

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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St. Joseph Church, Olney

Smorgasbord and Bazaar

Sunday, October 19, 2025

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Adults: \$12
Children (ages 5-10): \$8
Children (4 & under): Free
Take out Meals: \$12

Meal includes: pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, salads and desserts.

Drive-Thru/Pick-Up Meals will be available on Elliott Street by Parish Office.

Bazaar includes: Chance Stand, Country Store, Cake Stand

Games: Plinko, Bag Toss, Sucker Draw & more.



Raffle drawings at 2:00 PM



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, September 1st

Labor day, parish offices closed

Friday, September 5th

First Friday mass 8 am, Olney.

Saturday, September 6th

- First Saturday mass 9 am, Holy Cross.
- Carlo Acutis Canonization Lock-in for High Schoolers at Holy Cross. Starts with 4 pm mass, ends Sunday morning.

Friday, September 12th

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross- Wendelin Parish Center. 1:30-5:30 pm.

Saturday, September 13th - 14th

Red plates will be given out at all masses for all first graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.

Saturday, September 13th

Middle school youth group following the 4 pm mass at Holy Cross.

Sunday, September 14th

- High school youth group at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Stringtown.
- Holy Cross Feast Day/Dedication Ceremony, 10 am Mass followed by meal at 11 am (Please RSVP). Dedication at 1 pm.

Tuesday, September 16th

First Parish Council meeting for Olney at 7 pm in conference room.

September 20th - 21st

Catechesis mass at all parishes. Children present in weekend mass will come forward to give a special blessing to catechists.

Sunday, September 21st

- CYM mass, 8 am at St. Joseph Stringtown.
- Anniversary Brunch following the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney.
- Young Adults Gathering TBD

Saturday, September 27th

Middle school youth group following the 5 pm mass at Olney.

Sunday, September 28th

High school youth group at 5:30 at Holy Cross (Praise and worship after)

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Big and Beautiful Mums

\$17 EACH OR \$32 FOR TWO

AVAILABLE IN: YELLOW BURGUNDY ORANGE
NEW THIS YEAR! TRI-COLOR (\$20)

ORDERS DUE BY: FRIDAY, SEPT. 5TH
PICKUP IS: FRIDAY, SEPT. 12TH

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SJS.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

MUM FUNDRAISER

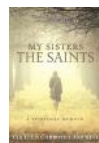
Help support St. Joseph School by purchasing some big and beautiful mums for fall!! Contact any student or the school office to order.



Following in the Footsteps of the Saints Library

The weather is cooler, and there is nothing like a great book and a warm drink! 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.

Book Suggestions: For Kids: Teresa of Avila Interior Castle (even shaped like a castle) and the When we go to Mass (even shaped like a church). For Adults: My Sisters the Saints or This Present Paradise.



Sisters in Christ

Our New Book is, "The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

St. Therese said, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

If you are interested in joining, contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate at ctrimblepa@gmail.com.

Olney: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
Wendelin: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Stringtown: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

*Olney group will not meet on Tuesday, September 9th.

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

St. Joseph, Olney
618-392-8181

Holy Cross, Wendelin
618-752-5671

St. Joseph, Stringtown
618-754-3676

School office: 618-395-3081



Young Adults Bible Study

Meets every Monday at 7:00 pm at
Holy Cross in Wendelin.

Brothers in Christ

Meets every Thursday after mass at
Holy Cross in Wendelin around
7pm.



St. Joseph School News

Sep. 1: No School, Labor Day
Sep. 5: Mum orders due
Sep. 12: Mum pickup at the City Park
Sep. 17: 11:50 dismissal
Sep. 22-26: Iowa testing week
Sep. 25-26: Book Fair
Sep. 25: 1:50 dismissal
Sep. 26: Courtyard band concert

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him." -Psalm 28:7 ESV

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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

September 2025



Our September Saints



"Man of the Beatitudes"

He developed a deep spiritual life which he never hesitated to share with his friends. The Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin were the two poles of his world of prayer. At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to serving the sick and the needy,

He is the patron saint of youth, young adults, and World Youth Day, and is also a model for mountaineers and sportsmen and women. His exemplary life of faith and joy, lived with a motto of "Verso L'Alto" (To the Heights), inspires many people, especially young Catholics, to live their faith in ordinary life and to strive for spiritual heights. He will be canonized September 7.

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

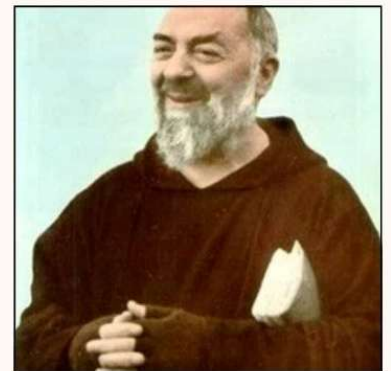
“Known for the Stigma & Mystical Experiences”

He joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15 and was ordained a priest. On September 20, 1918 the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. Countless persons were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence.

His whole life was marked by long hours of prayer and continual austerity. His letters to his spiritual directors reveal the ineffable suffering, physical and spiritual, which accompanied him all through his life. They also reveal his deep union with God, his burning love for the Blessed Eucharist and Our Blessed Lady.

