

HOLY CROSS – WENDELIN

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March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, March 29, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Herman & Joan Rudolphi+” “Floyd Carter+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 30, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Melvin & Helen Rudolphi+”

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

Monday, March 31, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, April 1, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 2, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 3, NO MASS

Friday, April 4, NO MASS

Saturday, April 5, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Wayne Kessler+”, “Jerome & Anita Ochs+”, Donald & Betty Ochs+”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 6, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Eva Herdes+”

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

April Bulletins: Kuhl’s Trailer Sales

April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:

Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and**

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY SUNDAY

Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:

Rusty & Tonya Hall Eric & Kristi Sandschafer

EMHC: EMHC:

Celia Rudolphi Phyllis Eggers

Tammy Rudolphi Breanne Buerster

Kristy Weidner Ginny Zwilling

Lynn Weidner Penni Kuenstler

Lectors: Lectors:

Victoria Rudolphi Tony Kuenstler

Money Counters:

Dave & Michelle Rauch

Ushers: Ushers:

Dave Rudolphi Aaron Eggers

Mark Rudolphi Victor Sandschafer

Carl Weidner Eric Sandschafer

Dave Rauch Austin Zwilling

\$100 for missalettes and will remain published in the bulletin for the entire month!

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 23, 2025

(75) Envelope Collection: \$2,345.00

Loose: \$255.00 **Total: \$2,600.00**

(5) Building Fund: \$400.00, (2) Rebuild: \$750.00,

(4) VBS: \$325.00, (5) CSMA: \$590.00, (2) Catholic

Relief: \$70.00, (4) Easter Flowers: \$240.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, March 26th - **\$269,866.90** has been received from 373 donations – thank you!



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning

CRMH COMMUNION:

March 30 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841

April 13 – Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799

April 20 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. March 29 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

Sun. March 30 – Ellee Nettleton, Brooke & Braden Weidner

Sat. April 5 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi

Sun. April 6 – Lane Smithenry, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert

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BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Ralph Weber will be 92 years young on Sunday, March 30. He would appreciate some birthday wishes. Please send cards to 7588 N. Wakefield Rd., Newton, IL 62448 or stop by for a visit! Happy Birthday, Ralph!

THANK YOU:



Thank you to American Legion Post #932 of Ste Marie for the new flag for our cemetery. Many Thanks to Ben Ochs, Commander and the Legion for this gift to our cemetery to honor our veterans

buried at Holy Cross. Also please remember there is a box place by Wakefield Mill for damaged or used flags to be placed and they will be burned during honor ceremony at the Post.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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BAPTISM:

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HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:

Picnic committee **is still looking** for a member to join their committee, preferably male, but are open to anyone. All ages over the age of 21 are welcome to be on the committee. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367.

VBS ENVELOPES:

VBS contribution envelope are available in the gathering space and can be dropped into the collection. These envelopes will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:

Mowing will resume in the spring and all flowers, decorations, and/or grave blankets **must be removed by March 31st** to prepare. Thank you!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.

Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. Childcare available. A

Tuesday study will also be available in the HC Parish House at 6:30pm.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Friday, April 4- Join us for Living Stations of the Cross presented by our 8th graders at 2:30 in the church.

Thank you to Sarah Kocher for running our kitchen for our bingo/auction night!

Our annual trash bag sales fundraiser is in full swing! See any St. Joseph School student to purchase. **St. Joseph School Calendars:** Due to a printing error, we have quite a few benefit calendars left. The good news is that you can still buy one for \$25! Call or stop by the school office to get yours. (These could make a great Easter gift.)

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. One of the joys of reflection on the word of God in the Scriptures is that we today are continually learning from words written long ago ... and those words of Scripture are ever new. We'll explain that at Bible Study.

NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Newton K of C will host Lenten Fry-Days each Friday during Lent. Menu includes fried fish, cheesy hashbrowns, and coleslaw. Adult meals are \$12 and \$7 for kid's meals. \$15 for all fish orders. This will be dine in or carry out from 4:30-7pm or until sold out at the Newton KC Hall. Proceeds to benefit: **April 4:** St. Thomas Church, and **April 11:** Family Life.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday Fish Frys at the Olney City Park Community Building. Serving dine-in or carry-out 5-7 or until sold out. The menu includes cat fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad,

beverage, tea, or water and dessert is by donation. Adults are \$13 and children 12 and under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit - **April 4:** Fall Kids Mall, and **April 11:** Olney Valor Quilters.

Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship

application deadline is April 4th. Applications can be mailed to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL 62450. There are four \$250 scholarships awarded to High School Seniors of current Olney Council 1352 members. Applications are located at the back of each Tri-Parish church and at the Olney High School Guidance Office.

Baby Crib donations are being accepted in the Tri-Parish churches for Women, Infants and Children in the Richland/Jasper Health Clinic. Suggested donations are newborn and sizes 1-6 months diapers, pull ups 2T-5T, underwear sizes 2T-3T, 4, 6, & 8, onesies, bibs, baby socks, sleepers, lotions, powders, sippy cups, pacifiers, crib sheets, baby bottles, etc.

Sunday, April 27 – State Free Throw Competition **Knight of the Month** -Galen Slover, Free Throw volunteer and his assistant Neal Weber!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

A signup sheet is located in the gathering space of the church to lead Stations April 4th and 11th.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Thank you to the **25** households that have already pledged **\$5,259.20**. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! **Our financial target is \$6,808.00.**

Sunday, March 30, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult
and be satisfied at her consoling breast.



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

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

****Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty, – Pastor**

Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632

E-mail: frsteven.beatty@gmail.com

****Reverend Felix Chukwuma – Pastor**

Fr. Felix's Cell: 812-899-2415

E-mail: chibuchuma@yahoo.com

****Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**

Caroline's Cell: 618-263-7106

E-mail: ctrimblePA@gmail.com

****Ashley Hinterscher – Administrative Assistant**

Ashley's Cell: 618-843-1892

Parish E-mail: holycrosswendelin@outlook.com

Ashley CRE E-mail: creholycross@gmail.com

****Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**

Tyler's Cell: 507-530-2911

E-mail: timm@stjoeolney.com

Trustees: Carl Will & Sherry Geier; Pastoral

Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-

Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier,

Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty

Smithenry

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✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Mar. 31 6:30 PM at Stringtown

Tue. Apr. 1 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

Wed. Apr. 2 8:05 am For the Parish

Thu. Apr. 3 No mass at Holy Cross

Fri. Apr. 4 No mass
2:30 PM Living Stations

Sat. Apr. 5 First Saturday

9:00 am at Wendelin

4:00 PM at Wendelin

5:00 PM Mike, Ellie, & Judy Kocher
William Steed
Catherine & Wilbert Zwilling

Sun. Apr. 6

8:00 am Dudley Chamberlin

8:00 am at Stringtown

10:00 am at Wendelin

10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR MARCH SPONSORS

Bulletins: Marie Beal

Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MAR. 23^d

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$6,234 (99) Loose: \$149

Guatemala: \$10 (1) Black & Indian Missions: \$65
(2) CSMA: \$837.85

Let Us Pray For: Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

Young Adults Gathering: April 6th, Location and speaker TBD.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, March 29th

• 4:30 PM, Rosary before mass.

• Mass for Jim & Mary Steber, Albert, Clara, & RoseEllen Hahn, and Linda Gumble.

Sunday, March 30th

• 7:40 am, Rosary before mass led by the K of C.

• Mass ministries led by the Knights of Columbus.

• Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass on Sundays.

Tuesday, April 1st

• 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.

• 4th and 8th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

• 6:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Lawrenceville. This will continue on the first Tuesday of every month.

• OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, April 2nd

• Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.

• 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. One of the joys of reflection on the word of God in the Scriptures is that we today are continually learning from words written long ago ...and those words of Scripture are ever new. We'll explain that at Bible Study.

• 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Thursday, April 3rd

• No mass at Wendelin.

Friday, April 4th - First Friday

• No mass at Olney.

• 2:30 PM, Living Stations of the Cross at Olney presented by the 8th graders.

• 5-7 PM, Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out at the Olney City Park community building. Proceeds benefit Fall Kids Mall.

Saturday, April 5th - First Saturday

• 9:00 am, First Saturday mass at Wendelin.

• 6 PM, Middle School Youth Group in Olney

🕯 **St. Joseph School News** 🕯

• Friday, April 4th- Join us for Living Stations of the Cross presented by our 8th graders at 2:30 in the church.

• Thank you to Sarah Kocher for running our kitchen for our bingo/auction night!

