31<sup>st</sup> to prepare. Thank you!

#### **SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.

**Wednesday evenings**, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). A Tuesday study will also be available in the HC Parish House at 6:30pm. They will be utilizing the same book as the Wednesday group.

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

Bingo Thanks: **Thank you to our amazing committee:** Kevin Bookhout, Megan Brinkley, Jennifer Cummins-Zuber, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Carol Potter, Jacquelyn Seals, Sydni Sorensen, Lauren Tibbs, Janice Zwilling! We had a fantastic community-building fundraiser! **Thanks** to the families and businesses who provided the meals. **Thanks** to those who donated items & experiences for our auction. **Thanks** to all who attended, bid, played games, and made purchases. **Thank you to St. Joseph, Stringtown**, for the use of their parish center. **Monday, March 17-** No School **Wednesday, March 19-** Trash bag fundraiser begins. See any St. Joseph School student to order! **Friday, March 21-** 7th and 8th graders travel to St. Mary's Mt. Carmel for Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition created and designed by Blessed Carlos Acutis. **Knights of Columbus Fish**

#### **Fry at Olney City Park- benefitting St. Joseph School!**

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

**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Third Sunday of Lent. God calls us to repent and at Bible Study you'll learn that He also calls us to produce good fruit as evidence of our repentance. You'll also learn some things about cultivating fruit trees! Don't miss Bible Study.

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

Newton K of C 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 21: Columbian Home "KC Hall", March 28: CYO, April 4: St. Thomas Church, April 11: Family Life.

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

**Thursday, March 20** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm in Meeting Room off MPR at SJO. **Saturday, March 22nd** – Regional Spelling Bee at St. Mary's Parish Center, Mt. Vernon. Good Luck: Andrew Lambird, Levi Rudolphi, and Yzabella Biyok. These three represent the winners from 63 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes from St. Joe School. **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 21: St. Joseph School**, March 28: Richland County Hope, April 4: Fall Kids Mall, and April 11: Olney Valor Quilters. **Baby Crib Collection** is now happening to benefit Richland and Jasper County Health Clinic. Diapers newborn and sizes 1-6, wipes, pulls ups 3T-5T, kids underwear sizes 2T-3T and 4, 6, and 8, blankets,

sleepers, diaper rash cream, crib sheets, sippy cups, and pacis are needed.

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

A signup sheet is located in the gathering space of the church to lead Stations March 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> or April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MASS & ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION:**

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Olney, St. Joseph Stringtown, Holy Cross, Wendelin and St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint on Wednesday, March 19. We will start the celebration with Mass at 6:00pm in the church, followed by prayer fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind especially sweet breads. St. Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family. As we continue our partnership, let us take this time to gather and pray together to St. Joseph for his blessing on our parish families. ***"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20***

#### **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).

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

Thank you to the **10** households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support.. So far **\$2,716.84** has been pledged. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! **Our financial target is \$6,808.00.**

#### **Sunday, March 16, 2025** **Second Sunday of Lent**

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.



**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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