

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

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 Corell+” “Tucker Zwilling” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, December 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 18, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 19, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Gerald & Hermena Medernach+”

Friday, December 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 08, 2024

(69) Envelope Collection: \$2,540.25

Loose: \$541.00 **Total: \$3,081.25**

(12) Building Fund: \$1,445.00

(3) Rebuild: \$1,135.00

(8) Christmas Flowers: \$475.00

(1) Cemetery: \$300.00

(1) Needy: \$10.00

(14) Retirement for Religious: \$300.00

(2) Christmas Offering: \$70.00

DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Rusty & Tonya Hall	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u> Brent & Sharon Edwards
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Kathy Kuenstler Tammy Rudolphi Kristy Weidner	<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Ellen Weber Paul Kocher Travis Weber
<u>Lectors:</u> Jennifer Rudolphi	<u>Lectors:</u> Sherry Geier
<u>Money Counters:</u> *Kelly & Sherry Geier *	
<u>Ushers:</u> Dave Rudolphi Mark Rudolphi Tim Weidner Carl Weidner	<u>Ushers:</u> Austin Zwilling Tony Buerster Garrett Buerster Tyler Buerster

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, December 11th - **\$234,981.90** has been received from 317 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 15 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841

December 29 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. December 14 – Clara & Boyd Weidner

Sun. December 15 – Nora & Alex Street

Sat. December 21 – Noah & Levi Rudolphi

Sun. December 22 – Karly & Ethan Deckard

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15 – Server Training Following Weekend Masses at Holy Cross-Wendelin!

Tuesday, December 17 – 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 18 – Sisters in Christ Wednesday Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Thursday, December 19 – 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

THANK YOU:

The Fred Kessler Family would like to thank Fr. Steven Beatty and Fr. Pawel Luczak for the beautiful mass. Thanks to the Ladies Sodality for a delicious meal and Rhonda and the choir for the awesome music. Thank you for all the cards and comforting words. Both Fred and Barb’s wishes were fulfilled. The Fred Kessler Family

THANK YOU:

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Judy A. Kocher would love to receive Christmas cards from her family and friends at Holy Cross. These can be sent to:

Judy A. Kocher
Richland Nursing & Rehab
900 East Scott Street
Olney, IL 62450

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!

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:

This is the time of expectation, longing, and holy waiting. A time to be drawn closer to the purest and most perfect of Love. A Love that transcends and is waiting to be born, waiting in the first tabernacle. This tabernacle is the womb of Mary, his Mother-our Mother! Mary journeys onward in expectation, longing, and holy waiting! Are you sharing in the same journey as our Mother? Join with Her and begin this day journeying towards the stable where Love is born. There are many stops along the way- stop and share in the wonder and awe of our God. Journey with Mary this Advent and you too will experience a birthing of joy in your heart, and in your soul.

The Whole World is Waiting on Love- can you wait? Light your third candle- pink for Gaudete Sunday - Joy Full Sunday! - and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Be Joyful, like Mary! He is coming soon! 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*. 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:

December 17- Girls Basketball 8th grade night
December 18- 3rd-8th grade Reconciliation service 9am-noon; Early dismissal at 1:50
December 19- Boys Basketball 8th grade night
December 20- K-4 Christmas Program in gym at 1:00, Early dismissal at 1:50
Warm Christmas wishes from the staff and students at St. Joseph School!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

December 19th – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we'll hear that God is present to us in a variety of ways. We'll talk about recognizing God in our daily lives. Our own actions and words can carry the presence of God to others. What a responsibility! Better attend Bible Study.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

ASSISTED SUICIDE SENDS A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE BURDENSOME

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal for years, data shows people request suicide drugs not for pain but because they cannot do the same activities that they could before, such as control bodily functions. They feel they've lost dignity or that they are a burden. Assisted suicide can also promote the view that elderly relatives are not persons to be loved but burdens to be managed. Suicide drugs are not the answer. Everyone deserves loving, supportive care, affirmation of

their dignity, and to know that they are never a burden. **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
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.

Welcome Back Fr. Felix! We're so glad you're back with us!

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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