

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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TRI PARISH NEWS

ST. JOSEPH, OLNEY

Mass times

Wed. & Fri 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am

HOLY CROSS, WENDELIN

Mass times

Thurs. 6:30 pm
Sat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 10:00 am

ST. JOSEPH, STRINGTOWN

Mass times

Mon. 6:30 pm
Sun. 8:00 am



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ST. JOSEPH
OLNEY



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HOLY CROSS
WENDELIN



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ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Monday, March 2nd

- 5:30 pm, St. Raphael Ministry of Care group meets at Olney.

Tuesday, March 3rd

- [Spiritual life: 10 am Stringtown](#)
- Spiritual life: 5 pm Olney

Wednesday, March 4th

- 9-11 am, St. Joseph, Olney at Good Samaritan.
- [Spiritual life: 5:30 pm Wendelin.](#)
- [6:30- 8 pm, Family Catechesis 8th grade confirmation retreat at Holy Cross.](#)

Friday, March 6th - First Friday

- 9-11 am, St. Joseph, Olney at Good Samaritan.

Saturday, March 7th

- 6 pm, Middle school youth group meets in Olney.

Sunday, March 8th

- Donut and coffee social after the 8 am mass in Olney.
- 8 am, CYM mass and meeting at St. Joseph, Olney.
- [5:30 pm, High School Youth Group meets at Stringtown.](#)

Tuesday, March 10th

- [Spiritual life: 10 am Stringtown](#)
- Spiritual life: 5 pm Olney

Wednesday, March 11th

- [Spiritual life: 5:30 pm Wendelin.](#)
- [6:30 pm, Vespers at Stringtown.](#)

Saturday, March 14th

- [Bingo Bash at Stringtown. Doors open at 5 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm.](#)

Sunday, March 15th

- Young Adults Gathering - TBD

Tuesday, March 17th

- [Spiritual life: 10 am Stringtown](#)
- Spiritual life: 5 pm Olney

Wednesday, March 18th

- No morning mass at Olney.
- [Spiritual life: 5:30 pm Wendelin.](#)
- 6:30 pm, Vespers at Olney.

Thursday, March 19th

- 8 am, Mass at Olney for the Feast of St. Joseph.
- [6 pm, Family Catechesis mass and dinner at Stringtown for Feast of St. Joseph.](#)

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Friday, March 20th

- 2 pm, Living Stations presented by the 8th graders at Olney.

Saturday, March 21st

- 6 pm, Middle School Youth Group meets at Olney.
- 6-10:30 pm, Wine Tasting at Wendelin.

Sunday, March 22nd

- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group meets at Wendelin.

Tuesday, March 24th

- 6:30 pm, Bibles and Brews at HV's in Olney. Speaker is Seminarian Terry Marmion.

Friday, March 27th

- 2 pm, Living Stations presented by the 8th graders at Olney.

Saturday, March 28th

- 9:30 am, Easter Egg Hung for ages birth to Kindergarten at St. Joseph School, sponsored by the SJS enrollment committee.

SISTERS IN CHRIST

Sisters in Christ will resume and continue through the month of April.

The book we will be reading is, Introduction to the Spiritual Life.

Tuesdays 10:00 am - Stringtown

Tuesdays 5:00 pm - Olney

Wednesdays 5:30 pm - Holy Cross

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 1352, will be hosting Friday fish fry's through March 27th. A meal will be served from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome!

WINE TASTING

March 21st at Holy Cross Wendelin
6:00 - 10:30 pm
Berryville, Castle Finn, Irene's, and Pour Vinyard.

Food trucks and live music by Dakota Danielle.

\$10



ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE

This ministry will focus on providing pastoral care through spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, those grieving and their caregivers, and families.

Reminder to contact the St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representative or the parish office, if your loved one is sick, anticipating a surgery or treatment, recovering from surgery, relocating from home, or might need a pastoral visit.

