

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Feb. 16	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 17	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday	
	7:00 am	at Lawrenceville
	8:05 am	at Olney
	1:30 PM	at Carle 3rd Floor
	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Thu. Feb. 19	6:30 pm	at Wendelin
Fri. Feb. 20	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. Feb. 21		
	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	Rita & Ron Damm
		Eleanor Steber
		Maren Zuber
Sun. Feb. 22		
	8:00 am	Mary Ann Kuenstler
		Tony Steber
		Deacon Jack Shuster
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR FEBRUARY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Bob & Joan Uhl
Missalettes: Peavler Trucking

OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 8th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,552 (125) Loose: \$202
Guatemala: \$355 (11) First Offering: \$80 (6)

Let Us Pray For: Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Jeanne Dehlinger**. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

Happy Birthday to **Nancy Hahn** who celebrates her 99th birthday on February 18th!

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Saturday, February 14th - St. Valentine's Day

- Mass for **Linda Gumble, Lawrence, Bernadine, & Urban Kocher**, and **Dan, Mildred, & Greg Ochs**.

Sunday, February 15th

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher, Tony Steber**, and **Kenneth, Marcella, & Janet Ochs**.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 5:30 PM, High School youth group meets in Olney.

Tuesday, February 17th

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 2:30 PM, burning of the palms in the courtyard. Students and parishioners are welcome to attend.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: The Moral Law and Christian Life.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, February 18th - Ash Wednesday

- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle 3rd Floor.

Saturday, February 21st

- 6 PM, Middle School youth group at Olney.

Sunday, February 22nd

- Rite of Election at St. Peter Cathedral for OCIA.
- 10:30-12:30 am, CYM spaghetti lunch at Holy Cross.
- 5:30 PM, High School youth group at Holy Cross.

Throughout Lent we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses, beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 2/2~, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 22. We will begin a half hour before each Mass. For anyone who wishes to lead the Rosary during those times, there will be a sign-up sheet by the door at the back of the church. Thank you.

The Family of **Dale Tibbs** would like to extend their deepest, heartfelt gratitude to all of our parishioners who participated in planning for and celebrating Dale's funeral service and mass. To our priests Father Steven and Father Levi, all of the wonderful ministers, altar servers and the loving members of our funeral dinner committee. Also, to everyone in the parish who provided the amazing meal and who has supported us during this difficult time. Thank you.

 St. Joseph School News

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- Thank you to all who supported the annual Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival!
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CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 9: Larry Dorn (#297)
Feb. 10: Jennifer Chaplin (#661)
Feb. 11: Brad & Mischelle Doll (#818)
Feb. 12: Wayne Kocher (#091)
Feb. 13: Ellen Smith (#758)

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

- There are several ways to pray and give this **Lenten season**. Please see the insert for all the opportunities in our Tri-parish. Prayer booklets and Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services can be found at all the church entrances.
- **Choir practice** in the church every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Bruce Stout at 618-843-8100.
- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Monday, February 16th to make any changes for the March and April schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.
- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. To begin we will need volunteers to help lead the class. It is a very simple gospel lesson and the materials are all provided. Please contact Casey at the parish office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.
- **Evening Vespers**, or Evening Prayer, is a Catholic liturgical service part of the Liturgy of the Hours that sanctifies the end of the day through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Typically held at dusk, its primary purpose is to offer an "evening sacrifice" to God, reflect on the day's events, thank Him for graces received, and seek forgiveness for sins.
 - Vespers will be on Wednesday Evenings 6:30 p.m. beginning after Ash Wednesday.
 - February 25th Holy Cross Wendelin
 - March 4th St. Lawrence Lawrenceville
 - March 11th St. Joseph Stringtown
 - March 18th St. Joseph Olney
- **Church Directory:** Please submit photos if you were unable to schedule a date for a photo. Please send to Fr. Levi at levi.jamessiu@gmail.com or drop off a photo to the parish office.

- **St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction Saturday, March 14th.** Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school! Tables: \$280 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve your table. If you cannot attend but want to help, reach out to Carol Potter at cpotter@stjoeolney.com.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Thursday, Feb. 19:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Friday, Feb. 20:** Fish Fry Night to benefit the Richland Mentor Program, at the Olney City Park Community Building, 5 to 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.
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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

“If I should fall even a thousand times a day, a thousand times, with peaceful repentance, I will say immediately, Nunc Coepi [Now I begin]” Venerable Bruno Lanteri the Lenten journey is about to begin. What do you do? What do you not do? What do you add? Give up? How about a Lent that is transforming? How about a Lent that brings you closer to the Heart of the Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? The Mother? First thing first – one should begin with a plan - because if you fail to plan then you will plan to fail! Ask God a few questions:

1. What do you see - in me - that I am allowing to get in way of your love? Self -Righteousness? Gossip? Slandering others? Rudeness? Etc.
2. What is the distraction that I reach for that I don't even recognize as distractions? Social media? Gossiping ear? My inflated opinion of judgement? Etc.
3. What sins do I love so much that I no longer see them as sins? Prideful attitude? Jealously? Ingratitude? Callousness.

