

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, February 8, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time † Eucharistic Celebrations †		
Mon. Feb. 9	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 10	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Feb. 11	8:05 am	<i>Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher</i>
Thu. Feb. 12	6:30 pm	at Wendelin
Fri. Feb. 13	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sat. Feb. 14		
	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	<i>Linda Gumble Lawrence, Bernadine, & Urban Kocher Dan, Mildred, & Greg Ochs</i>
Sun. Feb. 15		
	8:00 am	<i>Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher Tony Steber Kenneth, Marcella, & Janet Ochs</i>
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR FEBRUARY SPONSORS	
Bulletins: Bob & Joan Uhl	
Missalettes: Peavler Trucking	
OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 1st	
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00	
Envelopes: \$9,577 (105) Loose: \$173	
Guatemala: \$356 (22) First Offering: \$15 (3)	
Building Fund: \$5 (1)	

Let Us Pray For: Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of Dale Tibbs.
May he rest in the peace of God’s love.

- ~ ***AROUND OUR PARISHES*** ~
- Saturday, February 7th – First Saturday**
- Mass for ***Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher, Charlotte Hough, Living & Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber, and John Beal.***
 - 9:00 am, mass at Holy Cross.
 - 5:00 PM, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine’s Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.
 - 5:00-7 PM, Booster’s Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph, Olney. Food will be served in the cafeteria.

- Sunday, February 8th**
- Mass for ***Jim & Mary Steber, Frank Ginder, and Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs.***
 - Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
 - Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don’t miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!

- Tuesday, February 10th**
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
 - 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room.
 - 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: Sacraments of Vocation & Healing.

Wednesday, February 11th – NO MASS AT CRMH- R/S FOR February 18TH

- Thursday, February 12th**
- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life committee meeting in the quilting room.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MASS SCHEDULE	
7am – St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville	
8:05 am – St. Joseph, Olney	
6:30pm -St Joseph, Stringtown	
6:30pm - Holy Cross, Wendelin	

- 🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾
- Saturday, February 7th- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival from 5-7pm. Join us for a wonderful meal in the cafeteria and fun and games in the gym to benefit St. Joseph School sports, music, and school programs!
 - Wednesday, February 11 – 11:50 dismissal and P/T conferences
 - Thursday and Friday, February 12 & 13 – **NO SCHOOL**

- ~ ***PARISH NEWS*** ~
- **St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction Saturday, March 14th.** Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school! Tables: \$280 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve your table. If you cannot attend but want to help, reach out to Carol Potter at cpotter@stjoeolney.com.
 - **Church Directory:** Please submit photos if you were unable to schedule a date for a photo. Please send to Fr. Levi at levi.jamessiu@gmail.com or drop off a photo to the parish office.
 - **We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Memorial Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.
 - **There has been an interest in adding Children’s Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. To begin we will need volunteers to help lead the class. It is a very simple gospel lesson and the materials

are all provided. Please contact Casey at the parish office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25
• Jan 1: Connie Kuenstler (#041) • Jan 2: Sarah Fehrenbacher (#174) • Jan 5 : Carole Wirth(#025) • Jan 6: Laurence & Nancy Ginder (#635) • Jan 7 : Jeanette Hahn (#414) • Jan 8: Abby Kuhlig (#320) • Jan 9: Jami Mills (#651) • Jan 12: Natasha Benton (#242) • Jan 13: Dorothy & John Schmoker(#345) • Jan 14: Cindy Laughlin (#461) • Jan 15: Brian Shan (#547) • Jan 16: Brian & Valerie McVaigh (#621) • Jan 19: Ryan Heimann (#294) • Jan 20: Brody Peavler (#104) • Jan 21: Dan Kuenstler (#494) • Jan 22: Jessica Herdes(#526) • Jan 23: Brianne Fehrenbacher(#164) • Jan 26: Gabrielle & Noah White (# 798) • Jan 27: Janet Will (#055) • Jan 28: Justin Hatten (#318) • Jan 29 : Jarrett Doll (#728) • Jan 30: Dorothy Bloom (#114) • Feb 2: Janet Jones (#090) • Feb 3: Beverly Clow (#675) • Feb 4: Marcus Kocher (#328) • Feb 5: Rhonda Kuenstler (#528) • Feb 6 : Sue Pixley (#557)

- ~ ***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS*** ~
- **Monday, Feb. 9th:** Olney Council Spelling Bee. St. Joseph School grades 6th, 7th, & 8th. Also, a Fun 5th Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes
 - **Thursday, Feb. 12:** 3rd degree meeting 7pm
 - **Thursday, Feb. 19:** 4th Degree meeting 7pm
 - **The First of 6 Friday Night Fish Fry’s will begin February 20th.** Fish will be served from

5:00-7:00 pm at the Community Building in the Olney City Park. All are welcome!!

- **Sunday, February 22:** Knights will lead the Rosary before the 8am Mass in Olney.
- **Kudos to St. Joseph School Students, Staff, Galen Slover and Neal Weber:** 147 participants in the Olney K of C Free Throw Competition. Winners will be announced next week. The Regional is March 8th at Breese, Mater Dei High School.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Let your light shine for the glory of God.

Jesus is the Light of the world, and we are to reflect His Light. Does your life reflect the Light of God? Or it is focused on self? Does it glorify God? Or self? The Light and Glory of God is one of patience and kindness, it is not jealous or pompous, it is not inflated or rude, it does not seek its own interest or is quick tempered, it does not brood or rejoice over wrongs. If these are diminished or lacking - then your light is hidden - maybe not to the world - but to God! Take a moment and ask God if he sees your light? Journey onward to living a Life of Love and let - God's Light Shine from You - for the Glory of God. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Decolores Weekends:

Men's Weekend: March 12-15; Lay Leader: Gene Niemerg. Call or text him at 217-240-4365

Women's Weekend: March 19-22; Lay Leader: Pat Thompson. Call or text her at 217-246-2150
Email - effdecolores@gmail.com

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend **Feb. 7-8, 2026**

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Respect Life Corner: February 8, 2026

"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*

Vocation Corner: February 8, 2026

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 what 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.

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

Please welcome, Josh & Samantha Wingert and family to our parish!



~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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

Friday 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 form

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm

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 ~

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School Advisory Council: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuentler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

Collection Total for February 1, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,570.00 (38)
Loose: \$71.00
Total: \$1,641.00

Building Fund: \$45.00 (2)

First Offering: \$5.00 (1)

Black & Indian Misson: \$123.00 (6)

Religious Education Fund: \$205.00 (7)

Easter Flower Offering: \$25.00 (1)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

February Bulletins and Missalettes: *In Memory of Herman & Ethel Zwilling*

****Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!**

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, February 9 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, February 10 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, February 11 – Sister's in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, February 12 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.

Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Sunday, February 15 – Bingo Sponsored by Family Life Committee at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1-4pm.

Tuesday, February 17 – Young Adults Gathing at HV's Food and Spirits; Speaker: Deacon Steve Andrews

Sunday, February 22 – CYM Spaghetti Luncheon at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Saturday, March 21 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting – Save the date!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:



Congratulations to Case Andrew Runyon and Kolten Lee Runyon, sons of Ryan & Kelsey (Zuber) Runyon, who were baptized Sunday, February 8, 2026. Case's godparents are Austin Runyon and Madison Zuber. Kolten's godparents are John and

Brittany Ochs. ***"Lord, surround Case and Kolten with goodness, lead them in your light each day; help them walk the path you've chosen, guide their steps along the way. Teach them, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep them from all harm and bless them always with your grace and love."***

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:



7am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
8am, St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, Holy Cross-Wendelin

MINISTER LIST TYPO:

Please note if you are scheduled for February 25th on the Minister's List it is a typo, as February 25th does not fall on a Sunday. Just skip over that week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:

If you weren't able to get your photo taken, you can drop a photo by the parish office, send to our

parish email stjoestringtown@hotmail.com, or text to Ashley.

BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 6:30am-12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your January 2nd appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment.

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjaWPOavxleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETFWNURqcjZlYkU2S1dRY0pVc3JOYwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOjpTW Rwms6nqeKlovP2RgQwskVK-KjO5Zfywa-zM_aem_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A

STRINGTOWN FAMILY LIFE MARDI GRAS PARTY:

You are invited to the Stringtown Mardi Gras party on Sunday, February 15, starting at 5 p.m. at the Parish Center. The parish will provide sandwiches, tea, lemonade, water, and tableware. We are asking those who are attending to bring a finger food or dessert to share. Those 21+ may bring adult beverages. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship. Activities being offered after the meal include Bunco, movie, or just visiting with your friends.



CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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BINGO:

Bingo sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life Committee will be held Sunday, February 15th from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided by donation.

EUCHRE:

Hope to see everyone back on March 13th!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of February 8th: Sts. Benedict and Scholastica, Beloved, Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science, and Miracles**

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LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:
You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish. It will be held on Saturday, March 7 beginning with a TALK at 10 am at St. Aloysius Hall. Mass will follow in the Church. Potluck meal after Mass in will be in the parish hall, with meat and drinks provided. After lunch, we will hear the second talk. Our speaker will be Fr Michael Trummer. Adoration and confessions will begin at 2 pm and the day will conclude at 3 pm with

Benediction. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be accepted. Babysitting will be provided, and please sign up to attend the retreat on the signup sheet in the back of St. Aloysius Church or St. Joseph Church, or you may sign up by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

KING’S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:
King’s House at the Shrine has a Ladies’ Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If any of you would like to join, please contact King’s House at (618)-397-0584 to register. They are requiring a deposit of \$50 to hold your room. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.

THE MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:
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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire

Sunday, February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ann Ochs†” “Donna Rennie†”
Monday, February 9, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Brenda Kocher†”
Tuesday, February 10, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, February 11, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney; NO CRMH Mass this week! Moved to 18th.
Thursday, February 12, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, February 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, February 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, February 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Jean Zwilling†” “Judy Zuber†”
“Norman and Neal & Dorothy Kocher†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
02/08/2026
Servers:
Amity Zuber
Julian Seaman
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Hank Ginder
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jamie Kocher
Gifts:
Ellen Steber Family
Ushers:
Ray Schneider
Alex Schneider
Greeters:
Sam & Mary
Zwilling
Children’s Liturgy:
Anita & Anna
02/15/2026
Servers:
Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Gavin Kuenstler
Lector:
Laura Sterchi
EMHC:
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs
Gifts:
Bill Zuber
Ushers:
Austin Kuenstler
Mallory Kocher
Greeters:
Jean Kocher
Family
Children’s Liturgy:
Anne & Kaitlin

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February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, February 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Srs. Antoinette & Loretta Volk, P.H.J.C†” “Melvin & Helen Rudolphi†” “Louis & Lelia Volk†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 8, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin Richard Weidner and Elizabeth Weidner†”, “Leonard Kessler and Ralph and Colette Bahl Family†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, February 9, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, February 10, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 11, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, NO CRMH Mass! It will be next week!

Thursday, February 12, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Raymond, Thresa, & Raymond Jr. Kessler†”

Friday, February 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, February 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Don & Alice Line†” “JV & Florine Weidner†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 15, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Fred Uebinger†” “Fred Kessler†” “Barbara Fetch†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

February Bulletins and Missalettes:
For All Deceased Members of Holy Cross Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
 To schedule, contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Keith & Pam Blank	Danny & Lori Quinn
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Jeannie Nix	Ginny Zwilling
Kathy Kuenstler	Martha Deimel
Kristy Weidner	Ellen Weber
Sherry Geier	Kristi Sandschafer
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Maria Rudolphi	James Kistner
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Mark Rudolphi	Danny Quinn
Kelly Geier	Austin Zwilling
Carl Weidner	Herb Deimel
Tim Weidner	Michael Kistner
<u>Mass Servers:</u>	
Sat. February 7 – CYM	
Sun. February 8 – Lane Smithenry, Alex Street, Ian Kessler	
<u>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</u>	
February 8 – Marcia Street & Clara Weidner	
February 15 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber	
February 22 – Melissa Weidner & Brooke Weidner	
<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	
February 8 – Diane Herdes	
February 15 – Sheryl Klingler	

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, February 8, 2026
 (68) Envelope Collection: \$2,715.00, Loose: \$168.00– **Total: \$2,883.00,** (28) Building: \$1,494.00, (2) First Offering: \$10.00, (1) Cemetery: \$25.00, (22) Black & Indian Mission: \$499.00, (1) Easter Flowers: \$100.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
 As of Wednesday, February 4 – **\$297,198.57** has been received from 412 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Lee Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher, Andy Bolsen (Meredith Rudolphi’s brother)

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, January 31 - Vocations Group for Young Men, St. Joseph-Olney, MPR. This group will meet 4th Saturday of the month.
Monday, February 9 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Tuesday, February 10 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
 Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
 Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
 OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, February 11 – Sister’s in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, February 12 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.
Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Sunday, February 15 – Bingo Sponsored by Family Life Committee at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1-4pm.
Tuesday, February 17 – Young Adults Gathing at HV’s Food and Spirits; Speaker: Deacon Steve Andrews
Sunday, February 22 – CYM Spaghetti Luncheon at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 10:30am-12:30pm.
Saturday, March 31 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting – Save the date!

