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Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
✝ Eucharistic Celebrations ✝

Mon. Mar. 30	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Mar. 31	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Apr. 1	**8:05 am**	
	Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix	
Thu. Apr. 2	**Holy Thursday**	
	6:30 PM	**at Olney**
	6:30 PM	at Lawrenceville
Fri. Apr. 3	**Good Friday**	
	6:30 PM	**at Olney**
	6:30 PM	at Lawrenceville
Sat. Apr. 4	**Holy Saturday**	
7:30 PM	**at Olney**	
7:30 PM	at Lawrenceville	
Sun. Apr. 5	**Easter Sunday**	
8:00 am	**at Olney**	
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 22nd

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $19,406 (107) Loose: $226
Guatemala: $385 (4) CSMA: $1,800 (pledged)
CRS: $510 (5) Easter Flowers: $1,067 (38)
Various Belleville Collections: $400

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of ***Rod Kelley***. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, March 28th

- Mass for ***Susan Ferrell-Stout, Maren Zuber,*** and ***Norman, Jean, & Joseph Zwilling.***
- 6:00 PM, Discernment group meets in the conference room.

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday

- Mass for ***Jim & Mary Steber, Wilbert & Virginia Blank,*** and ***Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs.***
- Knight let rosary and ministries at 8 am mass.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Young Adults Gathering. See flyers for details.

Tuesday, March 31st

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 6:30 PM, Last OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: The Easter Mysteries.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, April 1st

- Mass for ***Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix.***
- The school will be collecting CRS Rice Bowls. If you would like to turn yours in, please bring your donations to the school mass.
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross. Join us for an Adult and Youth night. Let us continue to "Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints."

Friday, April 3rd – Good Friday

- 3:00 PM, Stations at Holy Cross by CYM.
- 3:00 PM, Stations at Lawrenceville.

Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday

Happy Easter!!

May the miracle of Easter bring you peace, joy, and renewal. Blessings to you and your family.

St. Joseph School News

- Trash bag fundraiser begins Wednesday, April 1. See any St. Joseph School student to order!
- Join us for K-4 Spring Sing Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 in the gymnasium.
- Early Dismissal at 1:50pm, Thursday, April 2.
- No School on Friday, April 3 or Monday, April 6.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25

Mar. 23: Connor Tegeler (#573)
Mar. 24: Kristen Eagleson (#281)
Mar. 25: Jim Scherer (#753)
Mar. 26: Jeremy Volk (#470)
Mar. 27: Brian Shan (#547)

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- **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.
- **Grief Care Group**, part of the St. Raphael Ministry of Care Will meet on **Monday, April 6**, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church Olney, Room B. This will be a space dedicated to prayer, listening, conversation and faithful support for those who have suffered a loss.

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.

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- **Sunday, Mar. 29:** Regional K of C Spelling Bee at O'Fallon K of C Hall. Good Luck Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson & Ray Zuber!
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- **Sunday, April 26:** Knight led rosary before the 8 am mass at Olney.

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

We stand this day waving our palms in joyful exaltation, shouting "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" We so love to cheer, rally the troops, and show our allegiance. That first Palm Sunday Jesus was riding through the town on a colt listening to all the praises from the people! Where would you have been that day? Where are you today? Are you standing waving palms with a contrite heart, and living a life proclaiming that this is The Son of God? Or are you asleep, distracted, and casting judgement? Jesus remained faithful to God's will to the end - will you remain faithful? There is time remaining this Lent to be on the side of God-not man! There is time to sing and shout, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Will you endure the journey with steadfast love, or will you cast lots and divide the spoils? A crown of thorns or a crown of glory? What say you? Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Easter Flower Memorials: The deadline to turn in names for the Easter Flower Memorial list is **Sunday, April 5**. Please use the envelope labeled 'Easter Flower Offering' included in your March envelope packet. A list of Easter memorials will be made in the following week.

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 **46** 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 **$8,411.25** 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.

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday

Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the church minister in parishes. provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For additional information go to mail@myfranciscan.com. Please be generous!

