December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, December 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Wayne Kessler+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 22, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald & Linda Blank+" "Michael & Eloise Kocher+" "Jan Kocher+"

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

Lawrenceville

Monday, December 23, NO MASS Tuesday, December 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

4:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Wednesday, December 25, 12:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 26, NO MASS

Friday, December 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, December 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Joseph & Petronilla Volk+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olnev

Sunday, December 29, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Arthur & Barbara Rauch+" "Paul & Mary Kessler+" "George & Linda Harper+"

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Sun. December 15, 2024

(70) Envelope Collection: \$2,586.00 Loose: \$237.00 **Total: \$2,823.00**

(4) Building Fund: \$260.00

(2) Rebuild: \$530.00

(2) Christmas Flowers: \$100.00

(1) Needy: \$25.00

(8) Retirement for Religious: \$225.00(1) Christmas Offering: \$125.00

DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY

Open/Lock/Greet:

Rusty & Tonya Hall

Brent & Sharon Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:

Kathy Kuenstler Ellen Weber
Tammy Rudolphi Paul Kocher
Kristy Weidner Travis Weber
Lectors: Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi Sherry Geier

Money Counters:

*Kelly & Sherry Geier *

Ushers:	Ushers:
Dave Rudolphi	Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Tony Buerster
Tim Weidner	Garrett Buerster
Carl Weidner	Tyler Buerster

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, December 18th - **\$235,511.90** has been received from 319 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 29 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. December 21 – Noah & Levi Rudolphi Sun. December 22 – Karly & Ethan Deckard Sat. December 28 – Mattux Hart, Ian Kessler Sun. December 29 – Stella & Cora Warfel

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, December 23 – Parish Office will be open 9am-12pm.

Tuesday, December 24 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am There will not be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney.

OCIA will not meet Tuesday, December 24th or next Tuesday, December 31st. OCIA will resume on Tuesday, January 7th!

Wednesday, December 25 – Merry Christmas! Parish Office will be closed!

Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney with Deacon Jack will not be meeting as usual because it falls on Christmas Day. Be sure to attend Mass as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Deacon Jack wishes you all a blessed Nativity of the Lord.

Friday, December 27 – Parish Office will be open 9am-12pm.

Monday, December 30 – Parish Office will be open 9am-12pm.

St. Joseph-Stringtown will not have usual Monday 6:30pm Mass.

Tuesday, December 31 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am There will not be OCIA. OCIA will resume January 7th!

Wednesday, January 1 – Parish Office will be closed! Happy New Year!

Monday, January 27– Blood Drive at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

OFFICE UPDATE FROM ASHLEY:

Unfortunately, I am dealing with some health issues at this time. I will be working remotely for a couple of weeks. Rest assured emails are still being monitored regularly and if you need assistance, I am still available on my cell phone via call or text. My cell phone is made available for your convenience so please do not hesitate to use this option. Martha will be in the office on Monday, December 23rd, Friday, December 27th, and Monday, December 30th from 9am-12pm. Future updates will be made available in the bulletin but I intend to be back to a regular office schedule soon! I appreciate your patience and understanding and thank everyone for your prayers. The parishioners of Holy Cross have blessed my life in many ways and I can't thank you enough! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

REBUILD UPDATE:

Rebuild Finances as of December 12 Income: Money (already) received through

donations: \$234,981.90

Money used from Existing Building

Fund: +\$150,000.00 Total: \$384,981.90

Expense: Holy Cross funds spent to date:

\$392,028.15

\$-7,046.25

One large expense yet to pay is the 2nd half of the bill to Jacksonville Glass for storm windows (\$59,125.00). This expense was not in our original budget. Insurance paid for the six storm windows deemed damaged by the fire.

The other project not in the original budget is the drive-through area on the west side of the church. When it became clear that the electrical, flooring, pews, etc. would be paid by insurance, it

seemed reasonable to move forward earlier than expected.

Parishioners have been asked to make final donations by Easter 2025. The Holy Cross Building fund can cover these bills until all donations are made.

Two projects that will be researched and estimated costs projected:

- Accent lights for the church, safety lighting (both sides of the road), and landscaping the church
- Statues for the reredos

No action will be taken immediately on these "Phase Two" projects. The Council will be included in decision making and budgeting for these items.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS MINISTRIES:

Christmas Eve Mass Ministries are been fulfilled. Thanks to those that volunteered to fulfill these ministries.

HOLY CROSS CHOIR:

Holy Cross Choir will begin singing at 3:30pm on Tuesday, December 24th prior to the 4pm Mass.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The gift that surpasses all understanding is drawing nearer! Do you know this gift? Do you know where to find it? This precious gift is more than an heirloom. This gift is timeless, and it is always in the right size, color, and quantity. This gift is Love- the Love that is being carried in the womb of Mary. This same Love wants to live within each and every one of us! When this Love truly lives within you - it radiates and illuminates your journey! This joyous time of waiting and longing is about receiving the Gift above all gifts. Take time to pause, stop, pray, and receive the Love that is being poured out... let Love be the gift that is received and given! Like Mary, we're waiting for Jesus, we're waiting for Jesus, the Lord. Light your fourth purple candle of Love and journey to

Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! The whole world is waiting for Love! Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

FR. DAN ADDRESS:

We really enjoyed having Fr. Dan here with us as a substitute priest while Fr. Felix was away at officer training. If anyone is interested in sending Fr. Dan a card while he is undergoing some health issues, please send them to:

Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests 2620 Lebanon Avenue Belleville, IL 62221

FRIDAY - ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY MASSES:

Friday mass will be held on December 27th at 8am at Olney. After the 27th there will only be First Friday masses at Olney until further notice.

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:

Wednesdays, Holy Cross-Wendelin 5:30pm Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble for more information. **Tuesdays**, 6:30-7:30pm. If interested, contact Amy Sandschafer at 217-240-1599.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you to Mischelle Doll for her many years of hard work coordinating Santa's Workshop! We are so grateful for her service and dedication that has brought joy to so many students and families over the years. School resumes for students January 7. Have a very Merry Christmas from the students and staff at St. Joseph School!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 29th: The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.

Sunday, December 29th: Mass ministries led by the K of C 4th degree members, and a fellowship breakfast after mass.

Knight of the Month: Steve Kuenstler Family

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask for help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable and all your people. May life's beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming new year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity, -Bishop Michael McGovern and Ministries and Programs Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

On behalf of Fr. Steven, Fr. Felix, and all parish staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

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Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.



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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tonya Hall, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry