

# **ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY**

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Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. May 19	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. May 20	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. May 21	8:15 am	Graduation mass
Thu. May 22	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. May 23	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. May 24		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	Norman, Joseph, & Carl Zwilling	Mary Sheridan
Sun. May 25		
8:00 am	Kimberly Stout	William & Maxine Ferrell
		Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

OUR MAY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family  
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR May 11<sup>th</sup>

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$10,983 (133) Loose: \$235  
Easter: \$100 (1) Guatemala: \$180 (8)  
Seminarian Edu: \$50 (1)

**Let Us Pray For:** Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

- 5 PM, First communion at St. Joseph, Olney. Photos will be taken at 4:30 in the church.
- May crowning of Mary by the First Communion children at the 5 PM mass, Olney.

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

- 8 am, First communion at St. Joseph, Stringtown. Photos will be taken at 9:00 am in the church.
- 10 am, First communion at Holy Cross. Photos will be taken at 11:00 am in the church.
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass.

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 5:00 PM, Ladies Book Study meeting in conference room B.

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Graduation Mass

- 8:15 am, Candle ceremony for kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

🔔 St. Joseph School News 🔔

- Congratulations to all students receiving their first Holy Communion this weekend! May this sacred moment fill you with joy, peace and a deeper connection to Jesus through the Eucharist.
- Wednesday, May 21- Graduation Mass @ 8:15 am, Graduation Ceremony @ 7:00 pm in the courtyard (please bring lawn chairs attending).
- Friday, May 23- Preschool Graduation

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

May 12: Robert Halterman (#813)  
May 13: Corey & Emily Steber (#314)  
May 14: Patsy Reed (#522)  
May 15: Hazel Eagleson (#852)  
May 16: Garai Doll (#523)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The Parish and Family Life committee** will be sponsoring another community outreach project for the Memorial Day weekend, serving meals to our community’s First Responders. Our goal is to provide meals to as many departments of the community as we have donations for including; Richland County Sheriff’s department, Olney City Police, Carle Ambulance service, as well as our area fire departments. We will be delivering ham & cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies & drinks. If anyone from our Parish would like to make a monetary donation to help cover expenses or to provide a food item or baked goods for this service project, please contact the St. Joseph parish office or one of our committee members. Thank you.
- **Ladies Book Study:** A Tuesday evening Ladies Group will begin on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet from 5:00-6:00 pm in Conference Room B. The book for the next 7 weeks will be "Love Like A Saint." The book and other items will be available and lots of joyous conversation. If you have questions, please reach out to Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.
- **Graduation List:** The list of 2025 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph preschool, 8th grade, high school, and colleges. We have the names of the preschoolers and the St. Joseph School 8th graders in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from high school or any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. The deadline to turn in names is Monday, May 19.
- **Annual Baby Bottle Project:** The Parish and Family Life Committee is asking each family to take a baby bottle home and fill it with your extra pocket change or dollars from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Then bring your baby bottle back to church to be collected. The proceeds will help the Family Life Center in Effingham in the continuation of its pro-life ministry.

- **Kitchen Cabinets:** We have the lower kitchen cabinets which were removed from the rectory this fall available for purchase. If you are interested, stop by the school office to take a look.

**Vacation Bible School [VBS]**

*True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"*



Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds  
Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds

**When: June 8-11**

**Where: Holy Cross, Wendelin**  
**Time: 5:30 pm -7:30 pm (Sunday-Tuesday)**  
**5:30 pm-8:00 pm (Wednesday)**

Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders.  
Registrations are due by **May 28**.  
Register online on the parish website.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- Sunday, May 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8 AM Mass.
- Knight of the Month: Dan Zwilling - Fish Fry Cashier.
- Kudos to the 8 K of C members and the Parish and Family Life Committee for providing and distributing the carnations at the weekend masses for Mother’s Day. Thanks to the Knights for also serving desserts in the multi-purpose room on Saturday, and donuts on Sunday!!

**The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
*Hope in the Lord*

Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on “Giving”. It’s that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

Here is a simple question to ask and ponder: If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there? This month offers so many extra moments to show our gratitude and love for one another. We honor Mothers, Graduates, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Sacraments and numerous other moments. These moments are often filled with the people we love and cherish with sharing of food, bursts of laughter, and love filling the air. How grateful are you for these moments? People? God? We are graced with this moment- this present moment- but we are not promised tomorrow. Embrace the moments and live a life of love with your words, thoughts, actions, and prayers. A life of love is a life that is of God and with God. If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there? Be Grateful! Be Blessed! Love one another! Pray for one another!  
Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