• **First Communion** Dates: May 17 & 18, 2025. Pictures before mass at St. Joseph, Olney 4:30 pm. Pictures after mass at 9 am St. Joseph, Stringtown & after mass at Holy Cross 11 am

• **Confirmation** Date: Saturday, April 26th at 11 am at Holy Cross.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Mar. 24: Natalie Eagleson (#169)

Mar. 25: Mary Zuber (#760)

Mar. 26: Jess Jennings (#248)

Mar. 27: Lauren Stolz (#517)

Mar. 28: Kasen Kuenstler (#206)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

• **St. Joseph School Calendars:** Due to a printing error, we have quite a few benefit calendars left. The good news is that you can still buy one! You have 195 chances to win \$25 and 3 additional chances to win \$500 before 2025 ends. The good news is that you can still buy one for \$25! Call or stop by the school office to get yours. (These could make a great Easter gift.)

• **CSMA:** Our parish financial target is \$21,855. We have received pledges for \$5,744.10. Thank you to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

• **Parish & Family Life Committee:**

The committee is sponsoring "Blessings in a Bag" for a Parish Lenten outreach project. We will be collecting small items from Parish members to be shared with people in our community that are needing a special Blessing or just a little extra help with basic living essentials. The deadline for collections will be **Wednesday, April, 9th.**

➤ **Items that are still needed include:** hand wipes, band aides, fruit snacks, sugar free gum or mints, socks, nail files, deodorant, hair brushes, and gift cards for local fast food.

➤ Items can be dropped off in the basket placed at the entrance doors of church or with the church office. Monetary donations can be dropped off to church office and tagged as Blessings in a Bag. If any Parish Member has someone in mind from our community that could use a helping hand, please contact the church office with their information. Thank you all for your support.

➤ **Let us remember Matthew 25:40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"**

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

• **Sunday, March 30:** K of C led Rosary at Olney before the 8AM Mass, followed by a fellowship breakfast at HV's.

• **April 4th:** Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park community building.

• The Knights of Columbus are proud to support our youth through **The Knights of Columbus Scholarship program.** We are awarding four \$250.00 scholarships to High School Senior applicants to be chosen by committee. To qualify, the applicant or parent must be a current member of the Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352 3rd Degree. Applicants must be received by **Friday, April 4th, 2025.** Return by mail to the K of C, P.O. Box 172 Olney, IL 62450. Applications can be found on the table in the back of church.

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- **Thursday, April 10:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Thursday, April 17,** Holy Thursday, possibly no 4th Degree meeting.
- **Sunday, April 27:** Good Luck Leah Kuenstler and Piper Mann at St. Anthony High School for the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition.
- **Congratulations** to Yzabella Biyok for ninth place in the Regional Spelling Bee at Mt. Vernon. Awesome efforts by Andrew Lambird and Levi Rudolphi!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Vocation Corner: Sunday, March 30th

Today's Gospel features one of the most memorable and quoted parables: The Prodigal Son. This display of Fatherly love is so reassuring to us as we travel through life. The premier forgiveness of the Father for both His sons provides us with comfort even in our transgressions. As we strive to live our vocation (priesthood, married, consecrated life, single), we can always treasure the knowledge that the Father will always celebrate our return to Him no matter what we have done or failed to do.

~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

DO YOU FEEL CALLED?

Are you discerning the possibility of serving the Lord as a priest, consecrated sister or brother, missionary or permanent deacon?

If you are looking for guidance about how to discern answering the Lord's call, please join Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, and Bishop Michael McGovern for a Day of Recollection. We will gather at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The day includes morning Mass, two talks, reflection questions, group discussion and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Lite breakfast and lunch will be provided. This gathering is open to young men and women in High School to age 30. For more information or to RSVP by April 3, contact Ms. Martina Skorch (mskorch@diobelle.org) or by phone at (618) 722-5043.

All ladies of the Diocese are invited to join others for a Saturday morning of faith, fun and fellowship.

We are meeting at Camp Ondessonk on **Saturday April 5, 2025**. Camp is also hosting a trail run that morning, and new camper orientation starting at 1pm.

9-11am - outdoor Stations of the Cross (meet at the covered bridge). 11-12 - simple soup lunch in the basement of the St. Noel Center. 12-1 - meeting including parish sharing and planning for convention.

