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Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent
✝ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✝

Mon. Mar. 16	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Mar. 17	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Mar. 18	no mass	
	6:30 PM	***Evening Vespers***
Thu. Mar. 19	**8:00 am**	***For St. Joseph***
	6:00 PM	at Stringtown
Fri. Mar. 20	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***
Sat. Mar. 21		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	***Carolyn & Joe Moran***	
	Henry Weiler	
	Linda Gumble	
Sun. Mar. 22		
8:00 am	***Kenny Ochs***	
	Albert, Clara, and Rose Ellen Hahn	
	Charlotte Hough (healing)	
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 8th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $9,802 (112) Loose: $240
Guatemala: $150 (5) CSMA: $3,885 pledged

Let Us Pray For: 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.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, March 14th
- Mass for ***Tony Tredway, Anthony Steber,*** and ***Living & Deceased members of Ephraim & Frances Hahn Family.***
- **Bingo Bash!** Doors open at 5 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Thanks for the tremendous response to our Bingo/Auction night!

Sunday, March 15th
- Mass for ***Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs, John Resor,*** and ***Carl & Una Kocher.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 17th
- 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: LJ The Holy Mass #2.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, March 18th
- No mass
- 6:30 PM, Evening Vespers at St. Joseph, Olney.

Thursday, March 19th
- 8:00 am, mass for the Feast of St. Joseph, Olney.
- 6:00 PM, mass and St. Joseph table celebration at Stringtown.

Friday, March 20th
- 2:00 PM, Living Stations at St. Joseph, Olney.
- 6:30 PM, Stations at all Tri-Parish churches.

Saturday, March 21st
- 6-10:30 PM, Wine tasting at Holy Cross.
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group, Olney.

Sunday, March 22nd
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group, Wendelin.

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

St. Joseph School News

- **Wednesday, March 18** - Boosters Meeting, 5pm in MPR.
- **Thursday, March 19** - School Mass at 8:05, Feast of St. Joseph.
- **Friday, March 20** - Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th graders at 2:00pm.

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.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Mar. 9: Wayne Hahn (#165)
Mar. 10: Don Zwilling (#775)
Mar. 11: Michael Peavler (#707)
Mar. 12: Donna Martin (#323)
Mar. 13: Curtis Pampe (#150)

~ 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.
- **Choir practice** in the church every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Bruce Stout at 618-843-8100.
- **St. Raphael's Ministry of Care**
  This ministry will focus on providing pastoral care through spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, those grieving and their caregivers, and families. Reminder to contact the St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representative or the parish office, if your loved one is sick, anticipating a surgery, recovering from surgery, relocating from home, or might need a pastoral visit.

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- **MASS & ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION**
  St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Olney, St. Joseph Stringtown, Holy Cross, Wendelin, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville and all Family Catechesis families to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint on March 19th. We will start the celebration with Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church followed by prayer and fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies and desserts of any kind, especially sweet breads. St. Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family. As we continue our partnership, let us take this time to gather and pray together to St. Joseph for his blessing on our parish families.
  "For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- **Thursday, Mar. 19:** 4th Degree meeting,7PM.
- **Friday, Mar. 20:** Fish Fry Night to benefit Fall Kids Mall, 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!
- **Congratulations** to all the St. Joseph School students in the Breese Regional Free Throw Competition Lauren French-1st Place and qualifies to advance to the State Competition in Bloomington, April 12th. 2nd place - Bryndle Scheutz, Ethan Kocher, Kadence Kocher, Emmitt Kocher, and Masen Hatten. 2nd place qualifies for state if the 1st place winner chooses not to participate. 3rd Place- Vella Kuenstler, Connor Buchner, and Breeann Ochs. 4th place-Jackson Prosser.
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  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.
- **Euchre has returned to Wendelin!**
  Euchre Tournaments will be played as follows:
  Sunday March 22nd - 2 pm
  $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 they play on time.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again- embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious-unblemished- perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary-flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son- St. Joseph pray for us! 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, Diocesan Administrator, 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. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – **in any amount** – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. 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 15, 2026

Fourth 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:
Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

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

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

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

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

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

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

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Collection Total for March 8, 2026

Envelopes: $2,480.00 (36)
Loose: $51.00
Total: $2,531.00

CSMA: $555.00 (3)
Easter Flower Memorials: $5.00 (1)
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 15 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, Stringtown Parish Center, 6:30am-12pm.
Monday, March 16 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Tuesday, March 17 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm.
Wednesday, March 18 – No Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.
Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm.
Thursday, March 19 – There will not be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin. There will also not be Mass at Holy Cross. Mass will be at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6pm in honor of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Table. All are welcome!
Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Friday, March 20 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Saturday, March 21 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting at Holy Cross Parish Center, 6-10:30pm.
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.

