

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for March 30, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,038.00 (26)
Loose: \$560.00
Total: \$1,598.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Easter Flowers: \$20.00 (1)

CSMA: \$640.00 (3)

Catholic Relief: \$285.00 (6)

April Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
April Missalettes: In Memory of Cletus & Marie
Zwilling & Lorraine & Lucille Dallmier by Raymond
& Theresa Zwilling
***Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**
Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are
full for 2025. Price is \$100 to sponsor
missalettes.*

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, April 7 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.

Tuesday, April 8– 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, April 9 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, April 10 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Friday, April 11 – Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm.

Sunday, April 13 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am. Please support the quilt raffle.

High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Meal at 5:30pm.

Saturday, April 19 – St. Joseph-Stringtown Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 9:30am.

Thursday, April 24 – Confirmation Rehearsal, Holy Cross-Wendelin, Following 6:30pm Mass.

Saturday, April 26 – Confirmation at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 11am.

Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm.

High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Meal at 5:30pm.

Sunday, May 4 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Meal at 5:30pm. More info to come as this may be last for school year!

Saturday, May 10 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass.

Saturday, May 17 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.

Sunday, May 18 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for Eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again-embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished-perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary- *flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends.* Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son. Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

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. Childcare available. A Tuesday study will also be available in the Holy Cross Parish House at 6:30pm.

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 or calling 618-263-7106.

STRINGTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT:

St. Joseph-Stringtown Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19, at the parish center, beginning at 9:30am, for children ages birth through 5th grade.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Scholastic Book Fair is open to the public on Thursday, April 10 from 2:00-3:30 in the Multipurpose Room.

Fourth grade "State Fair" is open to the public on Friday, April 11 from 11:00-1:00 in the school gymnasium.

Join us for Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11 at **2:00pm** presented by our 8th grade class.

Enrollment committee sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for students birth-kindergarten will be Saturday, April 12. Pictures and cookies with the Easter Bunny at 9:30 with egg hunt beginning at 10:00.

Thank you to all who have supported our Annual Giving Campaign! If you have not already contributed and would like to, there is time before the letter goes to print on May 1st.

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 all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on April 27th. **All raffle donations should be turned in by April 30th.**

Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 17th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church after Easter.

Meeting Date - The Picnic Committee Chair’s next meeting will be Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center.

Thank you!

Picnic Chairs are 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)

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We'll learn that the passion narrative in Luke's Gospel that self-

sacrificing love means that the values of the reign of God experienced through Jesus were more important than His very own life. You don't want to 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.

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practice is cancelled for April 13th. We will add a practice on April 9th. Practice will also be held on April 15th at 7pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, April 10: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Friday, April 11: Last Fish Fry night, Olney Community Building, City Park, 5-7PM Dine in, or carry-outs are available. This week fish fry benefits Olney Valor Quilt.

Tuesday April 15: Last day for Baby Crib donations. During these last weeks of Lent, consider a traditional Lenten form of Almsgiving to benefit the Women, infants and Children in our community.

Thursday, April 17: No 4th Degree meeting due to Holy Thursday.

Saturday, April 26: 4th Degree dress for Confirmation at Holy Cross. Meet at the Rectory at 10:30AM. Contact Hank, if you need more information.

Sunday, April 27: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass.

Sunday, April 27: State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at St. Anthony High School.

Kudos to seventeen 4th Degree members and family at the fellowship breakfast this past Sunday!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life

through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Hope in the Lord

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." -Bishop Michael McGovern
Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

\$3,096.00 from 15 households has been pledged by our parish members. **Our parish goal for 2025 is \$5,011.**

2025 Tri-Parish CYM

Quilt Raffle



Size: 84" x 90" (Queen Bed)

Donated by Ann Bryan
Quilted by Debbie Workman

\$5 per Ticket

*Raffle drawing will take place after
Mass at Holy Cross on May 4th*

Proceeds to benefit Mission Trip to Bowling Green Kentucky with
Catholic Heart Work Camp

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

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
"Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling+"

Monday, April 7, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
"For the Parish"