RSVP is appreciated but not required, there is no cost for the day. For questions or to RSVP call, text or email Jo Mayer, 618 751-3549, icurse81@yahoo.com

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

January 15-20, 2026

Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration will soon be open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email crsdiobelle@gmail.com

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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~ St. Joseph Church ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

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Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant

Parish Office 618-392-8181

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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee

Elliot Brazil Trustee

~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:

Wednesday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ Sacraments ~

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

Josy Hart Principal

Carol Potter Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle Office Manager

School Office 618-395-3081

E-mail office@stjoeolney.com

Website www.stjoeolney.com

FAX 618-395-8500

Kristen Eagleson Financial Manager

School Board: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*)

Collection Total for March 23, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,360.00 (30)
Loose: \$2.01
Total: \$1,362.01

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00
Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)
Easter Flowers: \$20.00 (1)
CSMA: \$50.00 (1)
VBS: \$20.00 (1)

March Bulletins: For The Parish

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Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule. Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is \$100 to sponsor missalettes.

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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.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to the CYM kids that helped at the Family Life Center Breakfast in Newton: Kylie Kocher, Kaitlin Kocher, Emma Hefferman, Nora Street, Isaac Street, Luke Seiler, and Owen Kocher.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:



Congratulations to Andrew Ray Wood, son of Jessica (Zuber) Wood and Dalton Ray Wood. Andrew was baptized on March 9, 2025. Godparents were Jaykob Zuber and Katey Zuber.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Program will be the election of officers and review of constitution and by-laws. No speaker is scheduled. Refreshments provided by Janice Zwilling and Jamie Kocher.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Friday, April 4- Join us for Living Stations of the Cross presented by our 8th graders at 2:30 in the church.

Thank you to Sarah Kocher for running our kitchen for our bingo/auction night!

Our annual trash bag sales fundraiser is in full swing! See any St. Joseph School student to purchase. **St. Joseph School Calendars:** Due to a printing error, we have quite a few benefit calendars left. The good news is that you can still

buy one for \$25! Call or stop by the school office to get yours. (These could make a great Easter gift.)

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:
The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.

Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair.

Raffles – Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on April 27th. **All raffle donations should be turned in by April 30th.**

Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 17th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church after Easter.

Meeting Date - The Picnic Committee Chair’s next meeting will be Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center. Thank you!

Picnic Chairs are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance)

VBS ENVELOPES:

Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the vestibule of church. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection and will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available regarding VBS at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. One of the joys of reflection on the word of God in the Scriptures is that we today are continually learning from words written long ago ... and those words of Scripture are ever new. We'll explain that at Bible Study.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices for Holy Week will be on April 1, 3, 13, 15 all at 7pm. You don't have to attend all practices, all are welcome!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Friday Fish Frys at the Olney City Park Community Building. Serving dine-in or carry-out 5-7 or until sold out. The menu includes cat fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, beverage, tea, or water and dessert is by donation. Adults are \$13 and children 12 and under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit - **April 4:** Fall Kids Mall, and **April 11:** Olney Valor Quilters.

Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship application deadline is April 4th. Applications can be mailed to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, Il. 62450. There are four \$250 scholarships awarded to High School Seniors of current Olney Council 1352 members. Applications are located at the back of each Tri-Parish church and at the Olney High School Guidance Office.

Baby Crib donations are being accepted in the Tri-Parish churches for Women, Infants and Children in the Richland/Jasper Health Clinic. Suggested donations are newborn and sizes 1-6 months diapers, pull ups 2T-5T, underwear sizes 2T-3T, 4, 6, & 8, onesies, bibs, baby socks, sleepers, lotions, powders, sippy cups, pacifiers, crib sheets, baby bottles, etc.

Sunday, April 27 – State Free Throw Competition **Knight of the Month** –Galen Slover, Free Throw volunteer and his assistant Neal Weber!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Thank you to the **12** households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. So far **\$2,456.00** has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! ***Our parish goal for 2025 is \$5,011.***

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe January 15-20, 2026 - Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration will soon be open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, Sue Huett Asbeck, retired Director of Worship for the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$2994 with final payment being due in mid-September. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Luke G. Kocher, Judy Brown, and Brenda Zuber

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bill, Catherine, & Nadine Zwilling+” “Herman & Joan Rudolphi+”

Monday, March 31, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”

Tuesday, April 1, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 2, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 3, NO MASS

Friday, April 4, NO MASS

Saturday, April 5, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling+” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

03/30/2025

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Grayson Sterchi
Julian Seaman

Lector:

Hank Ginder

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Gary Zwilling

Gifts:

Jean Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Tom Kocher
Carter Seaman

Greeters:

Gary & Beth
Kocher Family

Children's Liturgy:

Laura & Delana

04/06/2025

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Hallie Ochs
Ian Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Grayson Sterchi
Janette Kocher
Jenny Hancock

Gifts:

Ellen Steber
Family

Ushers:

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Alex Schneider

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