

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Mar. 24 6:30 PM at Stringtown

Tue. Mar. 25 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

Wed. Mar. 26 8:05 am

Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix

Thu. Mar. 27 6:30 PM at Wendelin

Fri. Mar. 28 8:00 am For the Parish

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Sat. Mar. 29

4:00 PM at Wendelin

5:00 PM Jim & Mary Steber

Albert, Clara, & RoseEllen Hahn

Linda Gumble

Sun. Mar. 30

8:00 am For the Parish

8:00 am at Stringtown

10:00 am at Wendelin

10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR MARCH SPONSORS

Bulletins: Marie Beal

Missalettes: Mark J. Kuentler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR MAR. 16th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$9,034 (106) Loose: \$188

Guatemala: \$105 (7) Black & Indian Missions: \$64 (3) CSMA: \$1,716.25

Let Us Pray For:

Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, March 22nd

4:30 PM, Rosary before mass.

Sunday, March 23rd

7:30 am, Rosary before mass.

Mass for Catherine O’Dea Steed.

Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass on Sundays.

2:00 PM, Reconciliation service Olney.

Tuesday, March 25th

12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.

Kindergarten attends the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blesses Sacrament.

OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, March 26th

Mass for Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix.

Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.

9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We'll hear that Saint Paul told the people of Corinth to be redeemed to God. And we'll learn about the Prodigal Son at Bible Study. Lent has been a perfect season to say yes to reconciliation. Be sure to attend Bible Study.

12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Friday, March 28th

5-7 PM, Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out at the Olney City Park community building. Proceeds benefit Richland Co. Hope.

6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at Olney. Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of church to volunteer to help with stations in March.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Mar. 17: Elmer Weiler (#679)

Mar. 18: Jon & Lisa Cummins (#236)

Mar. 19: \$500- Carole Wirth (#681)

Mar. 20: Cindy & Doug Wingert (#752)

Mar. 21: Gary Dowty (#179)

🔔 St. Joseph School News 🔔

Celebrating Sacraments:

First Communion Dates: May 17 & 18, 2025. Pictures before mass at St. Joseph, Olney 4:30 pm. Pictures after mass at 9 am St. Joseph, Stringtown & after mass at Holy Cross 11 am

Confirmation Date: Saturday, April 26th at 11 am at Holy Cross.

Thank you to all who have supported this year's Annual Giving Campaign! There is still time to make a donation if you haven't already. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our annual trash bag sales fundraiser is in full swing! See any St. Joseph School student to purchase.

Thursday, March 27- Early release at 1:50.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

St. Joseph School Calendars: Due to a printing error, we have quite a few benefit calendars left. The good news is that you can still buy one! You have 195 chances to win \$25 and 3 additional chances to win \$500 before 2025 ends. The good news is that you can still buy one for \$25! Call or stop by the school office to get yours. (These could make a great Easter gift.)

CSMA: Our parish financial target is \$21,855. We have already received pledges for \$4,906.25. Thank you to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. These donations also benefit our school through grants. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Parish & Family Life Committee:

The committee is sponsoring “Blessings in a Bag” for a Parish Lenten outreach project. We will be collecting small items from Parish members to be shared with people in our community that are needing a special Blessing or just a little extra help with basic living essentials.

The deadline for collections will be Wednesday, April, 9th.

➤ Items that are still needed include: hand wipes, band aides, fruit snacks, sugar free gum or mints, socks, nail files, deodorant, hair brushes, and gift cards for local fast food.

➤ Items can be dropped off in the basket placed at the entrance doors of church or with the church office. Monetary donations can be dropped off to church office and tagged as Blessings in a Bag. If any Parish Member has someone in mind from our community that could use a helping hand, please contact the church office with their information. Thank you all for your support.

➤ Let us remember Matthew 25:40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

March 28th: Fish fry! Food available for dine in or carry out from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park community building.

The Knights of Columbus are proud to support our youth through The Knights of Columbus Scholarship 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 4th ,2025. Return by mail to the K of C, P.O. Box 172 Olney, IL 62450. Applications can be found on the table in the back of church.

SPRING CLEAN UP TIME!

At the cemetery in Olney in preparation for mowing season, Spring cleanup at the St. Joe Olney Cemetery will begin soon.

Please remove all ground decorations that you wish to keep by March 23; otherwise, they will be disposed of.