Tuesday, April 8, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-
Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 9, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 10, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-
Wendelin

Friday, April 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 12, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-
Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
"Barbara Ann Ochs+" "Carolyn Zuber+" "Norman
Kocher+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at
Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-
Lawrenceville

04/06/2025

Servers:

Kerigan Kocher
Hallie Ochs
Ian Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Grayson Sterchi
Janette Kocher
Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

Ellen Steber
Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider
Alex Schneider

Greeters:

Sam & Mary
Zwilling

Children's Liturgy:

Donna & Natalie

04/13/2025

Servers:

CYM

Lector:

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Children's Liturgy:

No Children's

Liturgy today!

St. Joseph Church

In Stringtown, Illinois

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

Sunday, April 6th, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Apr. 7 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Apr. 8 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Apr. 9 8:05 am Alvin Zuber
1:30 PM at Carle 3rd Floor
Special Intention
Thu. Apr. 10 6:30 PM at Holy Cross
Fri. Apr. 11 8:00 am For the Parish
2:00 PM Living Stations
Sat. Apr. 12
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Jeremiah O'Dea
Linda Gumble
Sun. Apr. 13 Palm Sunday
8:00 am For the Parish
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR MAR. 30th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,078 (102) Loose: \$145
Guatemala: \$5 (1) Black & Indian Missions: \$25
(1) CSMA: \$825 (3) First Offering: \$5 (1)
Catholic Relief Services: \$655 (14) Building
Fund: \$235 (4)

Let Us Pray For: Judy Spitz, 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.*

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, April 5th -First Saturday

- 9:00 am, First Saturday mass at Wendelin.
- Mass for Mike, Ellie, & Judy Kocher, William Steed, and Catherine & Wilbert Zwilling.
- 4:30 PM, Rosary before mass.
- 6 PM, Middle School Youth Group in Olney.

Sunday, April 6th

- 7:30 am, Rosary before mass.
- Mass for Dudley Chamberlin.
- 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.

Monday, April 7th

- Parish and Family Life Committee will meet at 5:30 pm in the quilting room.

Tuesday, April 8th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 3rd and 7th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, April 9th

- 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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We'll learn that the passion narrative in Luke's Gospel that self-sacrificing love means that the values of the reign of God experienced through Jesus were more important than His very own life. You don't want to miss Bible Study!
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis – Holy Cross Adult topic – Images, Lies, & Death Kid topic – CYM – Jesus Dies and Come Back

Thursday, April 10th

- Parish and Family Life Committee will meet at 5:30 pm in the quilting room.

Friday, April 11th

- 2:00 PM, Living Stations of the Cross at Olney presented by the 8th graders.

- 5-7 PM, Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out at the Olney City Park community building. Proceeds benefit Olney Valor Quilters.
- 6:00 PM, Penance Service at St. Lawrence.

Saturday, April 12th

- Come and join your fellow parishioners for cookies and refreshments after the 5 PM mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy treats and fellowship!!

Sunday, April 13th - Palm Sunday

- Hosanna!! Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at St. Joseph Stringtown starting with a meal.

 **St. Joseph School News** 

- Scholastic Book Fair is open to the public on Thursday, April 10 from 2:00-3:30 in the Multipurpose Room.
- Fourth grade "State Fair" is open to the public on Friday, April 11 from 11:00-1:00 in the school gymnasium.
- Join us for Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11 at 2:00 presented by our 8th grade class.
- Enrollment committee sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for students' birth-kindergarten will be Saturday, April 12. Pictures and cookies with the Easter Bunny at 9:30 with egg hunt beginning at 10:00.
- Thank you to all who have supported our Annual Giving Campaign! If you have not already contributed and would like to, there is time before the letter goes to print on May 1st.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Mar. 31: Gwen Gassmann (#784)
Apr. 1: Tina Henry (#437)
Apr. 2: Marilyn Shan (#591)
Apr. 3: Ella Eimer (#190)
Apr. 4: Marvin Ginder (#439)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Rice Bowls:** When you are finished filling your Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services you can place them in the labeled tub in the church vestibule. You can also bring them to mass on April 16th at 8 am, where the school children will have a collection tub in front of the altar. Please have all Rice Bowls turned in by **April 23rd**.
- **Holy Week:** You may sign up to have your feet washed for Holy Thursday, or volunteer for ministries for our Holy Week services. The sign-up sheets can be found on the table by the main entrance. Thank you!
- **Parish & Family Life Committee:** The committee is sponsoring "**Blessings in a Bag**" for a Parish Lenten outreach project. The deadline for collections will be **Wednesday, April, 9th**. Items can be dropped off in the basket placed at the entrance doors of church or with the church office. Thank you for all your donations!