The transformation to a contrite heart begins with the response to the questions and choosing to live out the answer these next forty days. O' Merciful God, I humbly ask you to show me the attitude of my soul and give me the grace to suffer out of love for you the injury that I have caused you and my fellow man. I implore you my God to purge what is not of your love from my hands, heart, tongue, eyes, and ears.

O Jesus, meek and humble of Heart make my heart like unto thine. Journey this Lent carrying the cross out of Love and come Easter morning you will truly be a new creation in the resurrected Lord. Nunc Coepi! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ **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

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

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm

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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Collection Total for February 8, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,007.00 (34)

Loose: \$98.00

Total: \$1,105.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

First Offering: \$5.00 (1)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

February Bulletins and Missalettes: *In Memory of Herman & Ethel Zwilling*

****Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!**

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, February 15 – Bingo Sponsored by Family Life Committee at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1-4pm.

Mardi Gras Party at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 5pm.

Monday, February 16 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, February 17 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm. Topic: The

Moral Law and Christian Life

Young Adults Gathering at HV's Food and Spirits,

6:30pm Social, 7pm Talk by Deacon Steve Andrews

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday



Mass Schedule: 7am, St.

Lawrence-Lawrenceville

8am, St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm, St. Joseph-Stringtown

6:30pm, Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sister's in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Thursday, February 19 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.

Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Sunday, February 22 – CYM Spaghetti Luncheon and Basket Raffle at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 10:30am-12:30pm. Free will donation!

Saturday, March 21 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting – Save the date!

PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:

If you weren't able to get your photo taken, you can drop a photo by the parish office, send to our parish email stjoestringtown@hotmail.com, or text to Ashley.

LENTEN VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):



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6:30 p.m. beginning
after Ash Wednesday.

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BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 6:30am-12 noon.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjaWPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETfWNURgcjZlYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOjpTW Rwms6nqeKlovP2Rg0wskVK-KjO5Zfywa-zM aem LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A>

STRINGTOWN FAMILY LIFE MARDI GRAS PARTY:



You are invited to the Stringtown Mardi Gras party on Sunday, February 15, starting at 5 p.m. at the Parish Center. The parish will provide sandwiches, tea, lemonade, water, and tableware. We are asking those who are attending to bring a finger food or dessert to share. Those

21+ may bring adult beverages. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship. Activities being offered after the meal include Bunco, movie, or just visiting with your friends.

BINGO:

Bingo sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life Committee will be held THIS Sunday, February 15th from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided by donation.

EUCHRE:

Hope to see everyone back on March 13th!

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of February 15th: Lent What Catholics Believe, Whole 40, Heart of Prayer**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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WINE PULL DONATIONS NEEDED:



We are collecting unopened bottles of wine for the wine pull to benefit St. Joseph School at the Bingo Bash held on March 14th at St. Joseph-

Stringtown. Donation boxes are located at each of our Tri-Parishes.

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven

Considerations While Navigating Infertility” respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

VOCATION CORNER:

“When I was little, I remember a teacher asking me, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Right away, I envisioned myself drawing buildings and houses. I wanted to become an architect. That dream became real but in a different way, for God had another blueprint for my life – to help build his kingdom. When I was 25 years old, I attended a “Come and See” retreat with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, not knowing what to expect. During that retreat, I realized I liked living in community, and I also love centering everything around the Eucharist. Letting go of my dreams of becoming an architect and of getting married was difficult, but I sensed a deep fire within me that could not be contained. I thought, “This is something I could happily see myself doing.” Now, 20 years after joining the congregation, I’m blessed to serve as vocations director and a spiritual director. In this way, I firmly believe I am building God’s kingdom as an architect for the Lord.”

Bro. Lucio Galicia; Missionaries of the Holy Spirit; *Columbia Magazine*, Sept 2025.

KING’S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:

King’s House has a Ladies’ Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If you would like to join, please contact King’s House at (618)-397-0584 to register. Let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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Sunday, February 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

“Jean Zwilling†” “Judy Zuber†” “Norman Kocher and Neal & Dorothy Kocher†”,

Monday, February 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-

Stringtown “Don & Ron Ochs†, Lester Ochs Family† and Lorraine Ochs Family†”

Tuesday, February 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown **“For The Parish”,** 7:00am at St.

Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, CRMH 3rd Floor 1:30pm, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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Friday, February 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, February 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, February 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown **“Carolyn Zuber†” “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling†”** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at

Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

02/15/2026

Servers:

Delana & Grayson Sterchi
Gavin Kuenstler

Lector:

Laura Sterchi

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Bill Zuber

Ushers:

Austin Kuenstler
Mallory Kocher

Greeters:

Jean Kocher Family

Children’s Liturgy:

Anne & Kaitlin

02/22/2026

Servers:

Don & Sadie Seiler
Hallie Ochs

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
Joselyn Kocher
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

John Ochs Family

Ushers:

Scott Seiler
Luke Seiler

Greeters:

Natalie Ochs

Children’s Liturgy:

Joselyn & Mallory

St. Joseph Church

Stringtown, Illinois

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February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, February 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Don & Alice Line†” “JV & Florine Weidner†”
Sunday, February 15, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Fred Uebinger†” “Fred Kessler†” “Barbara Fetch†”
Monday, February 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, February 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”, 7:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Thursday, February 19, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Poor Souls”
Friday, February 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, February 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Dana (Kuhl) Bell†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, February 22, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Jerry Mix†” “Shirley Kessler and Bud & Mary Kathleen Slichenmyer†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

February Bulletins and Missalettes:
For All Deceased Members of Holy Cross Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
To schedule, contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, February 8, 2026
(81) Envelope Collection: \$4,570.00, Loose: \$283.00– **Total: \$4,853.00.** (14) Building: \$1,105.00, (2) First Offering: \$10.00, (5) Black & Indian Mission: \$125.00, (23) Easter Flowers: \$765.00, (3) Rebuild: \$1,450.00

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Keith & Pam Blank	Danny & Lori Quinn
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Jeannie Nix	GINNY ZWILLING
Kathy Kuenstler	Martha Deimel
Kristy Weidner	Ellen Weber
Sherry Geier	Kristi Sandschafer
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Maria Rudolphi	James Kistner
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Mark Rudolphi	Danny Quinn
Kelly Geier	Austin Zwilling
Carl Weidner	Herb Deimel
Tim Weidner	Michael Kistner
<u>Mass Servers:</u>	
Saturday, February 14 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart	
Sunday, February 15 – Ellee Bare, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
Saturday, February 21 – Mattux Hart, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	
Sunday, February 22 – Bailey Kistner, Alex & Nora Street	
<u>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</u>	
February 15 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber	
February 22 – Melissa Weidner & Brooke Weidner	
<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	
February 15 – Sheryl Klingler	

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, February 11 – **\$298,648.57** has been received from 415 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher,

Andy Bolsen (Meredith Rudolphi’s brother)

PARISH EVENTS:
Sunday, February 15 – Bingo Sponsored by Family Life Committee at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1-4pm.
Monday, February 16 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Tuesday, February 17 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm. Topic: The Moral Law and Christian Life Young Adults Gathing at HV’s Food and Spirits, Social 6pm, Talk 7pm By Deacon Steve Andrews.
Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday
 **Mass Schedule: 7am, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**
8am, St. Joseph-Olney
6:30pm, St. Joseph-Stringtown
6:30pm, Holy Cross-Wendelin
Thursday, February 19 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.
Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Sunday, February 22 – CYM Spaghetti Luncheon and Basket Raffle at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 10:30am-12:30pm. Free will donation!
Saturday, March 31 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting – Save the date!

LENTEN VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):
 Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm beginning after Ash Wednesday. *Evening Vespers, or Evening Prayer*, is a Catholic liturgical service part of the Liturgy of the Hours that sanctifies the end of the day through prayer, praise, and

thanksgiving. Typically held at dusk, its primary purpose is to offer an "*evening sacrifice*" to God, reflect on the day's events, thank Him for graces received, and seek forgiveness for sins. **February 25th at Holy Cross-Wendelin**, March 4th at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, March 11th at St. Joseph-Stringtown, March 18th at St. Joseph-Olney

THANK YOU:
The Kuhl and Bell family want to thank all the people that came to the hospital to help care for Dana. For all the cards, prayers, food, flowers, snow cleaning so we could get to Olney. For Father Steven that came to hospital to anoint her before she passed. God bless each and every one that was concerned during our great loss.
Vic & Darlene Kuhl Family & Bell Family