As a reminder, per cemetery rules, no free-standing decorations are permitted due to difficulties while mowing.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Our third week of Lent might find you still trying to get into the groove. The distractions of life with issues, agendas, regrets, and eagerness for warmer temperatures could have you overwhelmed, exhausted, and numb. Do not fear, or be worried, this is the Lenten journey... Yes, we are called to Pray (be it simple, on your knees, or behind the wheel of your car)- Fasting (less sugary items, less social media, tv.... Gossip) Almsgiving (not as many online purchases as usual, giving some energy on tasks, leaving a larger tip). All of this and more, is YOU becoming less and giving GOD room to move in. Take the step forward to push a little more towards: Praying- [pick up those beads, open the Bible, set an alarm to pray for 10 seconds every hour....] Fasting- [say No to sugary treats, turn off the notifications- do not open the app, if you cannot say anything nice---SHHH!] -Almsgiving- [no purchases for a week, clean your closets {less is more}, surprise someone with a gift card]. If YOU do not die with Christ- you will not RISE with HIM! We have 3 weeks to go- Pray-Fast-Give Alms- out of thanksgiving and gratitude for sufferings of Jesus... that he would do FOR YOU alone! Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS~

Respect Life Corner: Sunday, March 23rd

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’ ... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

Vocation Corner: Sunday, March 23rd

“I was in 3rd grade when I decided to become a missionary priest like those who served my parish in the Philippines. Little did I know that 20 years later, I would find myself thousands of miles away, ministering in the mission-rich field of western Oregon. Doubts and homesickness sometimes cast shadows over my steps, and I even took time off from the seminary for a while. When I look back, I can see clearly how God has journeyed with me, giving me strength through the sacraments and through people he sent my way... the grace I receive through my priestly ministry far outweigh the challenges”
Fr. Tetzl Umingli; Archdiocese of Portland;
Columbia Magazine; July/Aug. 2020

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January 15-20, 2026

Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration will soon be open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, email crsdiobelle@gmail.com

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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Third Sunday of Lent



~ St. Joseph Church ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty, V.G. Pastor

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Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant

Parish Office 618-392-8181

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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 packet

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

~ Sacraments ~

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

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

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

Josy Hart Principal

Carol Potter Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle Office Manager

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Kristen Eagleson Financial Manager

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

Collection Total for March 16, 2025

Envelopes: \$690.00 (24)
Loose: \$13.00
Total: \$703.00
Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00
Building Fund: \$616.00 (7)
Easter Flowers: \$45.00 (4)
CSMA: \$350.00 (3)

March Bulletins: For The Parish
March Missalettes: For The Parish
***Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule.**
Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is \$100 to sponsor missalettes.*

PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 25— ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.
OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 6:30pm.
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SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.
Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble. (On Wednesday evenings – childcare available!) A Tuesday study will also be available in the Holy Cross Parish House at 6:30pm. They will be utilizing the same book as the Tuesday Stringtown and Wednesday HC group.

BAPTISM:
The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:
The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Program will be the election of officers and review of constitution and by-laws. No speaker is scheduled. Refreshments provided by Janice Zwilling and Jamie Kocher.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
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2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:
The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.
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 – Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations.
Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 17th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church after Easter.
Meeting Date - The Picnic Committee Chair’s next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center.
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).

PARISH SURVEY:
Please fill out a survey in the pews if you have not already. Sheets are towards the center aisle in the church, as well as pencils available for you to use. These surveys can be dropped into the collection during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

VBS ENVELOPES:
Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the vestibule of church. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection and will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available regarding VBS at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:
Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We'll hear that Saint Paul told the

people of Corinth to be redeemed to God. And we'll learn about the Prodigal Son at Bible Study. Lent has been a perfect season to say yes to reconciliation. Be sure to attend Bible Study.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com, click on the red YouTube image in the top right corner of the screen. Please share with those who may not be able to attend in person.

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices for Holy Week will be on March 24 and April 1, 3, 13, 15 all at 7pm. You don't have to attend all practices, all are welcome!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Good Luck Levi Rudolphi, Andrew Lambird, and Yzabella Biyok at the Regional Spelling Bee in Mt Vernon at the St. Mary's Parish Center this Saturday! **Sunday, April 27** – State Free Throw Competition are participants Leah Kuenstler and Piper Mann. (Stringtown & Wendelin) Kudos to third place winners Vella Kuenstler, Grayson Sterchi and Brilyn Brinkley and to 4th place Mattux Hart at The Regional in Breese! **Baby Crib donations** are being accepted in the Tri-Parish churches for Women, Infants and Children in the Richland/Jasper Health Clinic. Suggested donations are newborn and sizes 1-6 months diapers, pull ups 2T-5T, underwear sizes 2T-3T, 4, 6, & 8, onesies, bibs, baby socks, sleepers, lotions, powders, sippy cups, pacifiers, crib sheets, baby bottles, etc. **Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship** application deadline is April 4th. Applications can be mailed to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL. 62450. There are four \$250 scholarships awarded to High School Seniors of current Olney Council 1352 members. Applications are located at the back of each Tri-Parish church and at the Olney High School Guidance Office. **Friday Fish Frys** at the Olney City Park Community Building. Serving

din- in or carry-outs 5-7 or until sold out. The menu includes cat fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, beverage, tea, or water and dessert is by donation. Adults are \$13 and children 12 and under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit - March 21: St. Joe School, March 28: Richland County Hope, April 4: Fall Kids Mall, and April 11: Olney Valor Quilters. **Knight of the Month** -Galen Slover, Free Throw volunteer and his assistant Neal Weber!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

