ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
✝ Eucharistic Celebrations ✝

Mon. Mar. 23	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Mar. 24	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Mar. 25	**8:05 am**	***Margaret King***
Thu. Mar. 26	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Mar. 27	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. Mar. 28
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM ***Susan Ferrell-Stout***
Maren Zuber
Norman, Jean, & Joseph Zwilling

Sun. Mar. 29 Palm Sunday
8:00 am ***Jim & Mary Steber***
Wilbert & Virginia Blank
Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR MARCH SPONSORS
Bulletins: Marie Beal
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 15th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $9,074 (111) Loose: $286
Guatemala: $100 (1) CSMA: $2,726.25 (pledged)
Catholic Relief Services: $520 (15)

Let Us Pray For: Sue Dickerson, Brett Stirnaman, Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Dolores Hemrich, 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.

Throughout Lent we will be **praying the Rosary** before all of the weekend Masses. We will begin a half hour before each Mass.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, March 21st
- Mass for ***Carolyn & Joe Moran, Henry Weiler,*** and ***Linda Gumble.***
- 6-10:30 PM, Holy Cross Wine Tasting.
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, March 22nd
- Mass for ***Kenny Ochs, Albert, Clara, and Rose Ellen Hahn,*** and ***Charlotte Hough (healing)***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross

Tuesday, March 24th
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: CT Devotions, traditions, piety.
- 6:30 PM, Bibles and Brews at HV's in Olney.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, March 25th
- Mass for ***Margaret King.***
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Friday, March 27th
- 2:00 PM, Living Stations at St. Joseph, Olney.
- 6:30 PM, Stations at all Tri-Parish churches.

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday
- Young Adults Gathering. See flyers for details.

✝ Holy Week Schedule ✝

Holy Thursday, April 2nd
St. Joseph, Olney 6:30 pm
St. Lawrence 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd
St. Joseph, Olney 6:30 pm
St. Lawrence 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4th
St. Joseph, Olney 7:30 pm
St. Lawrence 7:30 pm

St. Joseph School News

- **Wednesday, March 25**- Early Dismissal at 1:50.
- **Friday, March 27**- Living Stations of the Cross at 2 pm presented by 8th grade.
- **Saturday, March 28**- Easter Egg Hunt (birth-kindergarten, sponsored by the Enrollment Committee).

St. Joseph School and Parish are **in need of full-time custodial/maintenance help** while our staff is out on medical leave. The position starts immediately and could last through the summer. Please contact the school office (Josy Hart, Carol Potter, or Jeffrey Rosenberg) for more information at 618-395-3081.

Thank you to everyone who made our Bingo event a HUGE success this year!
Thanks to...
- The committee: Megan Brinkley, Jennifer Cummins-Zuber, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Chelsey Oilar, Micah Peavler, Carol Potter, Lindsey Schmucker, Jacquelyn Seals, Anita Seiler, Sydni Sorensen, Lauren Tibbs, Janice Zwilling
- Everyone who donated silent and live items
- All those who supported the school through attendance and purchasing
- Josy Hart, Catherine Fritschle, and Jeffrey Rosenberg for all of the hours helping in preparation
- Sarah Kocher and Linda Kocher for running our kitchen
- Rothrock Auctions
- Set-Up and Clean-Up Crews

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Mar. 16: Jerry Dunn (#085)
Mar. 17: Hazel Eagleson (#806)
Mar. 18: Herman Zuber (#385)
Mar. 19 ($500): Sarah Vaal (#342)
Mar. 20: Jason Steber (#594)

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

Save the Date!

A Celebration of Women
Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Inspiring the Future

Join the Parish and Family Life Committee for a beautiful evening as women of all ages come together to connect, reflect, and celebrate the generations of faith that unite us at St. Joseph Church.

Monday, May 4, 2026
5:30 PM

We will begin with a special prayer service, followed by a delicious meal catered by Joe's.

✨ Planning to come with friends or family? Table reservations for groups of 8 will be available—perfect for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and friends to share the evening together.

Have you attended this banquet in the past? We would love to celebrate those memories by honoring our past generations. Please consider sharing your photos to be displayed at the event. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the parish office.