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.

LENTEN VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm, March 18th at St. Joseph-Olney

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
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HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:
Choir practices for Holy Week will be held Monday, March 16, Tuesday, March 24, Thursday, March 26, 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!

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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:
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FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of March 15th -**

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

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HOLY CROSS WINE TASTING:
Join us for a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Holy Cross Parish Center from 6-10:30pm. $10 admission will cover wine glass and all tastings. Food trucks available and live music by Dakota Danielle! Domestic beer available for purchase. Wineries will serve until 9pm.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life… In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ"
(The Gospel of Life 84).

VOCATION CORNER:
This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matt 1:24). It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask St. Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "doer of the word" (James 1:22).
(The Word Among Us)

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

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Dalton Linder (Linda McWhirter's son), Linda McWhirter

Mass and St. Joseph Table Celebration

March 19, 2026

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Monday, March 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For The Parish"
Tuesday, March 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 18, NO MASS
Thursday, March 19, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney,
6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Friday, March 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Dory & Dolly Keolker✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

03/15/2026
Servers:
Amity Zuber
Emmitt Kocher
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Beth Kocher
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Ian Kocher
Gifts:
Jack Weidner Family
Ushers:
Gary Kocher
Owen Kocher
Greeters:
Gary & Beth Kocher Family
Children's Liturgy:
Jenny & Kylie

03/22/2026
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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

Saturday, March 14, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald & Wilmajean Geier and Terry & Steve Geier✝"
Sunday, March 15, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Kevin Frohning and Leo & Judy Frohning✝", "Ben, Leonard, and Carl Kessler✝"
Monday, March 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, March 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, March 18, NO MASS
Thursday, March 19, NO MASS AT HOLY CROSS-WENDELIN, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Friday, March 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, March 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Melvin & Helen Rudolphi✝ and Louis & Lelia Volk✝", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, March 22, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ronald Hemrich✝, Wayne Newton✝, and Richard Weidner✝", 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 8, 2026
(68) Envelope Collection: $3,108.00, Loose: $234.00– **Total: $3,342.00,** (10) Building: $594.00, (1) Cemetery: $25.00, (1) Catholic Relief: $20.00, (7) CSMA: $679.80

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, March 11 – **$298,898.57** has been received from 418 donations – thank you!

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 14 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, March 15 – Ian Kessler, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower
Saturday, March 21 – Levi Rudolphi & Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart
Sunday, March 22 – Bailey Kistner, Alex & Nora Street

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
March 15 – Gracey Himelick & Clara Weidner
March 22 – Alli Kirts & Nora Street
March 29 – Holly Nettleton

CRMH Communion:
March 15 – Martha Deimel
March 29 – Lynn Weidner

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

PARISH EVENTS:
Monday, March 16 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Tuesday, March 17 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm.
Wednesday, March 18 – Holy Cross Parish Office ONLY OPEN 9am-12pm.
No Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.
Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm.
Thursday, March 19 – There will not be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin. There will also not be Mass at Holy Cross. Mass will be at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6pm in honor of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Table. All are welcome!
Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.
Friday, March 20 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.
Saturday, March 21 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting at Holy Cross Parish Center, 6-10:30pm.
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.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:
We express our deepest sympathy and prayers to Herman Kistner and family on the death of Janet Kistner. Janet died on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Visitation will be held Friday, March 13 from 5-7pm and one hour prior to services on Saturday. A Mass of Christian Burial will held Saturday, March 14 at 10am with interment following at Holy Cross Cemetery. ***"Eternal rest unto Janet, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."***

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.

