February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, February 8, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gib & Pat Volk+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 9, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Deceased Members of the Henry & Mary Volk Family+"

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

Monday, February 10, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 11, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 12, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, February 13, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ivan & Mary Weber+ & Devin Deisher+"

Friday, February 14, NO MASS
Saturday, February 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Tom Buerster & Eric Dietrich+"
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 16, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For FFA Members & All Farmers" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. February 2, 2025

(17) Black & Indian Missions: \$375.00(3) Easter Flowers: \$120.00

(1) First Offering: \$5.00 (2) Rebuild: \$750.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday,

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Dave & Tammy	Dusty & Kim
Rudolphi	Smithenry
ЕМНС:	EMHC:
Tammy Rudolphi	Kim Smithenry
Kristi Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Kathy Kuenstler	Jason Warfel
Emma Rudolphi	Kristi Sandschafer
Lectors:	Lectors:
Victoria Rudolphi	Marge Kessler
Money Counters:	
Gerald & Diane Schackmann	
Ushers:	<u> Ushers:</u>
Dave Rudolphi	Dusty Smithenry
Hank Weidner	Michael Kistner
Carl Weidner	Eric Sandschafer
Daniel Baker	Victor Sandschafer

February 5th - **\$259,316.90** has been received from 351 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Carl Klingler, Mary Ann Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Mary Beth Scherer, Don & Norie Staley, Judy Brown, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark)

CRMH COMMUNION:

February 16 – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 *Next week schedule for March, April, May will be released.

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. February 8 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner Sun. February 9 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard Sat. February 15 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi

Sun. February 16 – Ellee Nettleton, Stella & Cora Warfel

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 9 – High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 5:30pm.

Monday, February 10 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, February 11 – 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.

Wednesday, February 12 – Holy Parish Office Open 9am-12pm.

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

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

Thursday, February 13 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Friday, February 14 – M.C.4.C & E.C. Valentine's Day Party at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 6pm.

Saturday, February 15 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney at 5:30pm.

Sunday, February 16 – CYM Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center – 10:30am-12:30pm with Basket Raffle Fundraiser for Mission Trip! Sunday, February 23 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin Youth Space, 5:30pm.

PEWS:

The Rebuild Committee is aware of the recent cracking and splitting of our pews. Thank you to everyone who helped make us aware of the issue. ServPro, Catholic Mutual Insurance, and the company who refinished the pews are working on this problem. An insurance adjuster familiar with our loss visited last Friday and thoroughly documented the issue. We will keep you updated as decisions are made to rectify this problem.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE. PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch, these are very powerful and vital words for our times. It takes extra effort to cast into the deep-simply because it requires trust! How well do you trust? More specifically, how well do you trust God? Casting into the deep is unfamiliar to most because we do not go beyond the surface. We spend way too much time on the surface – skimming through life - thinking we are in control - picking and choosing who and what we like and dare I say, even love! Sadly, this means that we also keep God on the surface. Then all the worldly-materialisticprideful- essentially sinful behavior is what ends up in our nets. It is time to cast our nets into the waters of Everlasting life and to delve deeper and deeper into the Heart of the Father. When you live in the deep- you live deeply with God and live abundantly. Decide this day to stop living on the surface with empty nets and plunge into the depths and receive the catch-of-a-lifetime - God's Love. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy of the Word is coming back! We're excited to bring this ministry back to Holy Cross. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry or signing up your child(ren) ages 3 to 6, please contact Caroline Trimble, Ashley Hinterscher, 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 or calling 618-263-7106.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

"World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen 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, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available).

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thursday, February 13- Early release at 11:50am, There will be parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon. Friday, February 14- No school. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in the morning. Monday, February 17- No school for Presidents' Day! Please join us for our Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival on Saturday, February 8. We will be serving famous Joe's sauce and pasta in the cafeteria from 5-7pm with carnival games in the gym for the kids! Proceeds benefit our athletics, music, and PTO programs!

M.C.4.C. & E.C. LOVE IS BOOKLET:

Love is... a journey of more you, me & God. One week of growing more in virtue and deepening the relationship. Continue praying together, living virtuously, and spending time with God. Once the booklet is finished, give to your love! "It took two to get married, but it will take three to stay married. Keep God in your marriage." Venerable Fulton Sheen

M.C.4.C & E.C. VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY:

Attention Married and Engaged Couples – join us February 14 at 6pm for a Valentine's Day party at Holy Cross Parish Center with catered meal by Ochs Smoked Meats and music and dance by Midnight Hours DJ! Cost is \$40 per couple. Semiformal to formal attire! Childcare will be provided by the CYM at the Parish House. Let us know if childcare is needed when RSVPing. You can RSVP to Sandi Kessler by calling or texting 618-676-5080 by February 9th.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 8th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine for our wine pull. If you can donate a bottle or two, please place them in the box in the back of church. Please have any wine donations dropped off by Sun, March 2nd.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone? We'll talk about that at Bible Study.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, February 13 – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm. Thursday, February 20 – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm. Sunday, February 23 – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

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VOCATION CORNER:

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious – we

have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issued of health, and aging — all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. You may signup by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

SURROUNDING PARISH EVENTS:

Valentine's Breakfast on Sun, February 9 from 8am-12pm at St. Valentine Hall in the Bend, 4841 N. 2125th St in Oblong. Menu will feature Hartrich sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, potato casserole, fruit cocktail, breakfast breads and sweets, and drink. Adults are \$10, 3-10 years of age \$5, and adult meal refills \$5. Carryouts are available.

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

Thank you to everyone that participated in the cake/craft drawing this past weekend. The donated items for this drawing were banana nut muffins and gourmet coffee with a coffee mug for both days. Winners were Saturday – Clint & Sara Bergbower and Sunday – Ryan & Sarah Will. Total amount collected from the drawing was \$295.00. Ladies Altar Sodality is looking for sponsors from the drawings each month. If you are interested in donating an item(s) for the cake/craft drawing, please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office.

Sunday, February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.



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