Tickets will be available for purchase in April—stay tuned for more details!

All women are welcome! Come be encouraged, uplifted, and reminded of the beautiful role you play in the story of faith across generations.

- **Holy Week:** There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for Holy Week ministries. Please sign up to help with the triduum masses if you are able to. There is also a sign-up sheet for Holy Thursday feet washing. If you'd like to be a part of this special event on Holy Thursday, please sign up for that as well. Thank you!
- **Rice Bowls:** When you are finished filling your Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services you can place them in the labeled tub in the church

vestibule or drop them off at the parish office. You can also bring them to mass on **April 1st** at 8 am, where the school children will have a collection tub in front of the altar. Please have all Rice Bowls turned in by **April 6th.**

- **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. We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office.
- **The Grief Care Group** is a once a month gathering that is designed to be a place for listening, encouragement, and caring for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Group members will find a Gospel-focused place to process grief, share memories, and receive spiritual and emotional support. Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph Olney at 5:30 p.m.** Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate for more information.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Friday, Mar. 27:** Last Fish Fry Night!! This night will benefit Olney Valor Quilters, serving from 5 -7 PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome, Carry-outs are available.
- **Sunday, Mar. 29:**Regional K of C Spelling Bee at O'Fallon K of C Hall. Good Luck Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson & Ray Zuber!
- **Sunday, Mar. 29:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8 AM Mass. Volunteer Knight Ministry at this Mass also, followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.
- **Baby Crib donations** for the Olney Knights of Columbus Charity Drive are being accepted in the cribs until Palm Sunday. The perfect Lenten alms giving would be baby items for the Women, Infants and Children in Richland and Jasper County!
- **Knight of the Month: Dan Zwilling**- Fish Fry volunteer each week and leading the Rosary at each Olney Saturday Mass.

2026 Knights of Columbus Scholarship
The Knights of Columbus are proud to support our youth through this program. We are awarding four $250.00 scholarships to High School Senior applicants to be chosen by committee. To qualify, the applicant or parent must be a current member of the Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352 3rd Degree. Applicants must be received by **Friday, April 3rd, 2026**. Return by mail to the K of C, P.O. Box 172 Olney, IL 62450. Applications can be found in the back of church.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me." What fitting words during Lent to read, and to meditate upon. We are not stuck in our sinfulness - unless we choose - and we are given the assurance that our Father always hears! There is still time in this Lenten season to be heard, to be free and to leave our sins...malice, pride, unforgiveness, anger...at the foot of the cross! Have you been to confession? Make plans to receive this Sacrament during the Lenten season. Then you to will be untied and free...Keep Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

On behalf of Father Godfrey Mullen, Bishop-Elect, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

Thank you to the **32** households that have already pledged to support this mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their support of the CSMA. So far, we have **$6,611.25** pledged from the members of St. Joseph Parish in Olney. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

~ 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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School Advisory Council: Angel Padilla *(Chairperson),* Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher *(St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative),* Holly Nettleton *(Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative).*

Collection Total for March 15, 2026

Envelopes: $684.00 (23)
Loose: $289.00
Total: $943.00

Building Fund: $1,185.00 (8)
CSMA: $2,380.00 (6)
Easter Flower Memorials: $50.00 (1)
Catholic Relief Services: $227.00 (8)
Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
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March Bulletins: For the Families of Sam & Mary Zwilling
March Missalettes: In Memory of Janice Zuber
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PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, March 22 – Euchre at Holy Cross Parish Center, 2pm.
Monday, March 23 – Holy Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Tuesday, March 24 – 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.
OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm.
Wednesday, March 25 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, March 26 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm Followed by 6:30pm Mass.
Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Friday, March 27 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:
Please submit photos if you still need to do so. You can drop photos by the Parish Office, email, or text to Ashley.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 2nd - St. Joseph-Olney - 6:30pm, St. Lawrence - 6:30pm, **Good Friday, April 3rd -** St. Joseph - Olney - 6:30pm, St. Lawrence - 6:30pm, Stations at St. Lawrence - 3:00pm, Stations at Holy Cross-Wendelin - 3:00pm, **Holy Saturday, April 4th -** St. Joseph - Olney - 7:30pm

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:

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HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:
Choir practices for Holy Week will be held Tuesday, March 24, Thursday, March 26, **Sunday, March 29th (newly added!) at 7pm**, and Tuesday, March 31. All practices are at 6:30pm in the choir loft. All are welcome to join. You do not have to attend all the practices, just come when can!

