

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



ST. JOSEPH
OLNEY



HOLY CROSS
WENDELIN



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 UsParish Offices

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618-392-8181

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	John Vaughn
Dale & Nancy Rosenberg	Edmund & Anna Volk (2)
Brad Roth	Joseph J. Volk
Jared & Jason Rowark	Joseph Dean Volk
Rowe family	John & Martha Volk
	Lawrence Volk (2)
Basil Scranton Jr.	Linda Volk (2)
Monte Scranton	Petronilla Blank Volk
Steve Scranton	
Jesse & Basil Scranton Sr.	Jim Wattles
Lucille Sechrest	Bob & Bev Weber
Bernie Seiler	Joe Weber
Mary Sheridan	Caide Weidner (2)
Jack & Patty Slover	Fr. Ronald Weber
Stephanie Slover	George Weidner (3)
Tim Slover	J.V. & Florine Weidner (3)
Emanuel & Marie Spitz	Jason Weidner
Elmer & Dorothy Stark	Marjorie (Marj) Weidner (2)
Kimberly Stark	William Weidner (2)
Mary Stark	Byron & Virginia Weiler (2)
Stephen Stark	Ed Weiler
August & Christine Steber	Gus & Frances Weiler (2)
Dan & Helen Steber	Henry Weiler
Donald Steber Sr.	James Mark Weiler (2)
Emily Steber	Jim & Wanda Weiler (2)
Eleanor Steber	Ves Weiler Family
Herman Steber	Rose Wilkinson
Jim A. Steber	Fr. Jerry Wirth
Jim & Mary Steber (2)	
Lawrence Steber	Ella Zwilling
Rebecca Steber	Ed & Mary Jo Zuber (3)
Robbie Steber	Raymond & Alberta Zuber
Susan Stevenson	Cletus & Marie Zwilling
Gary Stoltz	John & Bertha Zwilling Family
Dr. Gary Street	Joseph Zwilling (2)
	Lawrence, Magdalene, & Greg Zwilling
Julia Steber Thomas	Norman & Jean Zwilling (2)
Jeff & Verlie Troutman	
Lynn Troutman	<u>In honor of:</u>
Joe Trupiano	Suzanna Travous
Estelle & Helen Uhl	In honor of the men and women in the United States military, past and present
Steve VanBlaricum	
Lucy Vanbuskirk	
Elsa Vaughn	(#) shows how many dedications were made to that person(s).
Kathleen Vaughn	

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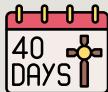
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Family Catechesis

Schedule of Events

“Following in the Footsteps of Saints”

<p>2025 August</p> <p>27 Wed. Opening Mass Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> 	<p>September</p> <p>3 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sacrament Meeting: Reconciliation/Confirmation</p> <p>13-14 Red Plate Blessing for 1st graders</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder for updates.</p> 	<p>October</p> <p>1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend 11-12 Cup Blessing for 2nd graders 30-All Saint-Family Rosary-Trunk n'Treat after Mass</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 
<p>November</p> <p>5 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8-9 Candle Blessing for 3rd graders 29-30 -Gift of Love Mass Weekend</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p>December</p> <p>3 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations, Advent party, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>7 -Advent tradition of “Evensong” at Holy Cross 8 & 11 -First Reconciliation</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p>Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year</p> 
<p>2026 January</p> <p>7 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: Saint presentations, Three Kings and 12th Night Dinner Party and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p>February</p> <p>4 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>7-M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance at Holy Cross</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p>March</p> <p>4 Wed. Ash Wednesday 15- Divine Mercy Book begins</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 
<p>April</p> <p>1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>5 -Easter</p> <p>12 -Divine Mercy Sunday</p> <p>(17,18,19) Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p>May</p> <p>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning 2-3 First Communion</p> <p>6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: Final Saint presentations, catered meal, and year end video presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p> 	<p>“Let us become saints so that after having been together on earth, we may be together in Heaven.”</p> <p>St. Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</p>



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.”

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

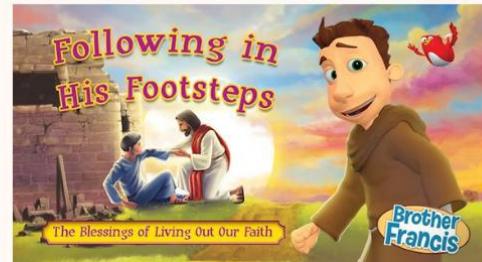
- Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
- Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (first American-born saint)
- Jan 5: St. John Neumann (first American male saint)
- Jan 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort (Dominican priest, canon lawyer)
- Jan 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers (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)



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.”

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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.

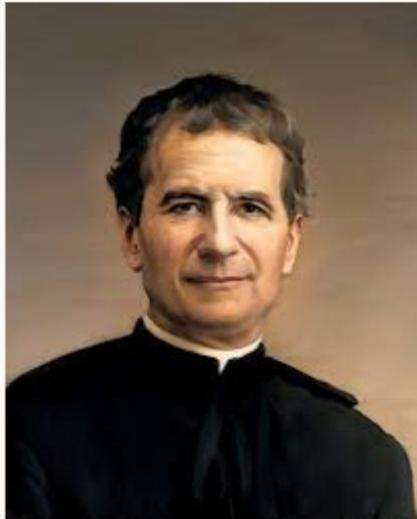
*Reminder to bring your Family Catechesis Tote and Binder and Sacrament books for check-in.

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 Teresas

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*

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CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO
WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE
STARTING SOON.

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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