St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representatives

St. Joseph Stringtown- Janette Kocher
Holy Cross Wendelin- Sherry Geier
St. Joseph Olney- Elaine Grimes
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate
Fr. Levi James
Fr. Steven Beatty

ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

St. Joseph, Stringtown

Prayer service & adoration every Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Holy Cross, Wendelin

Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass time at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph, Olney

Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

St. Joseph, Olney 6:30 pm
St. Lawrence 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

St. Joseph, Olney 6:30 pm
St. Lawrence 6:30 pm
Stations at St. Lawrence 3:00 pm
Stations at Holy Cross 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4th

St. Joseph, Olney 7:30 pm
St. Lawrence 7:30 pm



Our Bingo Bash is March 14th! Anyone who wants to support this fantastic fundraiser can drop off a bottle of wine in the back of any of our parishes or donate a gift card (any amount). If you want to volunteer to help that evening, please contact Carol Potter

(cpotter@stjoeolney.com) or 618-395-3081.



St. Joseph School News

March 11-12: 8th graders trip to Memphis.

March 14: Bingo Bash at Stringtown. Doors open at 5 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm.

March 19: School mass for Feast of St. Joseph.

March 20 & 27: Living stations presented by St. Joe 8th graders at 2 pm, Olney.

March 28: Easter Egg Hunt for birth-Kindergarten. Sponsored by the SJS Enrollment Committee.

March 31: 8th grade class attends Chrism Mass in Belleville.

"I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

Psalm 119:11

Lent

Ash Wednesday



7:00 a.m. St. Lawrence Lawrenceville

8:05 a.m. St. Joseph Olney

1:30 p.m. 3rd floor Carle Hospital

6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Stringtown & Holy Cross Wendelin

Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross- St. Lawrence- Lawrenceville

St. Joseph Olney - St. Joseph Stringtown

Friday evenings 6:30 p.m.



Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Key Regulations:

Fasting (Ages 18-59)

Obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Means one full meal and two smaller meals (not equaling a full meal).

No snacking between meals.

Abstinence (Ages 14+):

Obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent.

Means refraining from eating meat (beef, pork, poultry).

Fish, eggs, milk products, and condiments are permitted.

Exemptions:

Those who are ill, pregnant, nursing, or elderly (over 59 for fasting) are generally excused.

Those in physically demanding jobs are also often exempt.

Broader Practices:

Beyond the Minimum: Catholics are encouraged to go beyond the basic rules through increased prayer (reading Scripture, attending Mass), almsgiving (charity), and other acts of self-discipline.

Spiritual Focus:

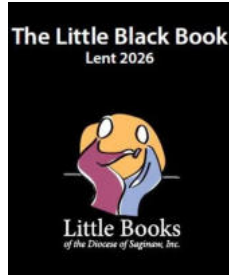
The goal is spiritual renewal, focusing on deeper intimacy with God, not just giving up food.

Duration:

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and concludes on the evening of Holy Thursday.



Lenten Resources



The Little Black Book
a Lenten daily devotional,
in the vestibule of the parish.

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 p.m. beginning after Ash Wednesday.



Evening Vespers, or Evening Prayer, is a Catholic liturgical service part of the Liturgy of the Hours that sanctifies the end of the day through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Typically held at dusk, its primary purpose is to offer an "evening sacrifice" to God, reflect on the day's events, thank Him for graces received, and seek forgiveness for sins.

February 25th Holy Cross Wendelin
March 4th St. Lawrence Lawrenceville
March 11th St. Joseph Stringtown
March 18th St. Joseph Olney



Augustine Institute
A Free Lenten Pilgrimage

Join Dr. Barber, Dr. Pitre,
and Dr. Adams on a Biblical
Lenten spirit filled journey.



Pray with The Tears of
Christ this Lent- Free

Sign up for daily
Lenten meditations
from St. John Henry
Newman.



Hallow FREE during Lent
Join Chris Pratt, Mark
Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie,
Sr. Miriam, Fr. Mike Schmitz,
and more alongside millions
of others.

COME AND PRAY

Vespers

FOR LENT

Wednesday evenings at 6:30

Holy Cross - February 25

St. Lawrence - March 4

St. Joseph (Stringtown) - March 11

St. Joseph (Olney) - March 18

**OLNEY
COUNCIL
#1352**

Open to the public.
Dine in or carry out.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY Fridays during Lent

OLNEY CITY PARK

Community Building

Serving from
5:00 - 7:00 pm
(or until sold out)

Dinner: \$14
(Refills available)

Menu: Fried fish, hash brown patty, baked beans, corn,
green beans, salad, and a beverage.
Dessert by donation.