HELP NEEDED:
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KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:
Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary and Vic's 93rd birthday with an open house on April 19th from 1:30-3:30pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center. All are invited to celebrate but please no gifts, cards only. If you cannot attend and would like to mail a card it can be sent to 6955 N. Amber Road, Dundas, IL 62425.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:
Euchre Tournament will be played on Sunday, March 22nd - 2pm at Holy Cross Parish Center with $3.00 entry fee per person. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Free popcorn, soda/water available for purchase. If over 21, you may bring your favorite adult beverage. Everyone welcome. Be prompt, as the play on time.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of March 15th – The Annunciation, The Annunciation: Sacred Heart, The Annunciation: Hail Mary**

CRS LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:
By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? 25% percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally. Please return filled Rice Bowls back to the church vestibule or to the Parish Office by Palm Sunday. **Catholic Relief Services - Advocate:** Our faith calls us to action. As millions of people around the world face hunger, conflict, poverty and natural disasters, YOU are needed. Join a movement of people working together to transform our world so that all our sisters and brothers can reach their God-given potential and thrive. To subscribe and receive advocacy updates, follow this link: https://www.crs.org/join/join-campaigns

2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:
The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th.
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. **Raffles** - This year we are asking the parishioners help in contacting businesses and colleting prizes for the raffles. If you are interested in helping the committee, please come to the **Parish Center after Mass next Sunday (March 29th)** to select the businesses you would be interested in contacting.
Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30th at the Stringtown Parish Center.
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. Thank you! **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)

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). Written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995, this document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the "greatness and the inestimable value of human life" (EV 2) and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life. https://www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life

VOCATION CORNER:

Today's Gospel recounts the death and rising of Lazarus. Wow! Who gets a 2nd chance to live their life? But how did this come to be? It was because of the power of God Almighty that Lazarus got another chance to follow the Lord and proclaim His goodness. We won't get a second chance to follow the "call" of God in our lives like Lazarus. So, we need to be attentive now to the call from within our hearts to become who we've been called to be. Roll away the stone and hear what the Lord wants us to be – maybe even a priest, sister, or brother.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Linda McWhirter

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Dory & Dolly Keolker✝"
Monday, March 23, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"
Tuesday, March 24, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 25, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, March 26, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Srs. Antoinette & Loretta Volk, PHJC✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

03/15/2026
Servers:
Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Hallie Ochs
Lector:
Kylie Kocher
EMHC:
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs
Gifts:
Elmer & Mary Ochs
Ushers:
Doug Kocher
James Schneider
Greeters:
Mallory Kocher
Children's Liturgy:
Laura, Dorothy, & Delana

03/29/2026
Servers:
Kerigan Kocher
Don Seiler
Nathaniel Zwilling
Lector:
Shelly Seaman
EMHC:
Gary Zwilling
Scott Seiler
Janette Kocher
Gifts:
Harold & Lisa Boehl
Ushers:
Werner Kocher
Carter Seaman
Greeters:
Caden Kocher
Children's Liturgy:
No Children's Liturgy!

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March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

†Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, March 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Melvin & Helen Rudolphi† and Louis & Lelia Volk†"
Sunday, March 22, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ronald Hemrich†, Wayne Newton†, and Richard Weidner†"
Monday, March 23, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, March 24, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 25, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, March 26, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Don & Alice Line†"
Friday, March 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Sharon Correll†" "Wib & Virginia Blank†" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 29, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Clifford & Gertrude Rauch†" "Betty Smithenry†" , 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

March 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, March 15, 2026
(78) Envelope Collection: $2,952.00, Loose: $192.00 – **Total: $3,144.00,** (8) Building: $870.00, (3) Cemetery: $295.00, (17) Catholic Relief: $655.00, (8) CSMA: $1,680.00

