

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, December 18, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 20, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Hermina Medernach+” “Tucker Zwilling”

Friday, December 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, December 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Harold & Rosemarie Buerster+” “Robert N. Kocher+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 24, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

4:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”

8:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 10, 2023

(52) Envelope Collection: \$2,371 Loose \$469

Total: \$2,840.00

(21) Building Fund: \$1,405.00

(7) Christmas Flower Offering: \$455.00

(14) Religious Retirement: \$465.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Tim Schnautz, Doug Frichtl, Julia Weber, Harold Deimel, Carl Klingler, Gary Kuhl, Andy Bolsen (Meredith Rudolphi’s brother)

DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY SUNDAY

Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:

Dave & Tammy Brent & Sharon
Rudolphi Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:

Breanne Buerster Kristi Sandschafer
Christine Hall Diane Schackmann
Lynn Weidner Sandi Kessler

Lectors: Lectors:

Jennifer Rudolphi Paul Kocher

Money Counters:

Keith & Pam Blank

Ushers: Ushers:

Dave Rudolphi Ben Niebrugge
James Rudolphi Herb Deimel

CRMH COMMUNION:

Dec. 17 – Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225

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

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

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

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Dec. 16 – Hank & Clara Weidner

Sun. Dec. 17 – Cora Warfel, Brooke Weidner

Sat. Dec. 23 – Levi and Noah Rudolphi

Sun. Dec. 24 – Isaac & Nora Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 19 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

Wednesday, December 20 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Thursday, December 21 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm

Friday, December 22 – Parish Offices Closed

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 2023

4pm at St. Joseph-Olney

4pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

8pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023

12am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8am at St. Joseph-Olney

8am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS MINISTRIES:

If scheduled in December for Saturday Masses, you will be scheduled for Sunday, Christmas Eve 4pm Mass at Holy Cross. Please note: this does not include servers. If you cannot attend this Mass, please contact the Parish Office or find a replacement. Thank you!

REBUILD FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

After masses on Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17, HCC Rebuild Fundraising Committee will share the rebuilding plan and a fundraising campaign to transform visions and drawings into reality. We ask you to attend one of the masses to hear plans, view drawings, and receive printed information related to the updates for Holy Cross Catholic Church.

HOLY CROSS CHOIR:

Holy Cross Choir will begin singing at 3:20pm on Sunday, December 24 for Christmas Mass and 9:30am on Sunday, December 31.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Choose Joy! Are you choosing Joy this Advent season? Do you have Joy in your Heart? Your Home? The way we respond and treat others is the first indicator. A joyful person is welcoming, loving and kind! Take extra care this week and be joyful to one another. There is a JOY in the journey, and it is only found when the “*stable of your heart*” reflects the one that is soon to come. Light your pink candle of **Joy** and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Come Lord, Jesus, Come Quickly, the whole world awaits! Live a life of Joy!

SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:

The True Meaning of Christmas by Michael Barber

Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin and Tuesday mornings at 10:00am after Rosary at St. Joseph-Stringtown. If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursday, December 21 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!*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY:

Spend time with Jesus this Advent! Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Olney on Tuesday afternoons from 12:00-3:00pm beginning in December. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to just stop in for a few minutes, most importantly, just come and *Adore our Lord.*

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Thank you to Fr. Steven, Caroline Trimble, Ashley Hinterscher, Kelly and Sherry Geier, Ladies Altar Sodality, Family Life Committee, Sister’s in Christ, Phyllis Eggers, Jason Warfel, Amy Sandschafer, the Holy Cross Choir, and everyone that helped make December Family Catechesis such a success!

Also thank you to all of our Family Catechesis families for providing gift baskets, Caroline Trimble, Ashley Hinterscher, Donna Zwilling, and Kelly Richardson for helping facilitate our Gifts of Love, and all the families receiving this “Gift of Love” for attending Mass on Sunday, December 10th. You are all so appreciated!

Live Your Catholic Faith – Light the candles each week on your Advent wreath.

Pray the Advent prayers at meal time and live Advent.

Let Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be present before the presents!

Family Prayer – Ave Maris Stella Prayer

Hail, you Star of Ocean! Portal of the sky, Ever Virgin Mother, Of the Lord most high.

O! by Gabriel's Ave, Uttered long ago, Eva's name reversing, Establish peace below.

Break the captive's fetters; Light on blindness pour; All our ills expelling, Every bliss implore.

Show yourself a mother; Offer him our sighs, Who for us Incarnate Did not you despise.

Virgin of all virgins! To your shelter take us;

Gentlest of the gentle! Chaste and gentle make us.

Still as on we journey, Help our weak endeavor, Till with you and Jesus We rejoice forever.

Through the highest heaven, To the Almighty

Three, Father, Son, and Spirit, One same glory be.

Confirmation: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to Michelle Doll for organizing another fantastic Santa's Workshop for our collective children!

Reconciliation for grades 3 -8 - Tuesday, December 19th.

Thursday, December 21st - K-4 Christmas Music Program in the gymnasium 1:00pm

Early Dismissal 1:50 pm

Christmas Break Friday, December 22nd -

Tuesday, January 2nd

Students return Wednesday, January 3rd.

Any parishioner interested in 2024-25 enrollment must contact the school office prior to the Christmas break.

Mark your calendars: March 9th - Bingo Bash - St. Joseph, Stringtown, Parish Center

Table reservations begin January 3rd by calling the school office. If you want to donate an item to be auctioned, please contact Carol Potter, Lora

Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren Tibbs, Megan Brinkley, or Sara Peavler.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, December 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, December 31: Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Mass, Olney St. Joseph. Fellowship breakfast to follow at a local restaurant after mass. Knights of Columbus led Rosary at 7:40AM.

Kudos to St. Joseph School students and staff!

There were 162 entries for the Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. 27 cash winners of \$10, \$5, \$3, and \$2. First place winners advancing to Belleville in categories:

Pre-K- 2nd Grade Ryker Sterchi,

3rd-5th Mabel Stout

6th-8th Carly Kessler.

Olney Council winners in the following

categories: Pre-K & K: Ellison Pitts, Halle Rennier, Parker Stanley, Macy Cunningham, Jayden Gallagher

1st & 2nd Grades: Ryker Sterchi, Brooklyn

VanBlaricum, Jenna Cummins, Olivia Rude, Averie Ochs.

3rd & 4th Grades: Mabel Stout, Delana Sterchi, David Fleming, Claire Abell, Parker Womack.

5th & 6th Grades: Katelyn Ochs, Kadence Kocher, Landree Nelson, Remi Miller, Kylah Matthews.

7th & 8th Grades: Carly Kessler, Nora McClain, Natalie Ochs, Brooke Weidner, Andrew Lambird, Jared Weidner.

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

If anyone would be willing to donate to the cake/craft drawing for future months, please contact the parish office or a Ladies Altar Sodality member.

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.

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

The 46th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2024 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much!

Friends of Newton Family Life Center Provides loving, nonjudgmental, free support for persons in the community who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy decision. 301 S. Jackson Street, Newton, IL 62448 618-783-5433



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**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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