Dates -Proceeds to Benefit:

February 20: Mentor Richland County

February 27: Richland County Hope

March 6: St. Joseph School

March 13: Senior Citizens Center

March 20: Fall Kids Mall

March 27: Olney Valor Quilters





NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

2026 LENTEN FRY-DAYS



February 20
CYO

Catholic Youth Organization



February 27
Columbian Home
"KC HALL"



March 6
Columbian Home
"KC HALL"



March 13
Shop with a Cop



March 20
Columbian Home
"KC HALL"



March 27
St. Thomas Church

All FRY-DAYS raise monies to benefit a local organization or charitable group.

DINE-IN or

CARRY OUT

4:30 – 7:00 PM

or until sold out

NEWTON KC HALL

MENU

MEAL INCLUDES:
FRIED FISH,
CHEESY HASHBROWNS,
AND COLESLAW

\$15 – Adult Meal

\$7 – Kid's Meal

\$20 – All Fish Order

DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday
March 8th
after 8:00 am mass**

Enjoy donuts and coffee on
Sunday morning with your
families and fellow parishioners

**MARCH
8**

**St. Joseph, Olney
Multipurpose Room**



BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

FOR NEWTON FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ONLINE AUCTION LAUNCH

FREE WILL DONATION - \$7,000 GOAL

KIDS ACTIVITIES | BAKE SALE

**08 MARCH
2026**

8 AM - 12 PM

**ST. THOMAS
PARISH CENTER
306 JOURDAN ST
NEWTON**

CONTACT LINDA @ 217-342-5433 OR
FIND US ON FACEBOOK @NEWTONFLC





Mass and St. Joseph Table Celebration

March 19, 2026

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and all Family

Catechesis families to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration with Mass at 6:00pm in the church, followed by prayer and fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind, especially sweet breads.

St. Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family. Let us take this time to gather and pray together to St. Joseph for his blessing on our parish families.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” Matthew 18:20

HOLY CROSS
WENDELIN

Wine *Tasting*

\$10

Admission
(Includes Glass
& Tastings!)

MARCH 21, 2026

HOLY CROSS PARISH CENTER

WENDELIN, IL

6:00-10:30PM

BERRYVILLE VINEYARDS - CASTLE FINN VINEYARD
IRENE'S VINEYARD - THE POUR VINEYARD

*Food Trucks and Live Music by
Dakota Danielle!*

**Domestic beer available for
purchase. Wineries will serve
until 9pm.**

***No admittance to anyone under 21 years
of age.**



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Family Catechesis Revised Schedule of Events

“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints”

March	April	May
4 Wed: Stay at Home Family Night 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 6:30 p.m. Holy Cross Parish House 19- Family Catechesis will be held at St. Joseph Stringtown for the feast day of St. Joseph. There will be Mass and Dinner with the “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items. <i>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</i>	1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items. 5 -Easter 12 -Divine Mercy Sunday 18-Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney 26- First Communion Practice after Mass <i>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</i>	3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning 2-3 First Communion 6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Families: Final Saint presentations, meal, and year end presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items. <i>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</i>





Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:
Lourdes Healing Water, St. Bernadette Holy Card,
Lenten materials, and St. Valentine gifts.

Let us continue to stay
"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints."

Lenten Family Ideas

Key Activities and Traditions

- **Prayer:** Create a Lenten prayer space with a cross and candle. Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, or the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Attend Stations of the Cross.
- **Fasting:** Eat simple meatless meals on Fridays and have children help prepare them. Give up screens or candy as a family.
- **Almsgiving:** Use a "Sacrifice Jar" to fill with beans for every good deed, or fill a jar with coins for charity. Participate in "40 Bags in 40 Days" by donating one bag of items to charity each day.
- **Activities:** Make soft pretzels (symbolizing arms crossed in prayer). Read a Lenten devotional or children's book.
- **Visuals:** Use a Lenten calendar to track the 40 days. Make a Lenten Sacrifice paperchain.