**Vocation Corner: May 18<sup>th</sup>**

“Growing up in Nigeria, I was raised Catholic and served as an altar boy. Naturally, I felt drawn to the priesthood due to my closeness to the altar and my admiration for our parish priests. After attending minor seminary for high school, I entered college seminary but left after my first year to pursue another career. I came to the United States, intent on marrying and raising a family. But my soul was restless, and God had another plan. Providentially, I was contacted by the vocation’s director of the Josephites. And when I visited their seminary, I felt a peace and joy I had not known in many years. I returned to seminary, and one day on retreat, something happened that solidified my calling to the priesthood. As I prayed in the chapel, what appeared to be the image of Jesus in the monstrance was shown to me. I was terrified and in awe. It remains an indescribable experience, but it confirmed me in my vocation. I am so grateful for the privilege of being a priest.” Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart; Washington, D.C. Columbia Magazine Sept. 2024

**Respect Life Corner: May 18<sup>th</sup>**

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. You are invited to pray a novena for life beginning on May 22nd in honor of this special feast day.  
Learn more by visiting [respectlife.org/visitation](http://respectlife.org/visitation).

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**January 15-20, 2026**

**Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville**

Retreat Leaders: Fr. Bob Flannery, Sue Huett  
Asbeck, and Cheryl Sommer

**Initial Registration Deadline June 30, 2025**

**Registration is now open** for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on behalf of U.S. Catholics. Pilgrimage cost is \$2994. To register go online to [gocatholictravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Sommer-2026-Mexico-Brochure.pdf](http://gocatholictravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Sommer-2026-Mexico-Brochure.pdf).

***First Communion Class of 2025***

Rose Beyers	Raylon Cowman
Elliott Dobbs	Rudy Fehrenbacher
Adalyn Fitch	Karter Fuson
Haven Hemrich	Evan Jennings
Bentley Knicley	Neil Morris
Paislee Steber	Pierce White

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion! May the grace of this sacrament strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God each day.

✠ ***Congratulations!*** ✠

**St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



**~ St. Joseph Church ~**

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Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee  
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

**~ Welcome ~**

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

**Join us for mass:**

Wednesday 8:00 am  
Friday 8:00 am  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com).

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm**

**~ Sacraments ~**

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

**~ St. Joseph School ~**

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Kristen Eagleson.....Financial Manager

School Board: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuentler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*)

**Collection Total for May 11, 2025**

Envelopes: \$930.00 (32)  
Loose: \$56.00  
**Total: \$986.00**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**Building Fund:** \$20.00 (1)

**Religious Education Fund:** \$20.00 (1)

**Easter Flowers:** \$20.00 (1)

**Seminarian Education:** \$5.00 (1)

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**May Bulletins:** Olney Knights of Columbus

**May Missalettes:** In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber

**Wedding Anniversary**

**\*Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**

**Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is \$100 to sponsor missalettes.\***

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, May 18 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am** and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.  
**Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.**

**Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7:00-11:30am.**

**Monday, May 19–** Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.

**Tuesday, May 13–** ASAP Prayer Service and

**Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

**Sisters in Christ, 10:00am in St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

**Wednesday, May 14 –** Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.

**Thursday, May 15 –** Adoration at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

**2025 GRADUATES:**

Please submit names of graduates, school, degree, special honors, and a photo if you wish to Ashley **by this Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. These can be texted, called in, or emailed. Please be certain that you get a reply, as sometimes the email goes to spam if you select that route. Thank you!

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

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**SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

Our summer book is “Love Like a Saint,” by Elizabeth M. Kelly. The book will be available Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and on Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

**BAPTISM:**

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date,

contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing [ctrimblepa@gmail.com](mailto:ctrimblepa@gmail.com) or calling 618-263-7106.

**SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:**

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting the annual Senior Citizen Breakfast on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> after 8:00am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by June 8<sup>th</sup> to Anne Crites at 618-838-3935.

**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Congratulations to all students receiving their**

**first Holy Communion this weekend!** May this

sacred moment fill you with joy, peace and a deeper connection to Jesus through the Eucharist.

**Wednesday, May 21-** Graduation Mass @ 8:15am, Graduation Ceremony @ 7:00pm in the courtyard (please bring lawn chairs attending)

**Friday, May 23-** Preschool Graduation

**2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**

**The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.**

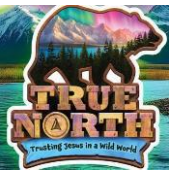
**Donations** - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the

entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Wine Pull:**

**The Wine Pull Stand is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine** to make this year’s

Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church, or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Please have all donations dropped off or contact Janice by Monday, July 14th. **Picnic Chairs** are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**



**True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"** Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds & Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds. Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders.