WALKING IN PARISH CENTER:
 Parish Center will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-11am.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:



7am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
 8am, St. Joseph-Olney
 6:30pm, St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, Holy Cross-Wendelin

ASH WEDNESDAY

THANK YOU:
 The family of Wilmajean Geier is thankful to Holy Cross Parish for the prayers, love, and support shown to us with the passing of our mother. Special thanks to Fr. Steven; the choir and organist; the hands who provided dishes, served, and cleaned up after the meal; those who tolled the bells; those who cleared mountains of snow at the cemetery; office staff; mass servers; and eucharistic ministers.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:



Congratulations to Vayda Estelle Zacha, daughter of Dylan and Courtney (Garrison) Zacha, who was baptized Saturday, February 7, 2026. Vayda’s godparents are Levi & Abby Garrison. **“Lord, surround Vayda with goodness, lead her in your light each day; help her walk the path you’ve chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep her from all harm and bless her always with your grace and love.”**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Let your light shine for the glory of God. Jesus is the Light of the world, and we are to reflect His Light. Does your life reflect the Light of God? Or it is focused on self? Does it glorify God? Or self? The Light and Glory of God is one of patience and kindness, it is not jealous or pompous, it is not

inflated or rude, it does not seek its own interest or is quick tempered, it does not brood or rejoice over wrongs. If these are diminished or lacking - then your light is hidden - maybe not to the world - but to God! Take a moment and ask God if he sees your light? Journey onward to living a Life of Love and let - God's Light Shine from You - for the Glory of God. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

February drawing will be held next weekend. Half of the proceeds go to MC4C. If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please sign up in the vestibule, contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of February 8th: Sts.**

Benedict and Scholastica, Beloved, Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science, and Miracles

BINGO:

Bingo sponsored by Family Life Committee will be held on Sunday, February 15th from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided for donation.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Saturday, February 7 - Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival from 5-7pm. Join us for a wonderful meal in the cafeteria and fun and games in the gym to benefit St. Joseph School sports, music, and school programs! **Wednesday, February 11 – 11:50am Dismissal and P/T Conferences. Thursday and Friday, February 12 and 13 – NO SCHOOL. Saturday, March 14 - Bingo Bash/Auction Night** at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Monday, February 9: 6th, 7th, & 8th St. Joseph School K of C Spelling Bee. **Thursday, February 12:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, February**

19: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Friday, February 20:** First Fish Fry night at the Olney City Park Community Building. **Sunday, February 22:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Kudos to St. Joseph School Students and Staff:** 147 participants in the Olney K of C Free Throw Competition. Winners will be announced next week. The Regional is March 8th at Breese, Mater Dei High School. **Kudos** to K of C Members Galen Slover and Neal Weber!

EUCHRE:

Hope to see everyone back on March 13th!

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

Please submit photos by sending to parish email holycrosswendelin@outlook.com, dropping a photo by parish office, or texting to Ashley!

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 what 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.

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*

THE MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:

THIS WEEKEND! Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope, by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org or by calling 618-722-5045. The cost is \$40 for printed , \$35 for

digital, and \$45 for both. **Make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

KING'S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:

King's House at the Shrine has a Ladies' Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If any of you would like to join, please contact King's House at (618)-397-0584 to register. They are requiring a deposit of \$50 to hold your room. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.

LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

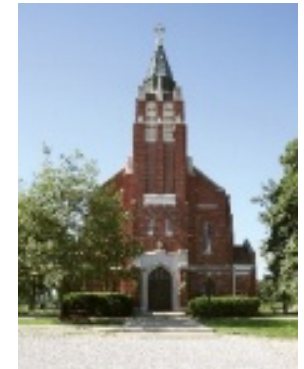
You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish. It will be held on Saturday, March 7 beginning with a TALK at 10 am at St. Aloysius Hall. Mass will follow in the Church. Potluck meal after Mass in will be in the parish hall, with meat and drinks provided. After lunch, we will hear the second talk. Our speaker will be Fr Michael Trummer. Adoration and confessions will begin at 2 pm and the day will conclude at 3 pm with Benediction. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be accepted. Babysitting will be provided, and please sign up to attend the retreat on the sign up sheet in the back of St. Aloysius Church or St. Joseph Church, or you may sign up by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com. Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Sunday, February 8, 2026 **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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Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral

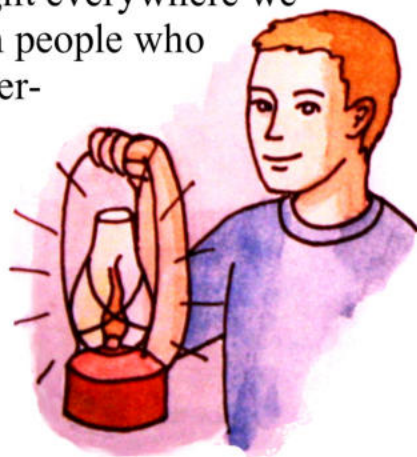
Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry

You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.

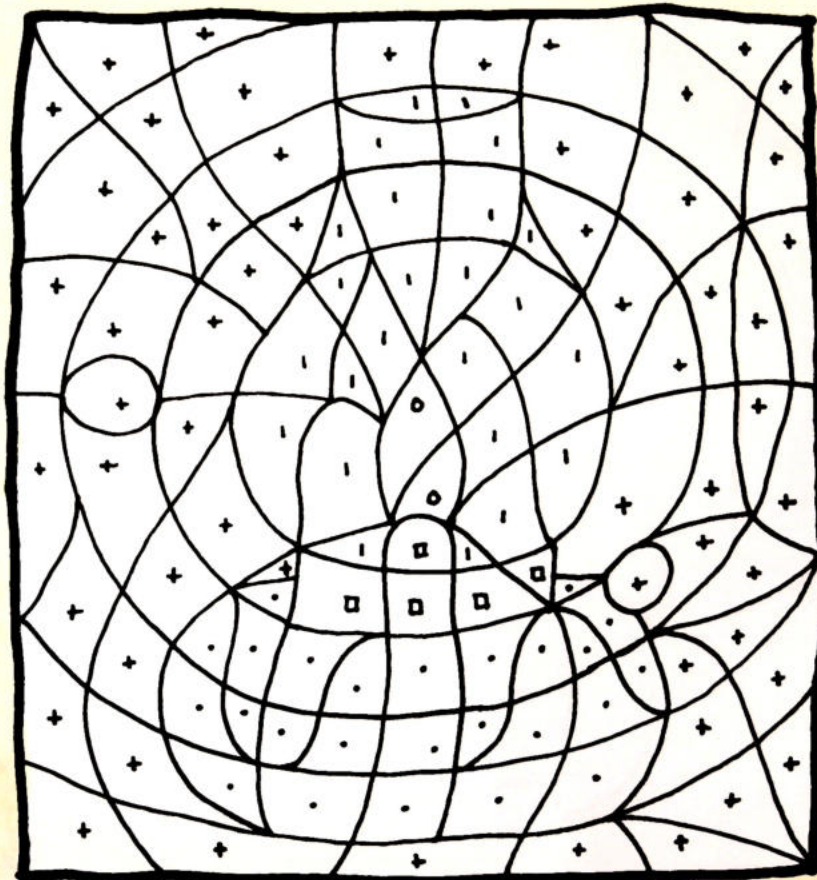


Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle:
Across: 4.must 6.earth 8.you 9.deeds 13.mountain 14.all 16.light 18.so 19.house 20.taste 21.to
Down: 1.city 2.Jesus 3.are 5.said 7.hidden 10.world 11.salt 12.basket 15.loses 17.good 18.set