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 invite all current volunteers and those interested in joining the S**t. Raphael Ministry of Care** to attend a meeting on Monday, March 16, at 6:00pm in the Parish House. This ministry provides pastoral care and spiritual support to the sick, the homebound, those preparing for surgery or treatment, the elderly, and those experiencing grief. Whether you are already active in the hospital or homebound visits, or wish to serve through prayers and correspondence, we

welcome your participation. 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. Group members will find a Gospel-focused place to process grief, share memories, and receive spiritual and emotionalsupport.Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph Olney at 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

HOLY CROSS WINE TASTING:
Join us for a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Holy Cross Parish Center from 6-10:30pm. $10 admission will cover wine glass and all tastings from Berryville Vineyards, Castle Finn Vineyard, Irene's Vineyard, and The Pour Vineyard. Food trucks available and live music by Dakota Danielle! Domestic beer available for purchase. Wineries will serve until 9pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him…. will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again- embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished- perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary- flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son- St. Joseph pray for us! 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 18 - Boosters Meeting, 5pm in MPR. **Thursday, March 19 -** School Mass at 8:05, Feast of St. Joseph. **Friday, March 20 -** Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th graders at 2:00pm.

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:
Friday, March 20: Fish Fry Night to benefit Fall Kids Mall, serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome, carry-outs available. **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. **Baby Crib donations** for the Olney Knights 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! **Congratulations** to all the St. Joe School students in the Breese Regional Free Throw Competition Lauren French-1st Place and advance to the State Competition in Bloomington, April 12th. 2nd place - Bryndle Scheutz, Ethan Kocher, Kadence Kocher, Emmitt Kocher, and Masen Hatten. 2nd place qualifies for state if the 1st place winner chooses not to participate. 3rd Place- Vella Kuenstler, Connor Buchner, and Breeann Ochs. 4th place-Jackson Prosser. **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.

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life… In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ"
(The Gospel of Life 84).

VOCATION CORNER:
This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matt 1:24). It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask St. Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "doer of the word" (James 1:22).
(The Word Among Us)

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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Saint Joseph

This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast day of Saint Joseph. He is one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about him, but we know that he was very obedient and trusted God, and that he must have been a very holy man- God chose him to look after His own Son, Jesus!

Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.

When Jesus was born Saint Joseph protected Him from the evil King Herod, who wanted to kill Him. He spent his days working to support Jesus and Mary and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. Saint Joseph was Jesus' teacher, but he also learned from Jesus how to be holy.

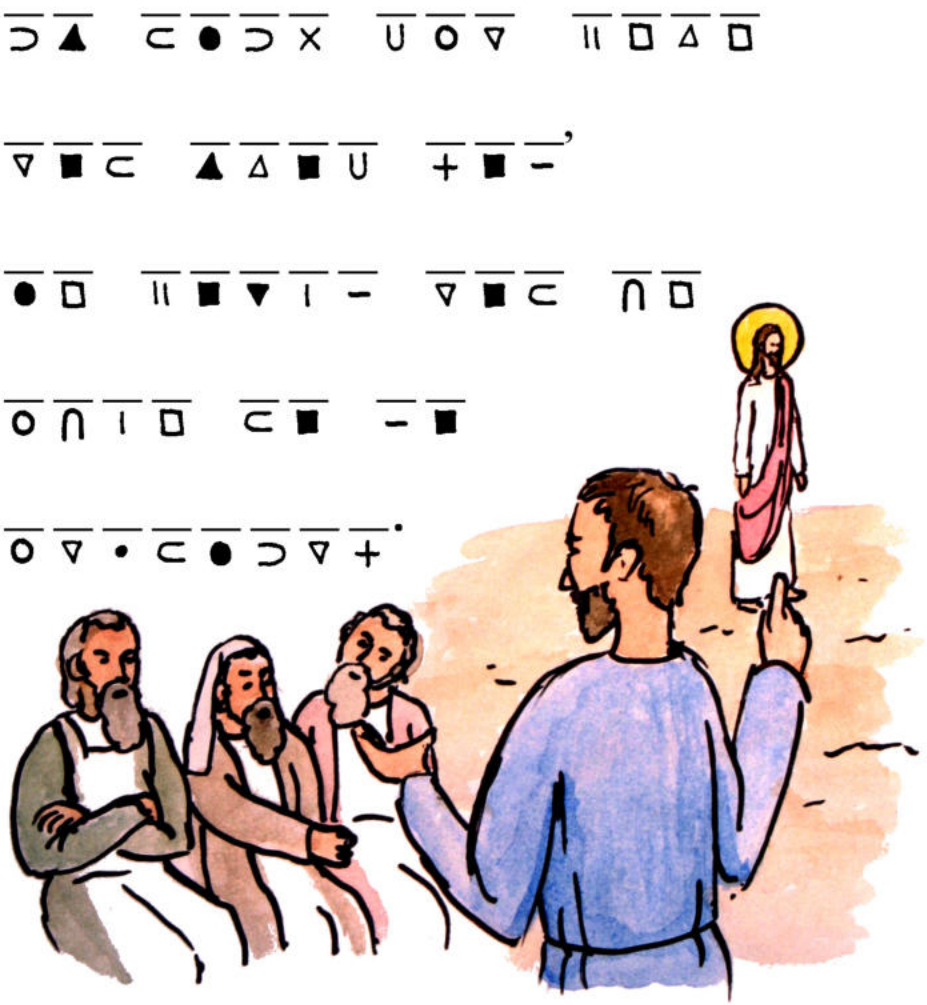
Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.