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2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Thank you to the **9** households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. So far **\$2,306.00** has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! ***Our parish goal for 2025 is \$5,011.***

Remember In Our Prayers – Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Luke G. Kocher, Judy Brown, and Brenda Zuber

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Sunday, March 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Augustine & Lorena Ochs and Deceased Family+"
Monday, March 24, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Ed & Janel Gindert+"
Tuesday, March 25, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 26, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, March 27, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, March 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 29, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bill, Catherine, & Nadine Zwilling+" "Herman & Joan Rudolphi+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

03/23/2025

Servers:

Amity Zuber
Brady Ochs
Levi Weidner

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
Janette Kocher
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Doug Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Brian Ochs
Mitchell Ochs

Greeters:

Seaman Family

Children's Liturgy:

Anita & Anna

03/30/2025

Servers:

Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Julian Seaman

Lector:

Hank Ginder

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Gary Zwilling

Gifts:

Jean Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Tom Kocher
Carter Seaman

Greeters:

Gary & Beth
Kocher Family

Children's Liturgy:

Laura & Delana

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Ashley Hinterscher_____ **Administrative Assistant**
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

March 23, 2025
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+Eucharistic Celebrations+
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5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 23, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Lowell & Hermina Buerster+”
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SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. March 16, 2025
(80) Envelope Collection: \$2,334.00
Loose: \$545.00 **Total: \$2,879.00**
(7) Building Fund: \$2,145.00 (5) Rebuild: \$2,800.00
(2) Cemetery: \$600.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, March 19th - **\$269,116.90** has been received from 371 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK
Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), and Tim Lidy

MARCH LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Brent & Sharon Edwards	Henry & Sandi Kessler
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Sherry Geier	Martha Deimel
Dave Rauch	Sandi Kessler
Christine Hall	Missy Buerster
Josy Hart	Ellen Weber
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Jennifer Rudolphi	Amy Heuerman
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Henry & Sandi Kessler	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Toby Hall	Henry Kessler
Mark Rudolphi	Ben Street
Tim Weidner	Ben Niebrugge
Kelly Geier	Danny Quinn

CRMH COMMUNION:
March 30 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841
April 13 – Diane Schackmann (217) 343-8799
April 20 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

MASS SERVERS:
Sat. March 22 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi
Sun. March 23 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard
Sat. March 29 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. March 30 – Ellee Nettleton, Brooke & Braden Weidner

PARISH EVENTS:
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Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.
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BIRTHDAY WISHES:
Ralph Weber will be 92 years young on Sunday, March 30. He would appreciate some birthday wishes. Please send cards to 7588 N. Wakefield Rd., Newton, IL 62448 or stop by for a visit! Happy Birthday, Ralph!

THANK YOU:
Thank you to the CYM kids that helped at the Family Life Center Breakfast in Newton: Kylie Kocher, Kaitlin Kocher, Emma Hefferman, Nora Street, Isaac Street, Luke Seiler, and Owen Kocher.

CONGRAULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

Congratulations to John Matthew Volk & Etta Marie Volk, children of Greg & Amber (Shedelbower) Volk. John & Etta were baptized last Saturday, March 15, 2025. John’s godparents were Michael Volk & Kaila Kistner and Etta’s godparents were James Kistner & Sarah Egleston.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Our third week of Lent might find you still trying to get into the groove. The distractions of life with issues, agendas, regrets, and eagerness for warmer temperatures could have you overwhelmed, exhausted, and numb. Do not fear, or be worried, this is the Lenten journey... Yes, we are called to Pray (*be it simple, on your knees, or behind the wheel of your car*)- Fasting (*less sugary items, less social media, tv.... Gossip*) Almsgiving (*not as many online*

purchases as usual, giving some energy on tasks, leaving a larger tip). All of this and more, is YOU becoming less and giving GOD room to move in. Take the step forward to push a little more towards: Praying- [pick up those beads, open the Bible, set an alarm to pray for 10 seconds every hour....] Fasting- [say No to sugary treats, turn off the notifications- do not open the app, if you cannot say anything nice---SHHH!] - Almsgiving- [no purchases for a week, clean your closets {less is more}, surprise someone with a gift card]. If YOU do not die with Christ- you will not RISE with HIM! We have 3 weeks to go- Pray-Fast-Give Alms- out of thanksgiving and gratitude for sufferings of Jesus... that he would do FOR YOU alone! Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

BAPTISM:
The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:
Picnic committee is still looking for a male to join but we are open to anyone. All ages over the age of 21 are welcome to be on the committee. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367.