Upcoming March Events

Holy Cross Wendelin

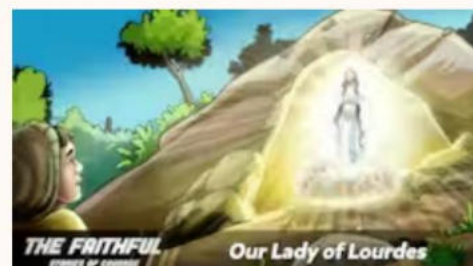
4 -Wed. Stay-at- Home Family Night

19- Family Catechesis will be held at St. Joseph Stringtown for the feast day of St. Joseph. There will be Mass and Dinner with the *"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints."*

*Reminder to bring
Family Tote with Saint Binder
and Sacrament book for check-in.



February formed™



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

February 2026



Our February Saints



Our Lady of Lourdes, is a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary, honoring her 1858 apparitions to 14-year-old peasant girl St. Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto at Lourdes, France. Over 18 visits, Mary identified as the "Immaculate Conception," urging prayer and repentance, and directed Bernadette to a spring with lasting healing properties. While many seek cures for illnesses, the spiritual message focuses on repentance, faith, and prayer for the conversion of sinners

St. Bernadette Soubirous, was a poor French girl from Lourdes, France, who, at age 14, experienced 18 visions of the Virgin Mary in a cave (Grotto of Massabielle) from February to July 1858, leading to the discovery of a miraculous spring and the famous Lourdes pilgrimage site; despite skepticism and hardship, she remained faithful, later joining the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, living a humble life, and dying at 35, eventually becoming a saint known for humility and faith in the face of illness. Bernadette's body is recognized by the Church as incorrupt.



"My Jesus, fill my heart with so much love that one day it will break just to be with you." St. Bernadette.

Pray for ME

C O N F I R M A N D I

Adrienne Weidner: St. Veronica

Aubrey Patridge: St. Cecilia

Beau Stevens: St. Philip Neri

Braden Weidner: St. Hubert of Liege

Bria Waggoner: St. Anne

Brilyn Brinkley: St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Camden Blank: St. Phocas

Cora Warfel: St. Anne

Diesel Myers: St. Christopher

Gavin Kuenstler: St. Isidore the Laborer

Haley Ginder: St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Hayden Womack: St. Joseph

Hazel Durmas: St. Rose of Lima

Jett Thomas: St. Francis de Sales

Julian Seaman: St. Sebastian

Koltyn Hinterscher: St. John Paul

Korbyn Hinterscher: St. Carlo Acutis

Kylah Matthews: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Landree Nelson: St. Catherine of Siena

Laney Peavler: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Lauren French: St. Therese of Lisieux

Leo Seitzinger: St. Joan of Arc

Lucca Trupiano: St. Padre Pio

Makai Steele: St. Michael the Archangel

Max Crouch: St. Michael the Archangel

Nicole Kuhl: St. Monica

Parker Lewis: St. Juan Diego

Paxton Gher: St. Sebastian

Peyton Peavler: St. Michael the Archangel

Quinn Trout: St. Patrick

Riley Kraus: St. Therese of Lisieux

Sadie Seiler: St. Mary, Mother of God

Sarah Ruppel: St. Therese of Lisieux

Yzabella Biyok: St. Philip Neri



Pray for Me

O

Isaac Beal

Dalyn Brach

Stephen Brach

C

Eli Brown

Hilary Cecil

Abby Garrison

I

Luke Hahn

A

Kristen Kocher

Jillian Peavler

Sallie VanBlaricum



New Resources For Children

Children's Missalettes

These missalettes are recommended for ages 5-12 and are a great resource for helping our school age children follow along with the mass. It includes a description of the sanctuary and all the prayers during mass. These can be picked up at each mass by all of the entrances to the church. Please return them at the end of mass.

Mass Bags

These bags are recommended for ages 0-4 and include religious toys and books. We currently have 3 bags available for children to use during mass. These can be found by the main entrance to church on the book shelf. Please return the bag and all of its contents at the end of mass. If you would like to purchase one of these for your family to keep, you can purchase one at the parish office for \$54.



Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith



*Stringtown Study
The Four Terezas*

**TUESDAY
ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN
10:00AM**

*Sisters in Christ
The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY
HOLY CROSS
5:30 PM**

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*Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO
WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE
STARTING SOON.

CONTACT
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



*Olney Study
The Eucharist*

**WEDNESDAY
ST. JOSEPH OLNEY
9:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

*Brother's in Christ
Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY
HOLY CROSS
7:00PM**