**When:** June 8-11 [Sunday-

Wednesday evenings] **Where:** Holy Cross-Wendelin **Time:** 5:30pm -7:30pm (Sunday-Tuesday) 5:30pm-8:00pm (Wednesday) Register online at the parish website. Contribution envelopes are still available in the vestibules of the parishes.

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B.**

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sunday, May 25:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass.

**Knight of the Month:** Dan Zwilling - Fish Fry Cashier

**Kudos** to the eight K of C members at Olney Saturday and Sunday distributing carnations for Mother’s Day from the Parish and Family Life Committee and for serving in the Multi-Purpose room for pecan pies and cherry delight on Saturday and donuts on Sunday!

**2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS:**

Thursdays at 5:30pm. This will be every Thursday evening prior to Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin.



### TODD HERENDEEN CONCERT:

Tribute to Legends of Rock and County including hits from many decades from Cash to The King! Doors open at 5pm with show at 7pm on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish Center. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Light refreshments will be served with soda and water available to purchase. You can also bring your own drinks. Contact Cindy Blank at 618-843-8018 for more information.

### FAMILY LIFE CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:

To participate, simply take a bottle provided to us and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its life-saving ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved by supporting a local ministry that provides FREE services and education to our community. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



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### REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Ralph McIntire



*Lord Jesus,  
Bless these children receiving Holy Communion  
for the first time. May this day be an initial step  
into the lifelong love of the Eucharist. Give them a  
hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to  
you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they  
grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their  
innocence and goodness. May their eagerness to  
receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to  
cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen!*

### ***Congratulations!***

**Arthur Huddlestun  
Luke Huddlestun  
Matthew Huddlestun  
Norah Levitt  
Quinn Sager  
Todd Seiler  
Aliza Sterchi**

### **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**"For First Communicants"** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Monday, May 19, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"**

**Tuesday, May 20, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, May 21, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, May 22, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, May 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, May 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, May 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+" "Carolyn Zuber+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

#### **05/18/2025**

##### **Servers:**

Kerigan Kocher  
Hallie Ochs  
Ian Kocher

##### **Lector:**

Gary Zwilling

##### **EMHC:**

Elmer Ochs  
Mary Ochs  
John Ochs

##### **Gifts:**

First  
Communicants

##### **Ushers:**

Werner Kocher  
Mallory Kocher

##### **Greeters:**

Jean Kocher  
Family

##### **Children's Liturgy:**

**No Children's Liturgy!**

#### **05/25/2025**

##### **Servers:**

Emmitt Kocher  
Sadie Seiler  
Levi Weidner

##### **Lector:**

Anita Seiler

##### **EMHC:**

Scott Seiler  
Harold Boehl  
Lisa Boehl

##### **Gifts:**

Wayne Kocher  
Family

##### **Ushers:**

James Schneider  
Evelyn Volk

##### **Greeters:**

Bill Zuber

##### **Children's Liturgy:**

Laura, Dorothy, Delana

## **St. Joseph Church**

### **In Stringtown, Illinois**

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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm**

**May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**  
**Saturday, May 17, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Herman & Joan Rudolphi+” “Robert N. & Bernadette Kocher+, Judy Ann Kocher+” “Floyd Carter+” 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, May 18, 10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the First Communicants”  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
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**Tuesday, May 20, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, May 21, 8:05am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, May 22, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Don & Arlene Volk+”  
**Friday, May 23, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Saturday, May 24, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Jack & Lavera Bryan+” “Jerry Kessler & Deceased Family+” 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, May 25, 10:00am** at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Eva Grace Street+”  
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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**May Bulletins: In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Ochs and Hinterscher Families**  
**May Missalettes: For the Parish**

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**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**  
Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley. **Price to**

<b>*MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS*</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>	<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
<b>EMHC:</b>	<b>EMHC:</b>
Jeannie Nix	Kim Smithenry
Bev Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Sherry Geier	Missy Buerster
Christine Hall	Marcia Street
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>
Maria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
<b>Money Counters:</b>	
*Mark & Jeannie Nix *	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>
Toby Hall	Dusty Smithenry
Michael Kuenstler	Shad Street
Kelly Geier	Ben Street
Daniel Baker	Danny Quinn

**sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. May 11, 2025**  
(71) Envelope Collection: \$2,344.00  
Loose: \$400.00 **Total: \$2,744.00** (13) Building Fund: \$685.00 (2) Rebuild: \$1,000.00, (1) VBS: \$25.00, (2) Seminarian Education: \$25.00, (1) Cemetery: \$25.00, (1) Easter Offering: \$100.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**  
As of Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – **\$273,548.57**  
has been received from 386 donations – thank you!