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **April 10:** 3rd degree meeting, 7:00 PM.
- **April 11th:** Last Fish Fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park community building. Proceeds benefit Olney Valor Quilters.
- **April 15:** Last day for Baby Crib donations. During these last weeks of Lent, consider a traditional Lenten form of Almsgiving to benefit the Women, infants and Children in our community.
- **April 17:** Holy Thursday, no 4th degree meeting.
- **April 26:** 4th Degree dress for Confirmation at Holy Cross. Meet at the Rectory at 10:30AM. Contact Hank, if you need more information.
- **April 27:** Knights lead the rosary before 8am mass. Good Luck Leah Kuenstler and Piper Mann at St. Anthony High School for the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition.
- * **Kudos**, to seventeen 4th degree members and family at the fellowship breakfast this past Sunday.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

Bishop McGovern has been appointed by Pope Francis as the sixth Archbishop of Omaha. His installation as Archbishop will begin on May 7th. In the meantime, he will continue to serve as Administrator of the Belleville Diocese. A letter from the bishop can be found on all the bulletin boards in the church for more information.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

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Please consider a gift to the appeal today! Our parish financial target is \$21,855. We have received pledges for \$6,794.10. Thank you!

Vocation Corner: Sunday, April 6th

"Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents' example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions." **Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024**

Respect Life Corner: Sunday, April 6th

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

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

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
 Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth 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.

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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 Website www.stjoeolney.com
 FAX 618-395-8500
 Kristen Eagleson.....Financial Manager

School Board: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuentler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*)

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, April 5, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Wayne Kessler+” “Jerome & Anita Ochs+ and Donald & Betty Ochs+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 6, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Eva Herdes+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, April 7, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, April 8, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 9, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 10, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”

Friday, April 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 12, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Judy Ann Kocher+, Jan Kocher+, & Mike & Eloise Kocher+”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 13, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Charles, Evelyn, & Patty McCreery+” “Alphonse & Frieda Weishaar+”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

April Bulletins: Kuhl’s Trailer Sales
April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus

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**

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY SUNDAY

Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:

Rusty & Tonya Hall Eric & Kristi Sandschafer

EMHC: EMHC:

Celia Rudolphi Phyllis Eggers

Tammy Rudolphi Breanne Buerster

Kristy Weidner Ginny Zwilling

Lynn Weidner Penni Kuenstler

Lectors: Lectors:

Victoria Rudolphi Tony Kuenstler

Money Counters:

Dave & Michelle Rauch

Ushers: Ushers:

Dave Rudolphi Aaron Eggers

Mark Rudolphi Victor Sandschafer

Carl Weidner Eric Sandschafer

Dave Rauch Austin Zwilling

sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 30, 2025

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(3) Building Fund: \$70.00, (3) Rebuild: \$565.06, (2)

VBS: \$90.00, (4) CSMA: \$1,045.00, (14) Catholic

Relief: \$640.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, April 2nd - **\$270,431.96** has been received from 376 donations – thank you!



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier

CRMH COMMUNION:

April 13 – Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799

April 20 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. April 5 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi

Sun. April 6 – Lane Smithenry, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert

Sat. April 12 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

Sun. April 13 – Cora Warfel, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

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Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, April 9 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, April 10 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Friday, April 11 – Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.

Sunday, April 13 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am.

High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Meal at 5:30pm.

Saturday, April 19 – St. Joseph-Stringtown Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 9:30am.