He is the patron saint of adolescents, civil defense volunteers, and stress relief.

Feast Day September 23



St. Padre Pio



Fr. Levi James was our Saint presenter as St. Padre Pio and Jason Warfel was our Saint presenter as Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Pictures can be found on Facebook and Family Catechesis group.

Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:

"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" Mass Bags for littles
Family Prayer Stand, Saint cards, and Guardian Angel Nightlight.

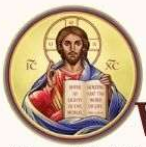
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A selection of ideas for the month will be shared.

For September



Word of Life Workbook

The NEW K-8 religion workbook. Word of Life catechizes both the head and the heart. When you teach the faith as information, students forget it. When you teach the faith as the answer to their deepest longings, students treasure it.

An Augustinian Model Centered in Scripture
Word of Life forms students in a Catholic worldview. They read Scripture and they learn from beautiful, intellectually rigorous workbooks.

What Students Learn (and Remember)

Salvation history. They know their place in God's divine plan.

Christian anthropology. They find their true identity in Christ.

Heroic virtue. They build good habits with the help of God's grace.

Discipleship. They understand why being Catholic really matters

Digital Test that your child takes at your families schedule in the student/parent portal. There are many helpful tools to utilize and experience.

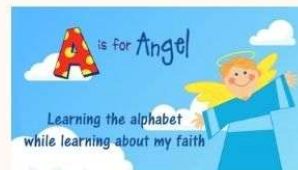
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Padre Pio



Powers and Dominions:
Angels, Demons, and
Spiritual Warfare



Totally Toddlers



The Adventures of Ocjee Nash

Upcoming October Events

Holy Cross Wendelin



1 Wed. Family Catechesis Gathering 6:30 pm
Adult Presentation & Youth Activity Evening

4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend

11-12 Cup Blessing for 2nd graders

30 All Saint's Mass -Family Rosary-Trunk or Treat 6:30 p.m.
Come dressed as your favorite Saint
Pray the Family Saint Rosary 6:00 pm & after Mass the tradition of a Parish Trunk or Treat.



**The Saint Presentation of
Bl. Carlo Acutis was
offered by Clinton Rauch.**

I am Carlo Acutis, I was born May 3, 1991, in London, England and soon after my family moved to Milan, Italy. It is hard to explain, but even when I was young, I had a special love for God. I felt drawn to the Mass, and when I was around 7, I was going to daily Mass and Adoration.

What amazing parents when I think about it now, that they let me do this. My parents saw my love for God grow, and they too then started going to daily Mass. We went as a family; I loved going to Mass with my family! I even had other people in our community and parish community that soon started attending daily Mass and receiving Jesus daily. Oh, how I so love Jesus. Do you?

**“To always be close to
Jesus, that’s my life
plan.” Bl.Carlo**

Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:

“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” booklets,

Saint cards, Saint Relics, and various other resources.

A **Parish Library** was set up in each of our three parishes to further grow and deepen our own Catholic faith.

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For August:



Family Catechesis T-Shirts

A short sleeved light gray t-shirt with our F.C. logo. order by September 3
The cost is \$15.00 for adults and kids.
If interested call the Holy Cross office.

Upcoming September Events

3: Parent Meeting, Youth Activity, Celebrate Mary's Birthday along with Saint presentations, and more.

13-14: Red Plate Blessing for 1st graders

14: Holy Cross Parish Feast Day Celebration

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

August 2025



Our August Saints



Bl. Carlo Acutis

“The Apostle of the Eucharist”
He will be canonized September 7,
during the Papal Mass
St. Peter’s Square Vatican City, this is
3:00 am our time, but your can still
watch the recording on Youtube,
EWTN and other social media outlets.



St. Monica

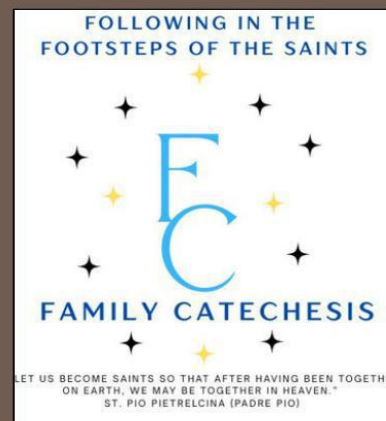
Honored for her unwavering faith and
perseverance in prayer.
Patron of Mothers, Marriages, and
children who have left the faith.
"There is no place that is far from God."
Feast Day August 27



Our Lady of Knock

An apparition in Ireland in 1879,
where there was total silence. Mary
appeared with St Joseph, St John
the Evangelist, a lamb and a cross.
A testament of deep trust and love.
Feast Day August 21

Family Catechesis





Holy Cross Church

FEAST DAY/DEDICATION CELEBRATION



SEPT 14 2025

MASS : 10:00AM

MEAL: 11:00AM

DEDICATION: 1:00PM

MENU: PORK LOIN
GARLIC GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST
HASHBROWN CASSEROLE
GREEN BEANS
TEA/LEMONADE
DESSERT

MEAL CATERED BY OCHS ST SMOKED MEATS
COOKIES AND DRINKS PROVIDED AFTER DEDICATION
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RSVP BY SEPT. 1

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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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**