

January 7, 2024

**The Epiphany of the Lord
+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

Monday, January 8, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, January 9, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 10, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 11, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "David Parisat+"

Friday, January 12, NO MASS

Saturday, January 13, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Edwin & Helen Kessler and Deceased Family+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 7, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Lois Britton+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 31, 2023

(57) Envelope Collection: \$2,089.25 Loose \$222

Total: \$2,311.25

(4) Building Fund: \$285.00

(11) Christmas Offering: \$495.00

(3) Needy: \$65.00

(4) First Offering: \$20.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, January 3rd - \$50,181.68 has been received from 31 donations – Thanks to all that have donated so far!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Harold Deimel, Carl Klingler, Andy Bolsen (Meredith Rudolphi's brother)

JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet: Tony & Penni Kuenstler	Open/Lock/Greet: Cindy Blank
Eucharistic Ministers: Kristy Weidner Dave Rauch Martha Deimel	Eucharistic Ministers: Ginny Zwilling Missy Buerster Kim Smithenry
Lectors: Maria Rudolphi	Lectors: Travis Weber
Money Counters: *Mark & Jeannie Nix*	
Ushers: Tim Weidner Carl Weidner	Ushers: Eric Sandschafer Victor Sandschafer

CRMH COMMUNION:

Dec. 31 – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900

Jan. 14 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841

Jan. 21 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Jan. 6 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi

Sun. Jan. 7 – Brooke & Braden Weidner

Sat. Jan. 13 – Clara & Boyd Weidner

Sun. Jan. 14 – Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, January 6 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Tuesday, January 9 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney 12pm-3pm. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 7pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Wednesday, January 10 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with Confirmation Check-in Following

Sunday, January 14 – Euchre Tournament at St. Joseph-Stringtown sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm. All are welcome to attend!

Monday, January 29 – Holy Cross-Wendelin Blood Drive at Wakefield Fire Department, 1:30-5:30pm

THANK YOU:

Thanks to all the community the night of Joe's death, for all the neighbors that showed and helped and for the Wakefield responders. For the food, prayers, cards, and calls, and everything you did for us during this trying time and for the donations for the Huntingtons funds. Hope it will help someone else! God bless all of you!

From the Joe Bell Family and Kuhl Family

THANK YOU:

Thank you to our Parish Carolers for visiting and sharing their talent spreading the joy of the Christmas season! ~ John & Norma Weidner ~

Thank you to all who stepped in offering assistance during John's health scare at Mass. We appreciated your help, prayers, messages and calls. It was a true reminder of how our family, friends and Church Community are such a blessing. ~ The Weidner Family ~

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Happy New Year- our Lord SHINES!_May this New Year be filled with heavenly graces and overflow with the Light and Love of Jesus. We all have the choice to shine everyday so live this year SHINING BRIGHT! The Three Kings offer us the way to live by paying homage - no matter the obstacles of life- to the wee little King. What gifts do you bring to the little King? Is he the Light of your life? Journey onward and Shine with the Light and Love of Jesus! Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us! J.O.Y.S

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Happy New Year and a Blessed Epiphany! We will resume meeting Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30pm. Please bring a rosary, chaplet, etc... that you wish to share with the group on this night. Our

next book will be available: The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Dr. Edward Sri. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate if you are interested in joining.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
"The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family." St. John Paul II – Come and join this 5-part study on "The Mission of the Family" Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. *St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

January Month of the Holy Name of Jesus Epiphany-Sanctifying Time

On January 10, at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Wendelin, join us for an Epiphany service, music from the Holy Cross Choir, pray Compline (night) prayer together and more.

Live Your Catholic Faith – Place a picture of Jesus at your Home Altar

Discover the richness of Sanctifying time-by living the month and daily devotions.

Family Prayer – Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus
Lord Jesus, we humbly pray to You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name.

Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain, or without due respect.

Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name. Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men) You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.

We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us

and our work, and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus. Amen
Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Good luck to our girls' teams in the Diocesan Basketball tournament this weekend! **Wednesday, January 10th** - Freshman Orientation RCHS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, January 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, January 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, January 28: K of C led Rosary at 7:35AM. **Thanks** to all the volunteers at the 5th Sunday Mass December 31st. Thanks to Steve Kuenstler who has always led the Rosary on the last Sunday of each 8AM Olney Mass. Thanks to the 12 at the fellowship breakfast at Smoke Rise Steak House (Elks) following Mass.

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for 3 people to join our team. This is a 3-year commitment that meets at least monthly through August, starting in January. Preferably, we are seeking individuals who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If interested or have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch (618-553-6839). Thank you!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

January cake/craft drawings will be held this weekend Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know

where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate to set up an appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Holy Cross-Wendelin Family Life Committee will sponsor Euchre Tournaments at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The dates will be Sunday, January 14th at 2:00pm, Sunday, February 18th at 2:00pm, and March date TBA. Free popcorn will be available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage! All are invited to attend!

FARMERS SUPPORTING FARMERS:

Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at cherylsommer@yahoo.com or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter (principal@stjoeolney.com or 618-395-3081).
Saturday January 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL

DEACON INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate.

This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

FAURE REQUIEM:

Singers from across the Belleville Diocese are invited to join in singing the Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from January 8 through March 3. Rehearsal recordings of each individual part will be sent to each singer. If you are interested and would like more specific information, please contact Mr. Richard Thompson, Organist & Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Peter, by e-mail: rthompjd@gmail.com. The Fauré Requiem is a magnificent program to be presented in our beautiful Cathedral with its wonderful acoustics and rebuilt and enlarged pipe organ. I hope everyone interested can join us.

Sunday, January 7, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
an the kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.**



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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