Thursday, April 24 – Confirmation Rehearsal, Holy Cross-Wendelin, Following 6:30pm Mass

Saturday, April 26 – Confirmation at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 11am.

Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm.

High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Meal at 5:30pm.

Saturday, May 17 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.

Sunday, May 18 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.

THANK YOU:

A very special thank you to Mark & Jeannie Nix, Kathy Kuenstler, and Margaret Geier for veiling our sacred images, crucifixes, and statues in church. Also thank you to Helen Donsbach for helping decorate the church for Lent. **We are so thankful for them volunteering their time and talents to keep our church beautifully decorated.**

These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. By veiling the statues, we symbolically enter the tomb’s darkness, acknowledging the absence of Christ’s physical presence and his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. This act is not meant to leave us in despair and sorrow but to call us to deeper reflection and spiritual renewal – to strip away distractions and focus on the profound mystery of God’s love revealed in Christ’s sacrifice.

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL:

Newton High School Musical “Newsies” will be held on Thursday, April 10th, Friday the 11th, and Saturday the 12th at 7pm and Sunday the 13th at 2pm. Tickets available at Newton HS office or at the door before the show. **Please come support our own Isaac Street & Karly Deckard if you’re able. Good luck Isaac & Karly. We are proud of you!**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him...will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for Eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again-embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished-perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary- flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son. Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

BAPTISM:

To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:

Picnic committee **is still looking** for a member to join their committee. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367.

VBS ENVELOPES:

VBS contribution envelope are available in the gathering space and can be dropped into the collection. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center or **Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm** at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline

Trimble, if interested. Childcare available. **A Tuesday study will also be available in the HC Parish House at 6:30pm.**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Scholastic Book Fair is open to the public on Thursday, April 10 from 2:00-3:30 in the Multipurpose Room. **Fourth grade "State Fair"** is open to the public on Friday, April 11 from 11:00-1:00 in the school gymnasium. **Join us for Living Stations of the Cross** on Friday, April 11 at **2:00pm** presented by our 8th grade class. **Enrollment committee sponsored Easter Egg Hunt** for students birth-kindergarten will be Saturday, April 12. Pictures and cookies with the Easter Bunny at 9:30 with egg hunt beginning at 10:00. **Thank you** to all who have supported our Annual Giving Campaign! If you have not already contributed and would like to, there is time before the letter goes to print on May 1st.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We'll learn that the passion narrative in Luke's Gospel that self-sacrificing love means that the values of the reign of God experienced through Jesus were more important than His very own life. You don't want to miss Bible Study!

NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Last Lenten Fry-Days is April 11th to benefit Family Life! Dine in or carry out from 4:30-7pm or until sold out at the Newton KC Hall.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, April 10: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Friday, April 11:** Last Fish Fry night, Olney Community Building, City Park, 5-7PM Dine in, or carry-outs are available. This week fish fry benefits

Olney Valor Quilt. **Tuesday April 15:** Last day for Baby Crib donations. During these last weeks of Lent, consider a traditional Lenten form of Almsgiving to benefit the Women, infants and Children in our community. **Thursday, April 17:** No 4th Degree meeting due to Holy Thursday. **Saturday, April 26:** 4th Degree dress for Confirmation at Holy Cross. Meet at the Rectory at 10:30AM. Contact Hank, if you need more information. **Sunday, April 27:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Sunday, April 27:** State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at St. Anthony High School. **Kudos** to seventeen 4th Degree members and family at the fellowship breakfast this past Sunday!

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

April cake/craft drawing will be held this weekend!

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Hope in the Lord "Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of CSMA. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." - Bishop Michael McGovern. Please consider a gift to the appeal today! **\$6,304.20** from **30 households** has been pledged by our parish members. **Our parish goal for 2025 is \$6,808.00.**

CYM QUILT RAFFLE:



CYM will be raffling a quilt after Mass on May 4th at Holy Cross. The quilt is 84"x90" (queen size) and was donated by Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman. Tickets are \$5 each. Proceeds will benefit Mission Trip!

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.



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