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
“If I should fall even a thousand times a day, a thousand times, with peaceful repentance, I will say immediately, Nunc Coepi [Now I begin]” Venerable Bruno Lanteri
The Lenten journey is about to begin. What do you do? What do you not do? What do you add? Give up? How about a Lent that is transforming? How about a Lent that brings you closer to the Heart of the Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? The Mother? First thing first – one should begin with a plan - because if you fail to plan then you will plan to fail! Ask God a few questions: 1. What do you see - in me - that I am allowing to get in way of your love? Self - Righteousness? Gossip? Slandering others? Rudeness? Etc. 2. What is the distraction that I reach for that I don’t even recognize as distractions? Social media? Gossiping ear? My inflated opinion of judgement? Etc. 3. What sins do I love so much that I no longer see them as sins? Prideful attitude? Jealously? Ingratitude? Callousness? Etc. The transformation to a contrite heart begins with the response to the questions and choosing to live out the answer these next forty days. O’ Merciful God, I humbly

ask you to show me the attitude of my soul and give me the grace to suffer out of love for you the injury that I have caused you and my fellow man. I implore you my God to purge what is not of your love from my hands, heart, tongue, eyes, and ears. O Jesus, meek and humble of Heart make my heart like unto thine. Journey this Lent carrying the cross out of Love and come Easter morning you will truly be a new creation in the resurrected Lord. Nunc Coepi! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

THIS WEEKEND! Half proceeds go to MC4C. If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please sign up in the vestibule, contact a LAS Member or the Parish Office.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of February 15th: Lent What Catholics Believe, Whole 40, Heart of Prayer**

BINGO THIS SUNDAY:

Bingo sponsored by Family Life Committee will be held **THIS** Sunday, February 15th from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided for donation.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

ROE 12 Spelling Bee- February 18 at OCC Theater, 5pm. Good luck Yzabella Biyok, Quinn Trout, Luke Slagley and Lydia Seiler- top four competitors advancing from the Richland County qualifying bee! **Thank you** to all who supported the annual Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival! **Thank you so much** for the quick and tremendous response to our Annual Giving Campaign! Your contributions made it possible for St. Joseph School to offer a faith-based education rooted in the Gospel message while providing academic excellence and service to our

community. All gifts are recognized annually in our fall newsletter. **Saturday, March 14** - Bingo Bash/Auction Night at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center

WINE PULL DONATIONS NEEDED:



We are collecting unopened bottles of wine for the wine pull to benefit St. Joseph School at the Bingo Bash held on March 14th at St. Joseph-Stringtown. Donation boxes are located at each of our Tri-Parishes.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thurs., Feb. 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM,
Fri., Feb. 20: Fish Fry Night to benefit the Richland Mentor Program, at the Olney City Park Community Building, 5 to 7PM. Everyone is welcome. **Sun., Feb. 22:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Kudos** to the 152 St. Joe 3rd - 8th grade students participating in the Olney Council Free Throw 15 Shot Competition. Winners were: Aliza Sterchi, Pierce White, Bryndle Schuetz, Ethan Kocher, Vella Kuenstler, Jackson Prosser, Meira Cotterell, Emmitt Kocher, Breeann Ochs, Masen Hatten, Kadence Kocher, Conor Buchner, Lauren French, and Camden Blank. The age groups 9 -14 qualify to advance to Breese Mater Dei high school Saturday, March 8th. **Congratulations** to the 72, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade St. Joe School students participating in the Olney Council Spelling Bee. Winners of cash \$40, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5, & \$2 were Yzabella Biyok, Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson, Belle Graves, Lydia Seiler, and Raymond Zuber. The first three winners qualify to advance to the Regional O'Fallon Competition on Sunday, March 29 at the O'Fallon K of C Hall. The Fun 5th grade 22 Spelling Bee student winners of cash \$10, \$8, \$5, \$2, & \$2 were Diezel Steele, Jett Royse, David Williams, Avery Graves, and Vella Kuenstler.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

Please submit photos by sending to parish email holycrosswendelin@outlook.com, dropping a photo by parish office, or texting to Ashley!

