

**January 26, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Saturday, January 25, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Harold & Rose Marie Buerster+”**  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, January 26, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Richard & Margaret Weidner” “Gerald & Linda Blank+”**

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

**Monday, January 27, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Tuesday, January 28, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, January 29, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, January 30, NO MASS**

**Friday, January 31, NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 1, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parishes”**

**4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Fred Kessler+”**  
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, February 2, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kevin Frohning+”**

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. January 19, 2025**

(71) Envelope Collection: \$2,144.00

Loose: \$202.00 **Total: \$2,346.00**

(7) Building Fund: \$375.00

(1) Cemetery: \$50.00

(10) First Offering: \$50.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT**

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** As of Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - **\$257,536.90** has been received from 346 donations – thank you!

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

**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

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

**February 9** – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

**February 16** – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. January 25** – St. Joseph School

**Sun. January 26** – Cora Warfel, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

**Sat. February 1** – Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert

**Sun. February 2** – Lane Smithenry, Nora & Alex Street

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, January 25** – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, January 26** – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross Wendelin Youth Space, 5:30pm.

**Monday, January 27**–Parish Office Open 9am-12pm.

**Blood Drive at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.**

**Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.**

**Tuesday, January 28** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am  
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, January 29** – 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, January 30** – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

**Friday, January 31** – Holy Cross Parish Office Open 9am-12pm.

**Saturday, February 1** – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

**Sunday, February 2** – Young Adults Gathering at Holy Cross Parish Center – Dinner at 6pm, Speaker/Topic TBD for Ages 18-35, 21+ welcome to bring adult beverages to drink responsibly!

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

**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.

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

This is a Jubilee year, “a holy year,” represented by God’s grace, redemption, and deliverance. A time,

*“to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”* This is a time to forgive, seek reconciliation, and offer kindness. A time of grace to re-establish a deeper and more personal relationship with God, and one another. The call to live as a Pilgrim of Hope is the theme and the challenge for us all. Pope Francis wrote, *“In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.”* The Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing said Jesus. Will this scripture be lived, heard, and fulfilled in your Jubilee year? Hope does not disappoint. Live being free from oppression and seek favor. Live this Jubilee year - intently- as a Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

**CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT UPDATE:**

*“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints.”* will officially launch August 2025 and will be a yearlong project to July 2026. **Catholic Extension committee enthusiastically received and approved the full amount of \$15,000.00!** More will be shared ongoingly as we venture into this project.

**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.

**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:**

#### **Join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week!**

- Wednesday at 8am - Alumni Mass
- Thursday from 11am-Noon - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Saints Wax Museum in the gym
- Friday at 8:15am - Living Rosary presented by our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classes in the church.

**Thank you to students** for providing ministries for our Catholic Schools Week kickoff Mass celebrations! **Preschool and kindergarten enrollment** is currently underway for the 2025-26 school year. Please contact the school office if you have not previously reached out and plan to enroll a student. **St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars** are available in the school office! Calendars are \$25 each and provide 257 daily chances to win \$25 & 4 opportunities to win \$500! Get yours today! We will not draw until the last week of January (so you still have time to win).

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.** Deacon Jack will take you through the Gospel for The Presentation of the Lord. We'll spend time in the Temple at Jerusalem and we'll see the parents of Jesus, devout Jews, present Jesus to be consecrated to the Lord as a first-born son, as the law of Moses required. Mary has to be cleansed, too. This will be quite a Bible Study!

#### **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, February 13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm. **Thursday, February 20** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting

at 7pm. **Sunday, February 23** – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am.

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how at <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/how-talk-friend-whos-had-abortion> *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

My parents gave me and my siblings a joyful and loving childhood where the beauty of the Catholic faith shone brightly. They sent us to a school in Madrid operated by the sisters of the Company of the Savior, whose charism is to cooperate with parents by providing a strong education in a faithful catholic environment. The joy, devotion and dedication of the sisters immediately attracted me. During my last years of high school and my first year of college, I was tempted by new experiences and friendships based on different ideals than those of my youth. It was Mary who opened my eyes to see deeper. She brought me back to the heart of Jesus. Eventually, I embraced His loving call to be only his and joined the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. *Sr. Maria Alguacil; Sisters of the Company of the Savior; Columbia, Sept. 2021*

#### **THE MESSENGER:**

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to

include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

#### **RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:**

You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. Potluck meal will follow in the parish hall with meat and drinks provided. Our speakers will be the Norbertine priests from Springfield, IL. Adoration and Reconciliation will begin at 2pm, then conclude at 3pm with Benediction. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering to assist the visiting priests with their expenses. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Catholic Charities food pantry. Babysitting will be provided, let us know if needed when you signup. You may signup by emailing [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto: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. 2125<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **ASHLEY UPDATE:**

Thank you for the prayers! I am so appreciative of all the texts, calls, emails, and everyone checking in with me as I recover. I received an infusion on Thursday morning (01-23-25) in Effingham. I had several side effects but I am feeling a little better now. I return next Thursday for my next infusion in this series followed by more lab work to see how my levels stand. As always, I appreciate your prayers, patience, and understanding and plan to be back in the Parish Office the first week of February! A special thank you to Martha for keeping things in motion while I am away.

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

**5782 Inghram Lane, Newton, IL 62448**

**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

**Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm**

**Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

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**Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Pam Blank, Sharon**

**Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tonya Hall, Tammy**

**Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry**