

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

Wednesday, January 7th

- 6:30 pm, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross. Twelfth Nigh Epiphany Dinner. Join us for a family dinner, CYM saint skit, and special guests.

Sunday, January 11th

- Donuts after 8am mass at Olney.

Monday, January 19th

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No school

Saturday, January 24th

- 4:00 pm, Catholic Schools Week Kickoff mass at Holy Cross.
- 5:00 pm, Catholic Schools Week Kickoff mass at St. Joseph, Olney.

Sunday, January 25th

- 8:00 am, Catholic Schools Week Kickoff mass at St. Joseph, Stringtown
- 11 am - 1 pm, VFW Pasta Dinner in Olney.

Catholic Schools Week Activities

- **Monday, January 26th**
 - Soup-er Bowl Food Drive and Saving change to save hearts Kickoff.
 - Athletic Appeal Day!
- **Tuesday, January 27th**
 - 5th grade saints wax museum.

- PBS watch party
- Classroom door decorating.
- Dress head to toe in one color!
- **Wednesday, January 28th**
 - 8:00 am, Alumni mass.
 - Sweet treats for students.
 - 8th grade vs. staff competition.
 - School Spirit Day!
- **Thursday, January 29th**
 - Movie and PJ day.
 - Cozy dress day!
- **Friday, January 30th**
 - PBS Assembly
 - Staff lunch
 - Living Rosary
 - Dream job dress up day!

Family Catechesis

- **Jan. 7th:** Twelve Night Epiphany Dinner beginning at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross. Family dinner, CYM saint skit, and special guests.
- **Feb. 4th:** Family Catechesis meets at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross.
- **Feb. 7th:** Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine Dinner and Dance begins at 5:00 pm at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting is available.

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ will resume January 20th for Olney and Stringtown, and on January 21st for Holy Cross. More information will be in next week's bulletin. We will be continuing our book, The Reed of God.

**Following in the Footsteps of the Saints Library**

Be sure to check out the library and take home a book to read! The libraries are located in the vestibules of the tri-parishes.

VOCATIONS GROUP FOR YOUNG MEN

For young men from high school through age 35. This group will be meeting every 4th Saturday of the month.

The first meeting will be on January 24th at 6 pm in the MPR at St. Joseph in Olney.

If interested please contact Fr. Levi at 618-240-3638.

Epiphany Home Blessing Kits

Epiphany blessing kits will be available by the doors for you and your family to take home.

20+C+M+B+26

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

Contact Us**Parish Offices**

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Holy Cross, Wendelin
618-752-5671

St. Joseph, Stringtown
618-754-3676

School office: 618-395-3081



St. Joseph School
Olney, Illinois

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**St. Joseph School News**

Jan. 5: School resumes for students
Jan. 8: Picture retakes, basketball, & band
Jan. 9: Girl's Diocesan Basketball Tourney
Jan. 14: Freshman orientation
Jan. 16: Boy's Diocesan Basketball Tourney
Jan. 19: No School
Jan. 21: RC spelling bee
Jan. 24-30: Catholic Schools Week!

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" -Micah 6:8 ESV

DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday
January 11th
after 8:00 am mass**

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

**JAN.
11**

**St. Joseph, Olney
Multipurpose Room**



2025 Christmas Flower Memorials



Bill & Karen Anderson, Jr.
Bill & Barbara Anderson, Sr.

Corbet & Bertha Bailey
John Beal
Charles & Esther Benton
Bob Blank
Margaret Blank
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Blank
Darrel & Alice Nell Bishop
Ron & Pat Bookhout
John Bower
John Bowlby
Tim Brown
Kenneth Buckels
Bunn family

Dudley Chamberlin
Ruth Coan
Kathy Ginder Compton
Howard & Ruth Craig
Laura Curry

Charles David Family
Dick Debolt
Earl & Mabel Debolt
Leroy Debolt
Donna Dishong
Alexander Dunn
Connie Dust

L.A. Eagleson Family
Keith Eckel

Barbara Faggetti
William Faller Family
Ed & Pearl Fehrenbacher
Roy A. & Viola M. Fehrenbacher (2)
James R. Fehrenbacher
Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher
Steve & Margaret Fehrenbacher
Harold L. Foerster
Harold Wayne Foerster

Charles & Doris Galloway

George & Lora Geiger (2)
Loren & Nonna Geiger
Christina Ginder
Dean Ginder
Delbert Ginder
Lee & Donna Ginder
Oscar Ginder
Russell Gordon
Lawrence & Ima Gosnell
Bill Graham
Gumble family

Ephraim & Frances Hahn
Julius Hahn family
Harold & Rita Hann
Tim & Dorothy Hahn
Paul & Clara Hartrich
Jack D. Harrell
Ronald Hemrich
Dorothy & Leo Herman
Doug Hosselton
Hinterscher family

Kendal Jones
Fr. Dan Jurek

Debbie Kabbes
Don Kabbes
Catherine & A.J. Keolker
Alex & Lorene Kessler
Ed & Helen Kessler
Lawrence & Clorine Kistner
Elmer & Elizabeth Kocher
Ephraim Kocher
Jane Kocher
Jerry Kocher (2)
Lawrence & Bernadine Kocher (2)
Michael Allen Kocher
Neil & Dorothy Kocher
Norman Kocher
Omer & Anna Kocher
Ralph & Margaret Kocher
Raymond & Christina Kocher
Stella Kocher
Carl & Una Kocher
Urban Kocher

Frank & Frances Kuenstler
Fred Kuenstler
Gerald Kuenstler
Jacklyn Kuenstler
Mary Ann Kuenstler
Arthur Kuhl
Robert & Virginia Kuhn

Amelia Foerster Leaf
Alfred & Wilma Lybarger

Ruth Matheny
Bill & Estella Meadows
John & Vivian Menkosky
William Menkosky
Carroll & Alice Marie Mitchell
Carolyn Weiler Moran
Allan & Mary Ellen Mosby
Woodrow & Lucille Mosby

John & Freda Nix
Raymond & Marsclene Nix

Dan & Mildred Ochs
Greg J. Ochs
Gregory Ochs
Leonard & Coletta Ochs
Sylvan Ochs

Elizabeth Peavler
Martha Peavler
Andrew & Elaine Pierzchalski
Henry Pietzman
Pama Pietzman
Ed & Catherine Pingsterhaus

Alva Rauch
Clarence Rauch
Debbie Rauch
Henry Rauch
John & Fances Rauch
Gene & Zita Reis
Marcia Rexroat
Rosalyn Richardson
Florence Rohr

2025 Christmas Flower Memorials

Paul & Josephine Rohr
Dale & Nancy Rosenberg
Brad Roth
Jared & Jason Rowark
Rowe family

Basil Scranton Jr.
Monte Scranton
Steve Scranton
Jesse & Basil Scranton Sr.
Lucille Sechrest
Bernie Seiler
Mary Sheridan
Jack & Patty Slover
Stephanie Slover
Tim Slover
Emanuel & Marie Spitz
Elmer & Dorothy Stark
Kimberly Stark
Mary Stark
Stephen Stark
August & Christine Steber
Dan & Helen Steber
Donald Steber Sr.
Emily Steber
Eleanor Steber
Herman Steber
Jim A. Steber
Jim & Mary Steber (2)
Lawrence Steber
Rebecca Steber
Robbie Steber
Susan Stevenson
Gary Stoltz
Dr. Gary Street

Julia Steber Thomas
Jeff & Verlie Troutman
Lynn Troutman
Joe Trupiano

Estelle & Helen Uhl

Steve VanBlaricum
Lucy Vanbuskirk
Elsa Vaughn
Kathleen Vaughn

John Vaughn
Edmund & Anna Volk (2)
Joseph J. Volk
Joseph Dean Volk
John & Martha Volk
Lawrence Volk (2)
Linda Volk (2)
Petronilla Blank Volk

Jim Wattles
Bob & Bev Weber
Joe Weber
Caide Weidner (2)
Fr. Ronald Weber
George Weidner (3)
J.V. & Florine Weidner (3)
Jason Weidner
Marjorie (Marj) Weidner (2)
William Weidner (2)
Byron & Virginia Weiler (2)
Ed Weiler
Gus & Frances Weiler (2)
Henry Weiler
James Mark Weiler (2)
Jim & Wanda Weiler (2)
Ves Weiler Family
Rose Wilkinson
Fr. Jerry Wirth

Ella Zwilling
Ed & Mary Jo Zuber (3)
Raymond & Alberta Zuber
Cletus & Marie Zwilling
John & Bertha Zwilling Family
Joseph Zwilling (2)
Lawrence, Magdalene, & Greg Zwilling
Norman & Jean Zwilling (2)

In honor of:

Suzanna Travous

In honor of the men and women in
the United States military, past and
present

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were made to that person(s).

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Family Catechesis Schedule of Events

"Following in the Footsteps of Saints"

2025 August

27 Wed. Opening Mass
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.



Families: You will receive the Family Tote with Family Catechesis Saint Binder, and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items, and Special Blessing for the year.

September

3 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Families: Parent meeting, youth activity, Saint presentation and Birthday party for Mary with The Word of Life Workbook, and other "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

Sacrament Meeting for:
Reconciliation/Confirmation

13-14- Red Plate Blessing for 1st graders

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder for updates.

October

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.

4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend

11-12 Cup Blessing for 2nd graders

30-All Saint-Family Rosary-Trunk n'Treat after Mass

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

November

5 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Families: All Saint Maze and special Saint presentations, with bonfire and s/mores. Gift of Love information and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

8-9 Candle Blessing for 3rd graders
29-30 -Gift of Love Mass Weekend

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

December

3 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Adults: Presentation

Youth: Activity
Saint presentations, Advent party, and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

7 -Advent tradition of "Evensong" at Holy Cross
8 & 11- First Reconciliation

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

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year



2026 January

7 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Families: Saint presentations, Three Kings and 12th Night Dinner Party and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

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

February

4 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.

7-M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance at Holy Cross

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

March

4 Wed. Ash Wednesday
15- Divine Mercy Book begins



19 -Families: St. Joseph Table tradition with Mass and Dinner at St. Joseph Stringtown Saint presentations and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

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

April

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

(17,18,19)Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney

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

May

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, catered meal, and year end video presentation, and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder

**"Let us become saints so that
after having been together on
earth, we may be together in
Heaven."**

St. Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:
Silver Star, Three King ensemble and
Twelfth Night Epiphany Dinner.
Let us continue to stay
"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints."

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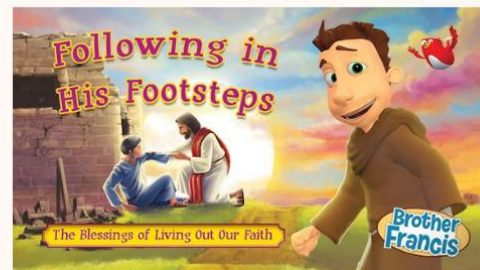
CYM provided the mealtime entertainment,
with a skit on the life of St. John Bosco,
the patron saint of youth.

The Three Kings
(Eric Sandschafer, Victor Sandschafer and
Isaac Street) arrived and shared with us
to always follow the True Light-
the Bright Shining Star -which is Jesus!

*"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a Great Light!"*

January the month of the Holy Name of Jesus

- Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
- Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (first American-born saint)
- Jan 5: St. John Neumann (first American male saint)
- Jan 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort (Dominican priest, canon lawyer)
- Jan 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 17: St. Anthony the Abbot (Father of Monasticism)
- Jan 20: Saints Fabian (Pope) & Sebastian (Martyr)
- Jan 21: St. Agnes (Virgin & Martyr)
- Jan 24: St. Francis de Sales (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)
- Jan 27: St. Angela Merici (Founder of the Ursulines)
- Jan 28: St. Thomas Aquinas (Priest, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 31: St. John Bosco (Founder of the Salesians, patron of youth)



Upcoming February Events

Holy Cross Wendelin

4 Wed. Family Catechesis Gathering 6:30 pm
Join us for an eye opening Adult presentation, a
CYM Candlemas service, and a "Saint"
presentation for all ages.

7 **M.C.4.C. Valentine** Dinner/Dance- CYM
babysitting in parish house, R.S.V.P.

*Reminder to bring your Family Catechesis Tote
and Binder and Sacrament books for check-in.



Prayer for the New Year

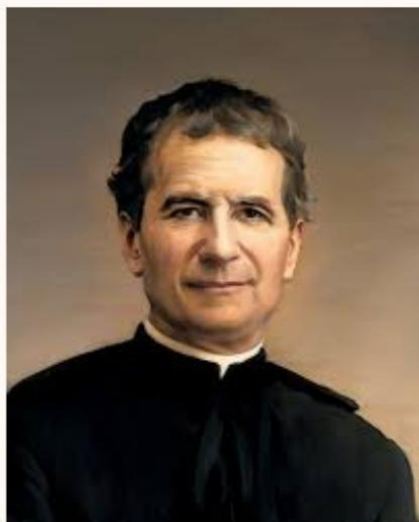
*"Come, Holy Spirit, be our Light and Guide
in this new year. Renew our minds and
hearts, strengthen us in virtue, and help us
grow closer to You and one another.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

January 2026



Our January Saints



Saint John Bosco

(Don Bosco) 1815-1888)

was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, and writer who dedicated his life to disadvantaged youth, developing the Salesian Preventive System (reason, religion, loving-kindness) to educate poor, orphaned, and delinquent children through vocational training and spiritual guidance, becoming the "Father and Teacher of Youth" and patron of apprentices, editors, publishers, and young people, with his work continuing through the Salesians worldwide.



Mother of God

Mary the mother of Jesus, holds a unique and highly venerated position within Christianity, particularly in Catholicism and Orthodox Christianity, where she is honored as the Mother of God (or Theotokos, a Greek term meaning "God-bearer"). She is considered the greatest of all saints.



St. Francis de Sales

(1567-1622) was a French bishop, theologian, and writer known for his gentle approach to faith, authoring Introduction to the Devout Life, co-founding the Sisters of the Visitation, and becoming a Doctor of the Church, serving as patron for writers, journalists, and educators for making holiness accessible to all. He famously used "a spoonful of honey" over "vinegar" to win back Calvinists, slipping pamphlets under doors, and emphasized "Humility, Humility, Humility" before his death.

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**