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Derek & Kasey Iffert	Henry & Sandi Kessler
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Celia Rudolphi	Breanne Jones
Bev Weidner	Missy Buerster
Josy Hart	Jason Warfel
Tammy Rudolphi	Marcia Street
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Jennifer Rudolphi	Amy Heuerman

Money Counters:
Henry & Sandi Kessler

Ushers:	Ushers:
Dave Rudolphi	Jordan Jones
Michael Kuenstler	Tony Buerster
James Rudolphi	Henry Kessler
Derek Iffert	Gary D. Fehrenbacher

Mass Servers:
Saturday, March 21 – Levi Rudolphi & Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart
Sunday, March 22 – Bailey Kistner, Alex & Nora Street
Saturday, March 28 – Kaleb & Kelby Iffert, Mattux Hart
Sunday, March 29 – Lane Smithenry, Chloe & Ethan Deckard

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
March 22 – Alli Kirts & Nora Street
March 29 – Holly Nettleton

CRMH Communion:
March 29 – Lynn Weidner

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, March 18 – $298,898.57 has been received from 418 donations – thank you!

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

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Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm.
Wednesday, March 25 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, March 26 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm Followed by 6:30pm Mass.
Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Friday, March 27 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.

KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:
Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary and Vic's 93rd birthday with an open house on April 19th from 1:30-3:30pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center. All are invited to celebrate but please no gifts, cards only. If you cannot attend and would like to mail a card it can be sent to 6955 N. Amber Road, Dundas, IL 62425.

FAMILY LIFE PEW RAFFLE:
Family Life is selling bench raffle tickets (from a salvaged church pew). The drawing will be held at the Wine Tasting event on Saturday, March 21st. The cost of a ticket is $5.00. Tickets will be sold this coming weekend, before each Mass (March 14th & 15th), and then again at the wine tasting event prior to the drawing. If alternate arrangements for a ticket need to be established, please contact the Parish Office.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP:
Mowing season is quickly approaching! Please remove all blankets, flowers, etc. from the ground by **Monday, April 6th.** Please note the ground must be clear through our mowing season (November). Thank you!

CYM QUILT RAFFLE:
CYM will be selling quilt raffle tickets to support their mission trip. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am Mass. The quilt was donated Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 2nd - St. Joseph-Olney - 6:30pm, St. Lawrence - 6:30pm, **Good Friday, April 3rd -** St. Joseph - Olney - 6:30pm, St. Lawrence - 6:30pm, Stations at St. Lawrence - 3:00pm, Stations at Holy Cross-Wendelin - 3:00pm, **Holy Saturday, April 4th -** St. Joseph - Olney - 7:30pm

PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING:
This meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22nd at 7pm in the Parish House.

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL:
Newton High School is performing the musical Sister Act on March 26, 27, 28th at 7pm and March 29th at 2pm. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door. Come support Holy Cross members Karly Deckard & Nora Street.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:
We are seeking parishioners who would reach out, as an arm of the church, to fellow parishioners (including caregivers) including their own family

members and neighbors. The church will provide support by providing materials, advice, and ride-along first visits when needed to break the ice. Our group will meet periodically to answer questions and gather input so we provide comfort and support that makes an impact. The next meeting will be held after Easter. Please contact Sherry Geier or Caroline Trimble if you have any questions or require further information. The **Grief Care Group** is a *once a month* gathering that is designed to be a place for listening, encouragement, and caring for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph Olney at 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me." What fitting words during Lent to read, and to meditate upon. We are not stuck in our sinfulness - unless we choose - and we are given the assurance that our Father always hears! There is still time in this Lenten season to be heard, to be free and to leave our sins…malice, pride, unforgiveness, anger…at the foot of the cross! Have you been to confession? Make plans to receive this Sacrament during the Lenten season. Then you to will be untied and free…Keep Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:
Euchre Tournament will be played on Sunday, March 22nd - 2pm at Holy Cross Parish Center with $3.00 entry fee per person. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Free popcorn, soda/water available for purchase. If over 21, you may bring your favorite adult beverage. Everyone welcome. Be prompt, as the play on time.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Wednesday, March 25 - Early Dismissal at 1:50pm. **Friday, March 27 -** Living Stations of the Cross at 2pm presented by 8th grade. **Saturday, March 28 -** Easter Egg Hunt (birth-kindergarten, sponsored by the Enrollment Committee). **Thank you** to everyone who made our Bingo event a HUGE success this year! Thanks to the committee: Megan Brinkley, Jennifer Cummins-Zuber, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Mary Morris, Amanda Nelson, Chelsey Oilar, Micah Peavler, Carol Potter, Lindsey Schmucker, Jacquelyn Seals, Anita Seiler, Sydni Sorensen, Lauren Tibbs, Janice Zwilling, everyone who donated silent and live items, all those who supported the school through attendance and purchasing, Josy Hart, Catherine Fritschle, and Jeffrey Rosenberg for all of the hours helping in preparation, Sarah Kocher and Linda Kocher for running our kitchen, Rothrock Auctions, and set-up and clean-up crews.