VOCATION CORNER:

"When I was little, I remember a teacher asking me, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Right away, I envisioned myself drawing buildings and houses. I wanted to become an architect. That dream became real but in a different way, for God had another blueprint for my life – to help build his kingdom. When I was 25 years old, I attended a "Come and See" retreat with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, not knowing what to expect. During that retreat, I realized I liked living in community, and I also love centering everything around the Eucharist. Letting go of my dreams of becoming an architect and of getting married was difficult, but I sensed a deep fire within me that could not be contained. I thought, "This is something I could happily see myself doing." Now, 20 years after joining the congregation, I'm blessed to serve as vocations director and a spiritual director. In this way, I firmly believe I am building God's kingdom as an architect for the Lord." Bro. Lucio Galicia; Missionaries of the Holy Spirit; *Columbia Magazine, Sept 2025.*

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

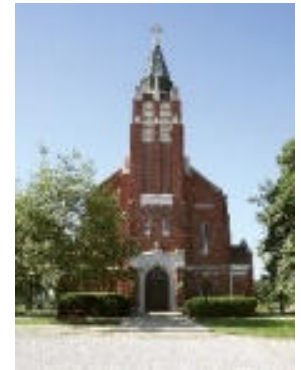
KING'S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:

King's House at the Shrine has a Ladies' Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. Please contact King's House at (618)-397-0584 to register. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be your protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.



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Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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Ash Wednesday



This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to Word-Find: "you will be blessed."

The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15th, 2026



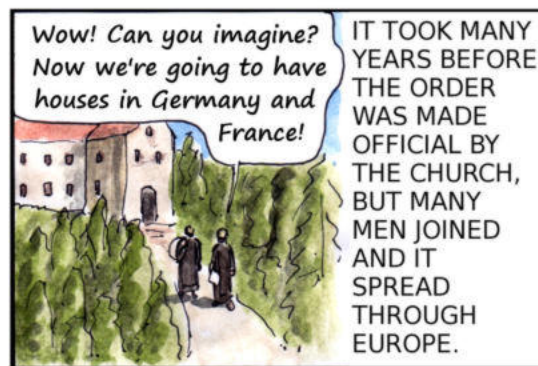
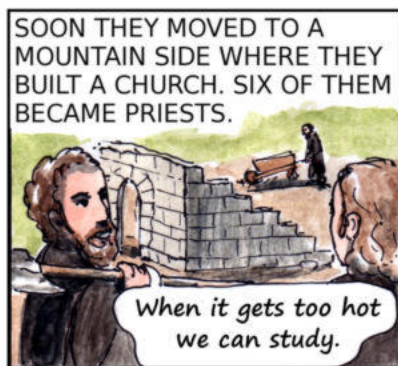
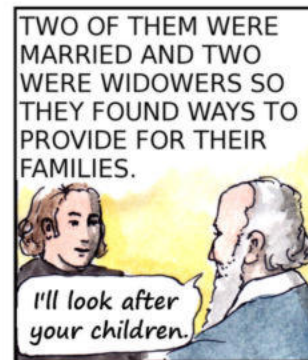
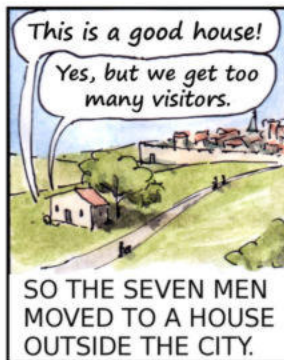
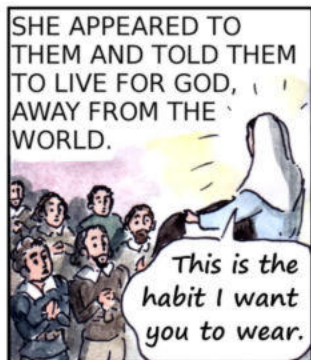
Do not think that
I came to abolish
the law or the
prophets...
Whoever opens and
teaches the commandments
will be called greatest in the
Kingdom of Heaven.

Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 17



THE SEVEN SAINTS WHO STARTED THE SERVITE ORDER MADE GREAT SACRIFICES BY GIVING UP THEIR LIFE OF WEALTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAD GOD'S HELP AND ALSO EACH OTHER'S HELP. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP YOU TO BE HOLY AND EVEN HEROIC? ARE YOU THAT KIND OF FRIEND?

Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in **CAPITALS**. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Y D S C O F G O O D U
W I T O L O R D B I L
B L A M E L E S S L B
L I T M E L A W E B C
E G U A P O F I R M O
S E T N R W L I V E N
S N E D E C R E E S S
E T S E C M A Y L S I
D L E D E O P E N E D
S Y K E P T S E D E E
M I G H T H W A L K R
W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is **BLAMELESS**, who **WALK** in the **LAW** of the Lord.
BLESSED are they who **OBSERVE** his **DECREES**, who **SEEK** him with all their heart.

You have **COMMANDED** that your **PRECEPTS** be **DILIGENTLY KEPT**.
Oh, that I **MIGHT** be **FIRM** in the ways of keeping your **STATUTES**!

Be **GOOD** to your **SERVANT**, that I **MAY LIVE** and keep your **WORDS**.
OPEN my **EYES**, that I may **CONSIDER** THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____