

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**March 16, 2025**

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## St. Joseph-Stringtown Ministries 2025

| <b>JANUARY:</b>                     |  | <b>FEBRUARY:</b>                    |  | <b>MARCH:</b>                       |  |
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| <b><u>Servers</u></b>               |  | <b><u>Servers</u></b>               |  | <b><u>Servers</u></b>               |  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>                  | Kerigan Kocher*, Levi Weidner, Ian Kocher      | <b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>                  | Roland Sager*, Silas Sager, Julian Seaman    | <b>Sun. Mar. 2</b>                  | Kaitlyn Ginder*, Haley Ginder, Gus Kocher      |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 12</b>                 | Delana Sterchi*, Grayson Sterchi, Sadie Seiler | <b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>                  | <b>CYM</b>                                   | <b>Sun. Mar. 9</b>                  | Emmitt Kocher*, Gabriel Volk, Will Volk        |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>                 | Emmitt Kocher*, Gavin Kuenstler, Gus Kocher    | <b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>                 | Kerigan Kocher*, Hallie Ochs, Ian Kocher     | <b>Sun. Mar. 16</b>                 | Roland Sager*, Silas Sager, Nathaniel Zwilling |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>                 | <b>St. Joseph School</b>                       | <b>Sun. Feb. 23</b>                 | Amity Zuber*, Don Seiler, Nathaniel Zwilling | <b>Sun. Mar. 23</b>                 | Amity Zuber*, Brady Ochs, Levi Weidner         |
|                                     |  |                                     |  | <b>Sun. Mar. 30</b>                 | Deana Sterchi*, Grayson Sterchi, Julian Seaman |
|                                     |  |                                     |  |                                     |  |
| <b><u>Lector</u></b>                |  | <b><u>Lector</u></b>                |  | <b><u>Lector</u></b>                |  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>                  | Wayne Kocher                                   | <b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>                  | Shelly Seaman                                | <b>Sun. Mar. 2</b>                  | Anita Seiler                                   |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 12</b>                 | Laura Sterchi                                  | <b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>                  | <b>CYM</b>                                   | <b>Sun. Mar. 9</b>                  | Jocelyn Kocher                                 |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>                 | Beth Kocher                                    | <b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>                 | Kathy Kocher                                 | <b>Sun. Mar. 16</b>                 | Natalie Zwilling                               |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>                 | <b>St. Joseph School</b>                       | <b>Sun. Feb. 23</b>                 | Gary Zwilling                                | <b>Sun. Mar. 23</b>                 | Kylie Kocher                                   |
|                                     |  |                                     |  | <b>Sun. Mar. 30</b>                 | Hank Ginder                                    |
|                                     |  |                                     |  |                                     |  |
| <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b> |  | <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b> |  | <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b> |  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>                  | Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs                       | <b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>                  | Gary, Beth, & Owen Kocher                    | <b>Sun. Mar. 2</b>                  | Scott Seiler, Jenny Hancock, Gary Zwilling     |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 12</b>                 | Gary Zwilling, Jamie Kocher, Scott Seiler      | <b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>                  | Janette & Jocelyn Kocher, Jenny Hancock      | <b>Sun. Mar. 9</b>                  | Gary, Beth, & Owen Kocher                      |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>                 | Harold & Lisa Boehl, Jenny Hancock             | <b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>                 | Harold & Lisa Boehl, Jamie Kocher            | <b>Sun. Mar. 16</b>                 | Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs                       |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>                 | Janette, Jocelyn, and Jamie Kocher             | <b>Sun. Feb. 23</b>                 | Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs                     | <b>Sun. Mar. 23</b>                 | Scott Seiler, Janette Kocher, Jamie Kocher     |
|                                     |  |                                     |  | <b>Sun. Mar. 30</b>                 | Harold & Lisa Boehl, Gary Zwilling             |
|                                     |  |                                     |  |                                     |  |
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| <b><u>Gifts</u></b>                 |  | <b><u>Gifts</u></b>                 |  | <b><u>Gifts</u></b>                 |  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>                  | Chad & Jenny Hancock Family                    | <b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>                  | Jack Weidner Family                          | <b>Sun. Mar. 2</b>                  | Ray Schneider Family                           |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 12</b>                 | Ellen Steber Family                            | <b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>                  | <b>CYM</b>                                   | <b>Sun. Mar. 9</b>                  | Wayne Kocher Family                            |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>                 | David Muhs Family                              | <b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>                 | Tom Kocher Family                            | <b>Sun. Mar. 16</b>                 | Jean Kocher Family                             |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>                 | <b>St. Joseph School</b>                       | <b>Sun. Feb. 23</b>                 | Harold & Lisa Boehl                          | <b>Sun. Mar. 23</b>                 | Doug Kocher Family                             |
|                                     |  |                                     |  | <b>Sun. Mar. 30</b>                 | Jean Kocher Family                             |
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|                                     |  |                                     |  |                                     |  |
| <b><u>Ushers</u></b>                |  | <b><u>Ushers</u></b>                |  | <b><u>Ushers</u></b>                |  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>                  | Jack & Jared Weidner                           | <b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>                  | Scott & Luke Seiler                          | <b>Sun. Mar. 2</b>                  | Werner Kocher, Mallory Kocher                  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 12</b>                 | Byron & Isaac Zwilling                         | <b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>                  | <b>CYM</b>                                   | <b>Sun. Mar. 9</b>                  | James Schneider, Evelyn Volk                   |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>                 | Ray & Alex Schneider                           | <b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>                 | David Muhs, Lester Zuber                     | <b>Sun. Mar. 16</b>                 | Doug Kocher, Caden Kocher                      |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>                 | <b>St. Joseph School</b>                       | <b>Sun. Feb. 23</b>                 | Gary & Ian Kocher                            | <b>Sun. Mar. 23</b>                 | Brian & Mitchell Ochs                          |
|                                     |  |                                     |  | <b>Sun. Mar. 30</b>                 | Tom Kocher & Carter Seaman                     |
|                                     |  |                                     |  |                                     |  |
|                                     |  |                                     |  |                                     |  |
| <b><u>Greeters</u></b>              |  | <b><u>Greeters</u></b>              |  | <b><u>Greeters</u></b>              |  |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>                  | Sam & Mary Zwilling                            | <b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>                  | Mallory Kocher                               | <b>Sun. Mar. 2</b>                  | Doug & Lora Kocher Family                      |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 12</b>                 | Caden Kocher                                   | <b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>                  | <b>CYM</b>                                   | <b>Sun. Mar. 9</b>                  | Jean Kocher Family                             |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 19</b>                 | Elmer & Mary Ochs                              | <b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>                 | Werner & Janette Kocher                      | <b>Sun. Mar. 16</b>                 | Bill Zuber                                     |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 26</b>                 | <b>St. Joseph School</b>                       | <b>Sun. Feb. 23</b>                 | Ralph & Sue McIntire                         | <b>Sun. Mar. 23</b>                 | Seaman Family                                  |
|                                     |  |                                     |  | <b>Sun. Mar. 30</b>                 | Gary & Beth Kocher Family                      |