HELP NEEDED:
St. Joseph School and Parish are in need of full-time custodial/maintenance help while our staff is out on medical leave. The position starts immediately and could last through the summer. Please contact the school office (Josy Hart, Carol Potter, or Jeffrey Rosenberg) for more information. 618-395-3081

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Sunday, March 29: Regional K of C Spelling Bee at O'Fallon KC Hall. Good Luck Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson & Ray Zuber! **Sunday, March 29:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. Volunteer Knight Ministry followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. **Friday, March 27:** Last Fish Fry Night, to benefit the Olney Valor Quilters, serving from 5 -7PM at the Olney City Park Community Center. All are welcome. Carry-outs are available. **Thursday, April 9:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, April 12:** State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington. Good Luck Lauren! **Thursday, April 16:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, April 26:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass.
Knight of the Month: Dan Zwilling - Fish Fry volunteer each week and leading the Rosary at each Olney Saturday Mass. **Baby Crib donations** are being accepted in the cribs until Palm Sunday. The perfect Lenten alms giving would be baby items for the Women, Infants and Children in Richland and Jasper County! **2026 Knights of Columbus Scholarship**: The Knights of Columbus are proud to support our youth through this program. We are awarding four $250.00 scholarships to High School Senior applicants to be chosen by committee. To qualify, the applicant or parent must be a current member of the Olney K of C Council #1352 3rd Degree. Applicants must be received by Friday, April 3rd. Return by mail to the K of C, PO Box 172, Olney, IL 62450. Applications can be found in the back of church.

CRS RICE BOWLS:
Please return filled Rice Bowls back to the church vestibule or to the Parish Office by Palm Sunday.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). Written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995, this document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the "greatness and the inestimable value of human life" (EV 2) and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life.
https://www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life

VOCATION CORNER:
Today's Gospel recounts the death and rising of Lazarus. Wow! Who gets a 2nd chance to live their life? But how did this come to be? It was because of the power of God Almighty that Lazarus got another chance to follow the Lord and proclaim His goodness. We won't get a second chance to follow the "call" of God in our lives like Lazarus. So, we need to be attentive now to the call from within our hearts to become who we've been called to be. Roll away the stone and hear what the Lord wants us to be – maybe even a priest, sister, or brother.

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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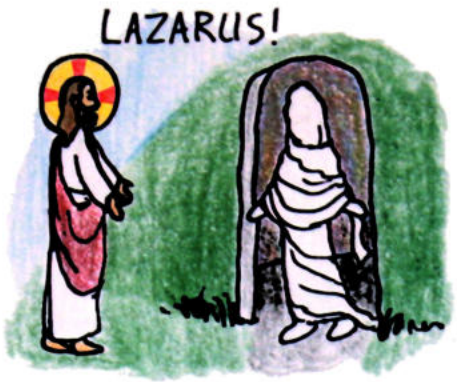
God Raises People from the Dead!

In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!



Answer to Ezekiel Puzzle: I will OPEN YOUR GRAVES and HAVE YOU RISE FROM THEM.