**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**  
Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Carl Kessler

**CRMH COMMUNION:**  
**May 18** – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506  
**June 8** – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900  
**June 15** – Ellen Weber (618)-771-7752  
**June 29** – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361

**MASS SERVERS:**  
**Sat. May 17** – Ian Kessler, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower  
**Sun. May 18** – Stella Warfel, Nora & Alex Street  
**Sat. May 24** – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard  
**Sun. May 25** – Ellee Nettleton, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert

**PARISH EVENTS:**  
**Saturday, May 17** – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.  
**Sunday, May 18** – **First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.** Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.  
**Monday, May 19**–Parish Office Open 9am-12pm. Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.  
**American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30pm.**  
**Tuesday, May 20** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church.  
**Wednesday, May 23** – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:30am.  
**Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**  
**Thursday, May 24** – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin Followed by Weekday Mass, 5:30pm.  
**Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.**

**CARD SHOWER:**  
Card shower for Wilmajean Geier's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 22. Drop off cards or mail to:

Wakefield Mill & Elevator, 7371 N Wakefield Rd, Newton, IL 62448. ***Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Wilmajean!***

**TODD HERENDEEN CONCERT:**  
Tribute to Legends of Rock and County including hits from many decades from Cash to The King! Doors open at 5pm with show at 7pm on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish Center. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Light refreshments will be served with soda and water available to purchase. You can also bring your own drinks. Contact Cindy Blank at 618-843-8018 for more information.

**2025 GRADUATES:**  
Please submit names of graduates, school, degree, special honors, and a photo if you wish to Ashley **by this Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. These can be texted, called in, or emailed. Please be certain that you get a reply, as sometimes the email goes to spam if you select that route. Thank you!

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
Here is a simple question to ask and ponder: If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there? This month offers so many extra moments to show our gratitude and love for one another. We honor Mothers, Graduates, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Sacraments and numerous other moments. These moments are often filled with the people we love and cherish with sharing of food, bursts of laughter, and love filling the air. How grateful are you for these moments? People? God? We are graced with this moment- this present moment- but we are not promised tomorrow. Embrace the moments and live a life of love with your words, thoughts, actions, and prayers. A life of love is a life that is of God and with God. If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there? Be

Grateful! Be Blessed! Love one another! Pray for one another! Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

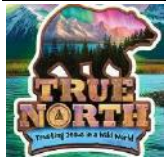
#### **BAPTISM:**

To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

#### **PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:**

If you need to change your job for any reason at the picnic, please contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Christine Hall 618-544-2019, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305, or Kim Correll 618-676-5789 **by May 28**. After that you will need to find your own replacement.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**



**True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"** Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds & Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds. Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders.

**When:** June 8-11 [Sunday-Wednesday evenings]

**Where:** Holy Cross-Wendelin **Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Sunday-Tuesday) 5:30pm-8:00pm (Wednesday) Register online at the parish website. Contribution envelopes are still available in the vestibules of the parishes.

#### **SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

Our summer book is "Love Like a Saint," by Elizabeth M. Kelly. The book will be available Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and on Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Thursdays at 5:30pm. This will be every Thursday evening prior to Mass. Please text/call Ashley to secure a date for you to assist with Exposition.

#### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Congratulations to all students receiving their first Holy Communion this weekend!** May this sacred moment fill you with joy, peace and a deeper connection to Jesus through the Eucharist. **Wednesday, May 21-** Graduation Mass @ 8:15am, Graduation Ceremony @ 7:00pm in the courtyard (please bring lawn chairs attending) **Friday, May 23-** Preschool Graduation

#### **ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B.**

#### **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sunday, May 25:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Knight of the Month:** Dan Zwilling - Fish Fry Cashier **Kudos** to the eight K of C members at Olney Saturday and Sunday distributing carnations for Mother's Day from the Parish and Family Life Committee and for serving in the MPR for pecan pies and cherry delight on Saturday and donuts on Sunday!

#### **LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:**

Still weekends available to sponsor drawings for 2025. Sign-up sheet located in vestibule or by calling/texting Ashley.

#### **FAMILY LIFE CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:**

To participate, simply take a bottle provided to us and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its life-saving ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved by supporting a local ministry that provides FREE services and education to our community. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**



*Lord Jesus,  
Bless these children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into the lifelong love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen!*

#### ***Congratulations!***

**Amyah Amerman  
Emmalee Amerman  
Jack Baker  
Hunter Hall  
Liam Kennedy  
Gracie Lynn  
Carly Nettleton  
Tate Smithenry  
Nora Volk**

#### **Sunday, May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.



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5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448  
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Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671  
Parish E-mail: [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com)  
**Mass Schedule:** Thursdays 6:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursdays 5:30pm  
**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**  
Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632  
E-mail: [frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)  
**\*\*Reverend Felix Chukwuma – Pastor**  
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