PARISH SURVEY:
Please fill out a survey in the pews if you have not already. Sheets are towards the center aisle in the church, as well as pencils available for you to use. These surveys can be dropped into the collection during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation!

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved

ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes and will remain published in the bulletin for the entire month!**

VBS ENVELOPES:

Please grab a VBS contribution envelope in the gathering space of the church. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection and will help fund the VBS program for our parishes. VBS is scheduled to be held June 8-11th at Holy Cross-Wendelin! More information will be made available regarding VBS at a later date. Contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate or Ashley Hinterscher with any questions. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our children!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:

Mowing will resume in the spring and all flowers, decorations, and/or grave blankets **must be removed** by March 31st to prepare. Thank you!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.
Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). A Tuesday study will also be available in the HC Parish House at 6:30pm. They will be utilizing the same book as the Wednesday group.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Celebrating Sacraments:

First Communion Dates: May 17 & 18

Pictures before mass at St. Joseph, Olney 4:30pm
Pictures after mass at 9am St. Joseph-Stringtown & after mass at Holy Cross 11am

Confirmation Date: Saturday, April 26th at 11 am - Holy Cross

Thank you to all who have supported this year's Annual Giving Campaign! There is still time to make a donation if you haven't already. **Your support is greatly appreciated! Our annual trash bag sales fundraiser** is in full swing! See any St. Joseph School student to purchase. **Thursday, March 27-** Early release at 1:50 **St. Joseph School Calendars:** Due to a printing error, we have quite a few benefit calendars left. The good news is that you can still buy one for \$25! You have 195 chances to win \$25 and 3 additional chances to win \$500 before 2025 ends. Call or stop by the school office to get yours. (These could make a great Easter gift.)

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We'll hear that Saint Paul told the people of Corinth to be redeemed to God. And we'll learn about the Prodigal Son at Bible Study. Lent has been a perfect season to say yes to reconciliation. Be sure to attend Bible Study.

NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Newton K of C will host Lenten Fry-Days each Friday during Lent. Menu includes fried fish, cheesy hashbrowns, and coleslaw. Adult meals are \$12 and \$7 for kid's meals. \$15 for all fish orders. This will be dine in or carry out from 4:30-7pm or until sold out at the Newton KC Hall. Proceeds to benefit: **March 21:** Columbian Home "KC Hall", **March 28:** CYO, **April 4:** St. Thomas Church, and **April 11:** Family Life.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Good Luck Levi Rudolphi, Andrew Lambird, and Yzabella Biyok at the Regional Spelling Bee in Mt Vernon at the St. Mary's Parish Center this Saturday! **Sunday, April 27** – State Free Throw Competition are participants Leah Kuenstler and Piper Mann. (Stringtown & Wendelin) Kudos to third place winners Vella Kuenstler, Grayson Sterchi and Brilyn Brinkley and to 4th place Mattux

Hart at The Regional in Breese! **Baby Crib donations** are being accepted in the Tri-Parish churches for Women, Infants and Children in the Richland/Jasper Health Clinic. Suggested donations are newborn and sizes 1-6 months diapers, pull ups 2T-5T, underwear sizes 2T-3T, 4, 6, & 8, onesies, bibs, baby socks, sleepers, lotions, powders, sippy cups, pacifiers, crib sheets, baby bottles, etc. **Olney Knights of Columbus Scholarship** application deadline is April 4th. Applications can be mailed to K of C, P.O. Box 172, Olney, IL 62450. There are four \$250 scholarships awarded to High School Seniors of current Olney Council 1352 members. Applications are located at the back of each Tri-Parish church and at the Olney High School Guidance Office. **Friday Fish Frys** at the Olney City Park Community Building. Serving dine-in or carry-out 5-7 or until sold out. The menu includes cat fish, hashbrown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, beverage, tea, or water and dessert is by donation. Adults are \$13 and children 12 and under are \$8. Proceeds to benefit - **March 21:** St. Joe School, **March 28:** Richland County Hope, **April 4:** Fall Kids Mall, and **April 11:** Olney Valor Quilters. **Knight of the Month** -Galen Slover, Free Throw volunteer and his assistant Neal Weber!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

A signup sheet is located in the gathering space of the church to lead Stations March 28th or April 4th and 11th.

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES:

Live streaming of the 8am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Thank you to the **20** households that have already pledged **\$4,669.20**. If you have not responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! **Our financial target is \$6,808.00.**

Sunday, March 23, 2025 **Third Sunday of Lent**

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.



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