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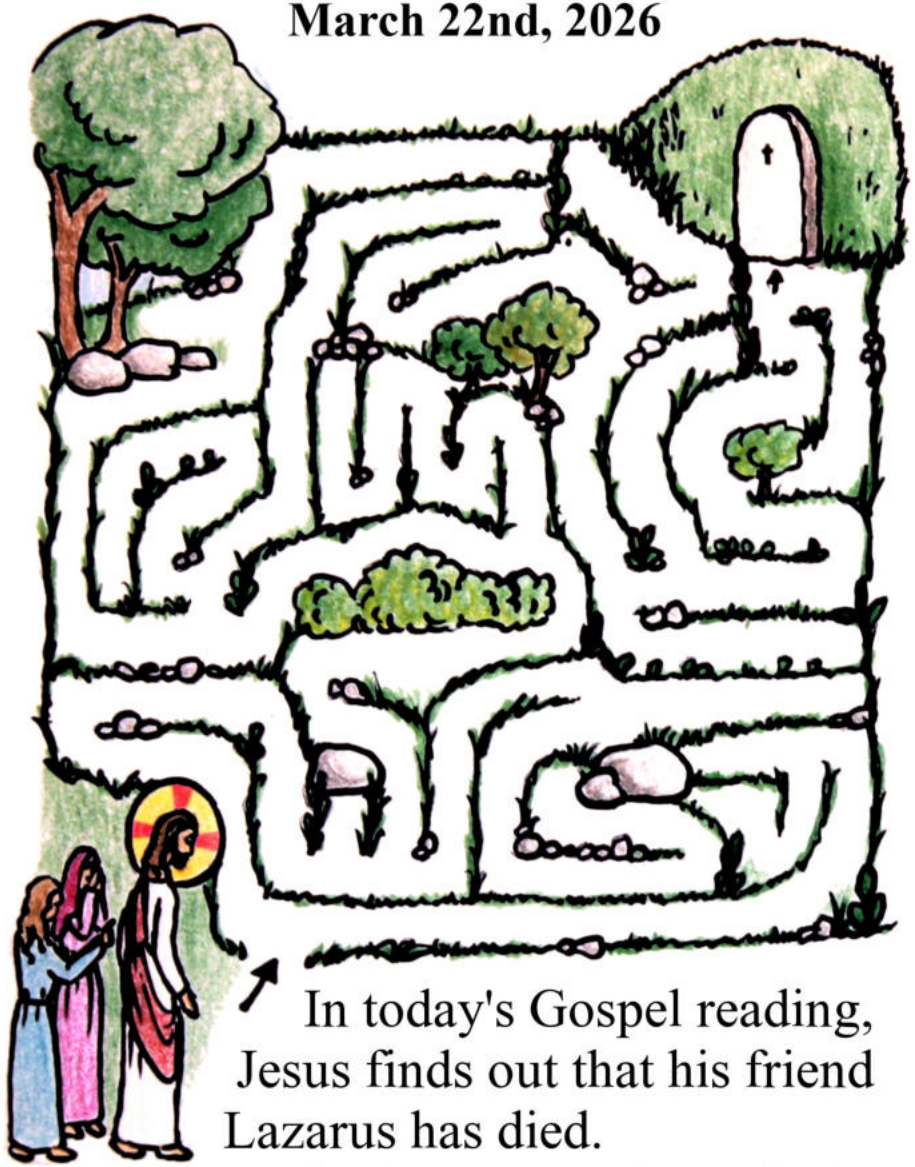

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died.
Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

THE ANNUNCIATION

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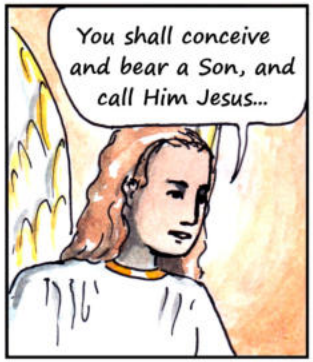

