

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, December 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Herman & Joan Rudolphi+”
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, December 8, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Harold Rauch+” “Kristi Sandschafer” “Jerry Kessler and Deceased Family+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, December 9, 8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, December 10, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, December 11, 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor
Thursday, December 12, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Dan Heurman+”
Friday, December 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, December 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Robert N. & Bernadette Kocher+” “Harold & Rosemarie Buerster+” “Fred Kessler+”
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, December 15, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Lowell & Hermina Buerster+” “Sharon Correll+” “Tucker Zwilling”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 01, 2024

(63) Envelope Collection: \$2,344.25
Loose: \$438.00 **Total: \$2,782.25**
(34) Building Fund: \$1,525.00
(7) Rebuild: \$2,880.00
(6) Christmas Flowers: \$330.00
(3) Cath. Camp. For Human Dev.: \$45.00
(1) Cemetery: \$50.00
(1) Needy: \$20.00
(2) Retirement for Religious: \$120.00

DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet: Rusty & Tonya Hall	Open/Lock/Greet: Brent & Sharon Edwards
Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:	
Kathy Kuenstler	Ellen Weber
Tammy Rudolphi	Paul Kocher
Kristy Weidner	Travis Weber
Extra EMHC needed with Fr. Dan	
Lectors: Jennifer Rudolphi	Lectors: Sherry Geier
Money Counters: *Kelly & Sherry Geier *	
Ushers: Dave Rudolphi	Ushers: Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Tony Buerster
Tim Weidner	Garrett Buerster
Carl Weidner	Tyler Buerster

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, December 4th - **\$233, 846.90** has been received from 314 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK*
Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Mary Beth Scherer, Don & Norie Staley, Josh Ross (Husband of Michelle (Frohning) Ross), Judy Brown, Gerry Carter, Zach Jansen (Husband of Abby Frohning), Judy A. Kocher (Sister of Joan Buerster), Franklin Geier

CRMH COMMUNION:
December 8 – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361
December 15 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841
December 29 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

MASS SERVERS:
Sat. December 7 – Mattux Hart & Ian Kessler
Sun. December 8 – Brooke & Braden Weidner
Sat. December 14 – Clara & Boyd Weidner
Sun. December 15 – Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, December 7 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.
Sunday, December 8 – Family Catechesis *Gifts of LOVE* Gifts Shared at ALL PARISH Sunday Morning Masses!
Monday, December 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville 8:00am, Mass St. Joseph-Olney 8:05am, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 10 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm
Sisters in Christ Tuesday Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm
OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm
Wednesday, December 11 – Sisters in Christ Wednesday Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm
Thursday, December 12 – Brothers in Christ, Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm or Following Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
****Christmas Eve****
4:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
****Christmas Day****
Midnight Mass (12am) at St. Joseph-Stringtown
8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

CONGRATULATIONS:
Congratulations to our second graders that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

THANK YOU:
Thank you for the prayers and thoughts for our son-in-law, Devin Deisher! We appreciate it so much!
Ben & Gail Niebrugge

THANK YOU:
Thank you to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Home for providing our 2025 calendars! We appreciate your continued support of our parishes!

SERVER TRAINING:
Server training will be held at Holy Cross-Wendelin following Mass on Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th. All servers (4th grade and older) are strongly encouraged to attend this training. Please note – we would love to train additional servers especially crossbearers (4th graders) and even adult servers. Please make it a priority to attend, if able!

THANK YOU:
A special thank you to Jason Warfel for facilitating a server training at St. Joseph-Stringtown.

MINISTRY CLARIFICATION:
To clarify monthly ministries when the weekend is split between two months (like last weekend), going forward, we will ask the "new" month ministers to cover both Saturday and Sunday. The list will be posted in the bulletin accordingly. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Parish Office. We appreciate everyone's continued cooperation and participation in parish ministries!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
The journey of Advent longs to bring us into a deepening awareness; an awareness that our lives are being drawn closer to the babe in the womb of Mary. This babe is Jesus, but before we come to know Him, we must come to know the Mother. Yes, Mary is the Mother of God, and she carries the King of Kings in her womb. Mary wants us, we who are also her children, to walk with her during these days of waiting and longing. A waiting for the best gift to be given; a longing for the breath of God to envelop our heart,

mind, and soul. Mary leads us to life! Take time this season to truly come to know Jesus! After all, He is always the reason for the season. Light your second purple candle of Peace and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary. Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday’s at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler Timm.

SISTERS IN CHRIST WEDNESDAY GROUP: Join us this Advent for a 4-week journey of *Encountering Emmanuel*. Embark on a transformative journey this Advent with Heather Khym, cohost of the *Abiding Together* podcast, in *Encountering Emmanuel*. Each day will show you a unique way God can come into your life, including the following:

- *he comes in the darkness*
- *he comes to set us free*
- *he comes to awaken us from slumber*
- *he comes as a helpless child*
- *he comes as a gift to the world*
- *he comes as a person with a face*
- *he comes to be our food*

God will not force—love never does—but he asks, and we have a choice. Will you open wide your heart to the Savior and give your fiat as Mary did? Tuesday morning: St. Joseph Stringtown 10:00 am Wednesday evening: Holy Cross Wendelin 5:30 pm Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble for more information.

SISTERS IN CHRIST TUESDAY GROUP: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. If interested, contact Amy Sandschafer at 217-240-1599.

ADVENT: Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30th, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle. St. Andrew Christmas Novena which is

traditionally prayed from the feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30th) until Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th). Prayer is an *essential* part of Advent. Reciting this special novena prayer each day is a simple yet beautiful way to celebrate the spiritual significance of the Advent season and to experience a deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus. *It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer 15 times each day will obtain the favor requested. Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BOOKS: Little Blue Books still available in church to help you devote some minutes to prayer during the Advent and Christmas season.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS: **School Mass on Monday,** December 9- Feast of the Immaculate Conception **Secret Santa** shopping for K-8 students- December 11 and 12 **Band Christmas Concert-** Friday, December 13 at 3pm in the gymnasium **Cookies with Santa-** Sunday, December 15 from 9:00-10:30 for children birth-Kindergarten sponsored by the Enrollment Committee

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: December 12th – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm. December 19th – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm. There were 212 entries in Olney Council Knights of Columbus Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. There were four winners at four age levels. The four first places at each age level qualify for the Regional Belleville Competition and those winners will be published in the December issue of the Messenger.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY: **Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Third Sunday of Advent and we'll hear about our challenge to bring the Good News to the people and enable them to share the Good News of a God who is near and cares for each person. Better visit Bible Study.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: **ASSISTED SUICIDE TARGETS THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES** The proposal pending in Illinois does not require a psychiatric evaluation for depression. Many people requesting assisted suicide are depressed. The lifetime risk of suicide among patients with untreated depressive disorder is nearly 20% and 75.94% of communities in Illinois did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2021, according to federal guidelines. Thinking about suicide can be a common part of depression, rather than a rational choice. **Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide.** Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL: *Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100* Your contribution to CSMA enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.



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Oh people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the lory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin
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Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am
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