Vocation Corner: March 29, 2026

As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus following the will (call) of the Father. He will complete His call even to the Cross. Are we willing to follow our call – even if it means giving of ourselves totally in service to the Lord? Everyone has their unique call. Everyone needs to respond to the will of the Father – priesthood, sisterhood, married life, single. Take some quiet time during this sacred week and listen, in our innermost being, to what the Lord really wants us to be.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

~ 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
Thursday 6:30 pm
Saturday 7:30 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 March 22, 2026

Envelopes: $1,181.00 (26)
Loose: $51.00
Total: $1,232.00

Building Fund: $120.00 (2)
Easter Flower Memorials: $10.00 (1)
Catholic Relief Services: $15.00 (2)
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 29 – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Following 8am Mass.
Monday, March 30 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Tuesday, March 31 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
Last OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm. Topic: The Easter Mysteries.
Wednesday, April 1 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.
Friday, April 3 – Parish Offices Closed!
Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin Presented by CYM, 3pm.
Stations of the Cross at Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 3pm.

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:
We stand this day waving our palms in joyful exaltation, shouting "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" We so love to cheer, rally the troops, and show our allegiance. That first Palm Sunday Jesus was riding through the town on a colt listening to all the praises from the people! Where would you have been that day? Where are you today? Are you standing waving palms with a contrite heart, and living a life proclaiming that this is The Son of God? Or are you asleep, distracted, and casting judgement? Jesus remained faithful to God's will to the end - will you remain faithful? There is time remaining this Lent to be on the side of God-not man! There is time to sing and shout, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Will you endure the journey with steadfast love, or will you cast lots and divide the spoils? A crown of thorns or a crown of glory? What say you? Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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:

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 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:
Choir practices for Holy Week will be held **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!

DONUT SUNDAY:

Donut Sunday will be held this Sunday, March 29 at the Parish Center following 8am Mass. Please bring your palms. We will be braiding them.

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

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.

STRINGTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT:
Stringtown Community Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 4th at the Parish Center, beginning at 9:30am for children ages birth-5th grade.

EUCHRE RESULTS AND THANK YOU:
Here are results from Euchre Tournament last Sunday, March 22nd at Holy Cross. There were 20 players. **1st Place:** Herb Deimel, **2nd Place:** Donna Buerster, **3rd Place:** 2-way tie - Emily Uebinger; Sandy Gaede. Many thanks to everyone who came out to play this year. Hopefully we can resume more tournaments this fall/winter.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
April 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross - Wendelin
Join us for an Adult and Youth night. Let us continue to "Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints."

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:
St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 12th at 2:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reconciliation will be available. Reception in Parish Center to follow.

MINISTRIES APRIL-JUNE:
April-June ministry list will be published and made available next week. Thank you for serving these ministries!

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of March 29th: Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie, Understanding Palm Sunday**

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.**

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 this 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)

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (*The Gospel of Life 95*).

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

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Tuesday, March 31, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, April 1, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
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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!

04/05/2026
Servers:
Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jenny Hancock
Gifts:
John Ochs Family
Ushers:
Ray Schneider
Alex Schneider
Greeters:
Werner & Janette Kocher

Children's Liturgy:
Anne & Kaitlin

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March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Sharon Correll✝", "Wib & Virginia Blank✝"
Sunday, March 29, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Clifford & Gertrude Rauch✝" "Betty Smithenry✝"
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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 22, 2026
(74) Envelope Collection: $2,785.00, Loose: $370.00 – **Total: $3,155.00,** (6) Building: $775.00, (1) Cemetery: $25.00, (1) First Offering: $5.00, (1) CSMA: $150.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, March 25th – $298,898.57 has been received from 418 donations – thank you!