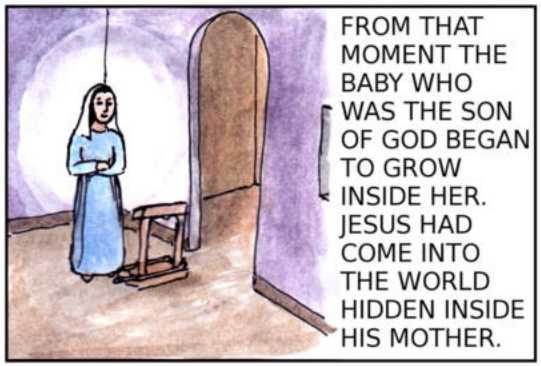

THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

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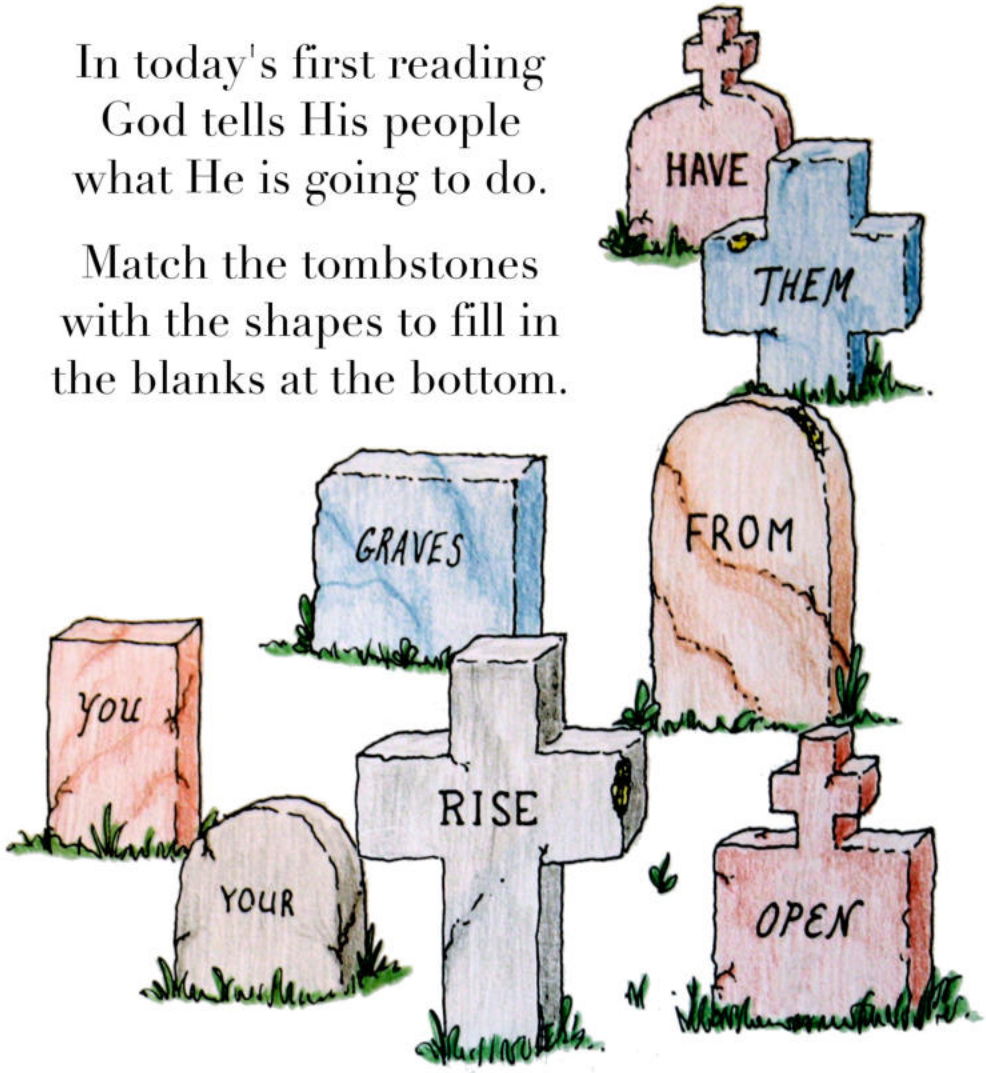
An Ezekiel Puzzle

In today's first reading God tells His people what He is going to do.

Match the tombstones with the shapes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.



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