\*Please Find A Substitute If You Cannot Attend As Scheduled\*

**Ash Wednesday, March 5  
to Holy Thursday, April 17 with  
the Mass of the Lord's Supper**

LENT

**Fasting & Abstinence**

1. *Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.*
2. *Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*
3. *On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.*
4. *When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.*

**Ash Wednesday (March 5) Mass and Distribution of Ashes**

8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:30 pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin & St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Stations of the Cross- Friday evening 6:30pm**

**March**

7, 14, 21, 28: St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

7, 21, 28: Holy Cross-Wendelin

**April**

4 & 11: St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Living Stations** led by 8<sup>th</sup> graders-2:30 pm

**April- Friday afternoon**

4 & 11: St. Joseph-Olney

**Penance Service**

Sunday, March 23 2:00 pm St. Joseph-Olney

**Friday Night Fish Fry's**

**Olney City Park Community Building 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11 [*proceeds benefit various organizations weekly*]

**Newton Knights of Columbus- Newton KC Hall 4:30 pm-7:00 pm**

March 14 [*proceeds benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project*]

**Holy Week** is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death.



## Holy Week

### **Palm Sunday**

#### **Saturday**

4:00 pm Holy Cross-Wendelin

5:00 pm St. Joseph-Olney

#### **Sunday**

8:00 am St. Joseph-Olney

8:00 am St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00 am Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00 am St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

### **Holy Thursday**-*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

7:00 pm Thursday, April 17 St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Joseph-Olney

### **Good Friday**-*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross led by CYM, Friday, April 18 Holy Cross-Wendelin

7:00 pm Friday, April 18 St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Joseph-Olney

### **Holy Saturday**- *Easter Vigil Mass*

8:00 pm Saturday, April 19 St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Joseph-Olney

### **Easter Sunday**

8:00 am St. Joseph-Olney

8:00 am St. Joseph-Stringtown

10:00 am Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00 am St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville



## **Mass and St. Joseph Table Celebration**

**March 19, 2025**

**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**



## ***Pray for those Preparing for Sacraments***

| O.C.I.A.                          | Confirmation                       | First Eucharist                      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| David Abell                       | Andrew Lambird<br>Bennett Padilla  | Adalyn Fitch<br>Aliza Sterchi        |
| Jennifer Deimel                   | Bryer Holtschlag<br>Carly Kessler  | Amyah Amerman<br>Emmalee Amerman     |
| Lauren Tibbs                      | Clara Weidner                      | Arthur Huddlestun<br>Luke Huddlestun |
| Lindsey Kapper                    | Easton Ochs                        | Matthew Huddlestun<br>Nora Levitt    |
| Alysa Botkin                      | Elle Bare<br>Gabriel Volk          | Carly Nettleton<br>Liam Kennedy      |
| Jordan Jones                      | Grayson Sterchi<br>Hope Zuber      | Gracie Lynn<br>Elliott Dobbs         |
| Emily Kessler                     | Ian Kocher<br>Kinely Workman       | Haven Hemrich<br>Ethan Kocher        |
| Everett Bissy<br>Pamela Mix-Bissy | Knox Dorn<br>Kooper Kuhn           | Evan Jennings<br>Bentley Knickey     |
| Trevor Stevens<br>Tracy Stevens   | Levi Rudolphi<br>Mattux Hart       | Karter Fuson<br>Neil Morris          |
| Ryan Lewis<br>Ashley Lewis        | Nathaniel Zwilling<br>Nora McClain | Hunter Hall<br>Nora Volk             |
|                                   | Pipe Mann<br>Nora Street           | Pierce White<br>Quinn Sager          |
|                                   | Opal Ridgely<br>Maddie Abell       | Raylon Cowman<br>Rose Beyers         |
|                                   | Allyson Helregel<br>Boston Lewis   | Rudy Fehrenbacher<br>Paislee Steber  |
|                                   |                                    | Tate Smithenry<br>Jack Baker         |
|                                   |                                    | Todd Seiler<br>Vance Miller          |





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# Stringtown Picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

11 AM - 6 PM

RAFFLES, BASKET PULL, BINGO, KIDS GAMES, INFLATABLES, BEER GARDEN,  
LIVE BANDS, ICE CREAM, PORKBURGERS, BRATS, & MUCH MORE!!!  
(RAFFLE DRAWINGS AT 6 PM. FOOD STAND, BEER GARDEN, & ENTERTAINMENT 11-7 PM)

## ALL YOU CAN EAT SMORGASBORD

BEEF, HAM, HOMEMADE NOODLES, & MUCH MORE! (CARRYOUT AVAILABLE)

11 AM - 2 PM

ADULTS: \$13    KIDS (5-10): \$5    KIDS (4 & UNDER): FREE

## Stringtown Parich Center

6342 N. STRINGTOWN RD., OLNEY, IL 63450

GPS - 6342 COUNTY RD 1700 E



**OLNEY  
COUNCIL  
#1352**

Open to the public.  
Dine in or carry out.

# **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## **FISH FRY** Fridays during Lent

**OLNEY CITY PARK**

Community Building

Serving from  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
(or until sold out)

Adults: \$13  
Children 12 & under: \$8

Menu: Fried fish, hash brown patty, baked beans, corn,  
green beans, salad, and a beverage.

Dessert by donation.

Dates - Proceeds to Benefit:

March 7: Mentor Richland County

March 14: Senior Citizens Center

March 21: St. Joseph School

March 28: Richland County Hope

April 4: Fall Kids Mall

April 11: Olney Valor Quilters







## **Holy Cross Church of Wendelin Blood Drive**

**5782 Ingraham Lane  
Newton, IL 62448**

**Monday, March 24, 2025  
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

**Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email & successful  
donations get A1C testing. [rcblood.org/March](http://rcblood.org/March)**

**Donate blood during #RedCrossMonth!**

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment.

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# *Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith*



*Stringtown Study  
The Four Terezas*

**TUESDAY  
ST. JOSEPH  
STRINGTOWN  
10:00AM**

*Sisters in Christ  
The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY  
HOLY CROSS  
5:30 PM**

**OCIA**  
*Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST  
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO  
WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE  
STARTING SOON.

CONTACT  
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

*Olney Study  
The Eucharist*

**WEDNESDAY  
ST. JOSEPH OLNEY  
9:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

*Brother's in Christ  
Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY  
HOLY CROSS  
7:00PM**