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8th, 2026



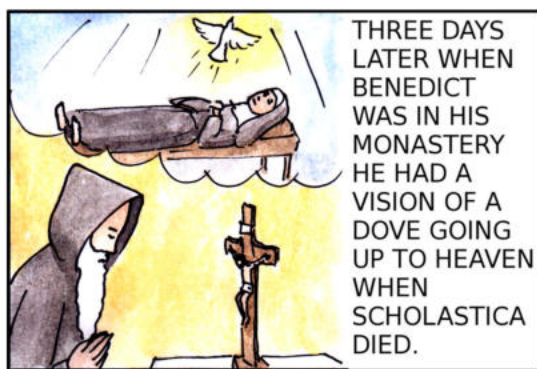
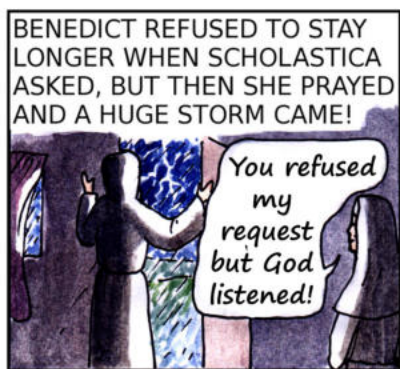
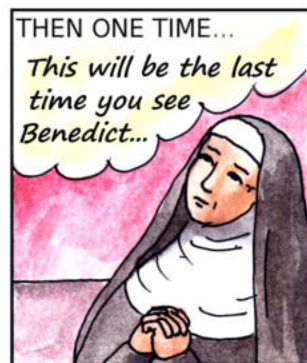
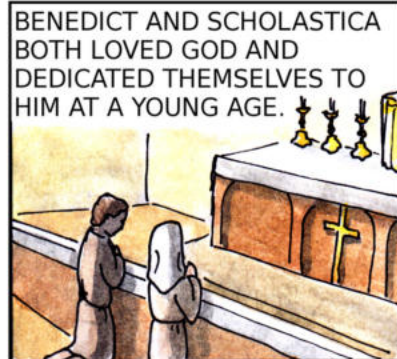
Matt 5:13-16

*What did Jesus tell us we should be like?
Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!*

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Saint Scholastica

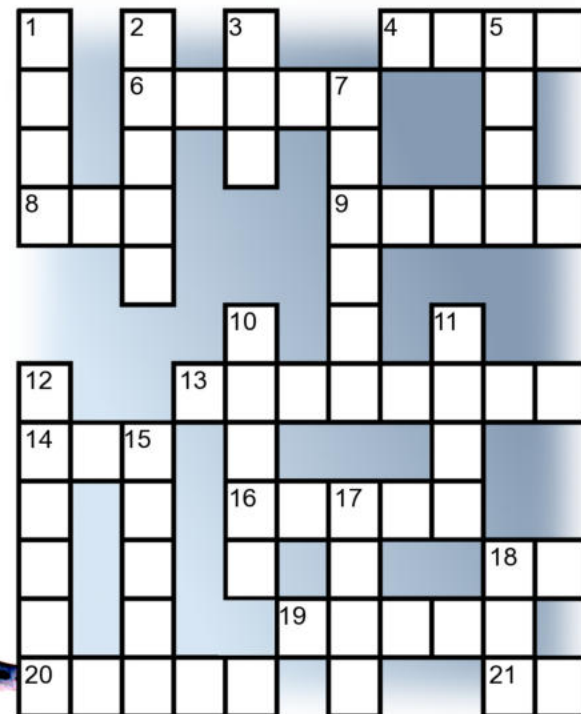
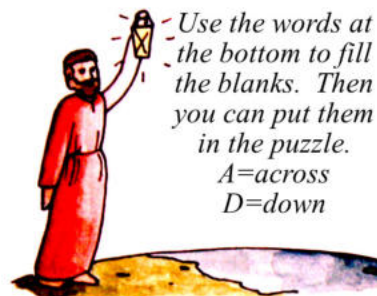
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SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

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Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



_____2D _____5D to his disciples: "You are the _____11D of the _____.6A But if salt _____15D its _____,20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer _____17D for anything but _____21A be thrown out and trampled underfoot. _____8A _____3D the light of the _____.10D A _____1D set on a _____13A cannot be _____.7D Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel _____;12D it is _____18D on a lampstand, where it gives _____16A to _____14A in the _____.19A Just _____,18A your light _____4A shine before others, that they may see your good _____9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

MUST JESUS MOUNTAIN CITY LIGHT
SAID DEEDS BASKET EARTH WORLD
GOOD HOUSE HIDDEN YOU SET ALL
SALT TASTE LOSES ARE SO TO