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Jason Warfel
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Lynn Weidner	Phyllis Eggers
Kristy Weidner	Martha Deimel
Jeannie Nix	Diane Schackmann
Kathy Kuenstler	Travis Weber
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Victoria Rudolphi	Melissa Weidner

Money Counters:
Kelly & Sherry Geier

Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Daniel Baker	Kelly Geier
Carl Weidner	Paul Lybarger
Hank Weidner	Shad Street
Rusty Hall	Ben Street

Mass Servers:
Saturday, March 28 – Kaleb & Kelby Iffert, Mattux Hart
Sunday, March 29 – Lane Smithenry, Chloe & Ethan Deckard
Saturday, April 5 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, April 6 – Alex Street, Cora & Stella Warfel

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
March 29 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare
April 5 – No Children's Liturgy!
April 12 – Marcia Street & Clara Weidner
April 19 – Gracey Himelick & Hope Zuber
April 26 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber

CRMH Communion:
March 29 – Lynn Weidner
April 12 – Marge Kessler
April 19 – Maria Rudolphi

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher

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Tuesday, March 31 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
Last OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm. Topic: The Easter Mysteries.
Friday, April 3 – Parish Office Closed!
Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross-Wendelin Presented by CYM, 3pm.
Stations of the Cross at Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 3pm.
Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

CONGRATUATLIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Ella Marie Smithenry, daughter of Dusty & Kim Smithenry, who was baptized last Saturday, March 21st by Father Levi James. Godparents were Gary Kocher and Gina Niemerg. ***"Lord, surround Ella with goodness, lead her in your light each day; help her walk the path you've chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep her from all harm and bless her always with your grace and love."***

✝ Congratulations to LuElla Marie Zwilling, daughter of Austin & Ginny Zwilling, who was baptized last Sunday, March 22nd by Father Levi James. Godparents were Victor Sandschafer & Christina Cawthon. ***"Lord, surround LuElla with goodness, lead her in your light each day; help her walk the path you've chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep her from all harm and bless her always with your grace and love."***

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 WINE TASTING THANK YOU:
Thank you to everyone that supported the wine tasting last weekend!

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.

FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:
Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church.

STRINGTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT:
Stringtown Community Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 4th at the Parish Center, beginning at 9:30am for children ages birth-5th grade.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
April 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross – Wendelin. Join us for an Adult and Youth night. Let us continue to "Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints."

EUCHRE RESULTS AND THANK YOU:
Here are results from Euchre Tournament last Sunday, March 22nd at Holy Cross. There were 20 players. **1st Place:** Herb Deimel, **2nd Place:** Donna Buerster, **3rd Place:** 2-way tie - Emily Uebinger; Sandy Gaede. Many thanks to everyone who came out to play this year. Hopefully we can resume more tournaments this fall/winter.

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:
We stand this day waving our palms in joyful exaltation, shouting "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" We so love to cheer, rally the troops, and show our allegiance. That first Palm Sunday Jesus was riding through the town on a colt listening to all the praises from the people! Where would you have been that day? Where are you today? Are you standing waving palms with a contrite heart, and living a life proclaiming that this is The Son of God? Or are you asleep, distracted, and casting judgement? Jesus remained faithful to God's will to the end - will you remain faithful? There is time remaining this Lent to be on the side of God-not man! There is time to sing and shout, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Will you endure the journey with steadfast love, or will you cast lots and divide the spoils? A crown of thorns or a crown of glory? What say you? Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Trash bag fundraiser begins Wednesday, April 1. See any St. Joseph School student to order! **Join us for K-4 Spring Sing** Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 in the gymnasium. **Early Dismissal** at 1:50pm Thursday, April 2. **No School** on Friday, April 3 or Monday, April 6.

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. **2026 Knights of Columbus Scholarship**: 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:

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (*The Gospel of Life 95*).

VOCATION CORNER:
As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus following the will (call) of the Father. He will complete His call even to the Cross. Are we willing to follow our call – even if it means giving of ourselves totally in service to the Lord? Everyone has their unique call. Everyone needs to respond to the will of the Father – priesthood, sisterhood, married life, single. Take some quiet time during this sacred week and listen, in our innermost being, to what the Lord really wants us to be.

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the child ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

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Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?

Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.

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Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

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Palm Sunday

ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.

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Good Friday Word-Find

H H W E D B H E A V Y
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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

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On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not commited any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.