Answer to Front: If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything. Answers to cross-word: Across: 2.no 5.courage 8.table 9.shepherd 11.in 13.soul 14.want 16.waters 18.Lord 19.me 20.of 21.set 22.he Down: 1.paths 3.oil 4.before 6.overflows 7.anoint 10.pastures 12.valley 15.staff 17.sake

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026

What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people who thought Jesus was a sinner?
Use the code at the bottom to find out!



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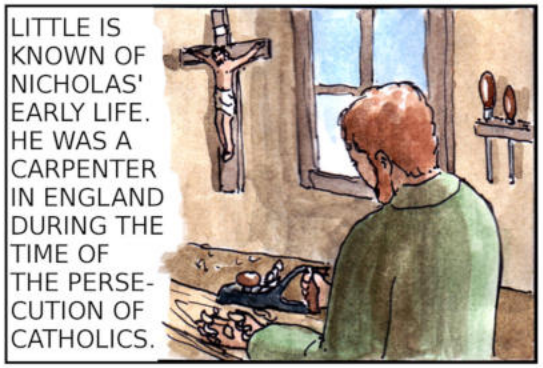
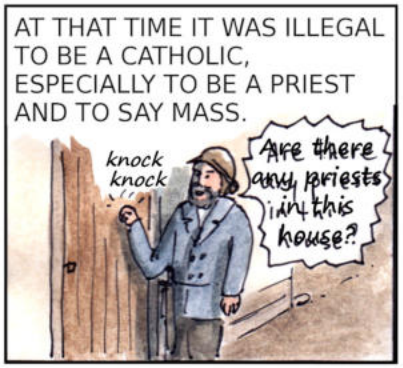
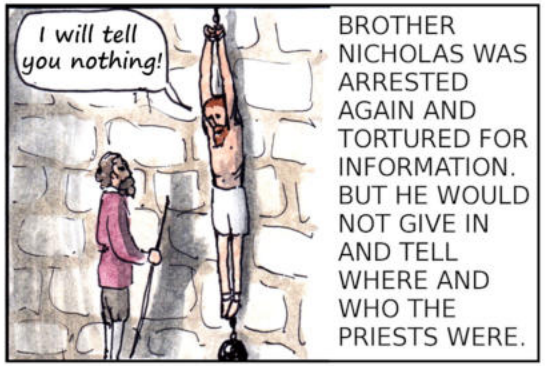
Saint Nicholas Owen

March 22







SAINT NICHOLAS REFUSED TO BETRAY THE PRIESTS AND DIED FROM THE TORTURES. HERE IS A MAN WHO USED HIS SKILLS AND CLEVERNESS TO WORK FOR GOD AND PROTECT HIS PRIESTS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD WANTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BUILD AND PROTECT THE CHURCH.

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The Lord is my Shepherd...

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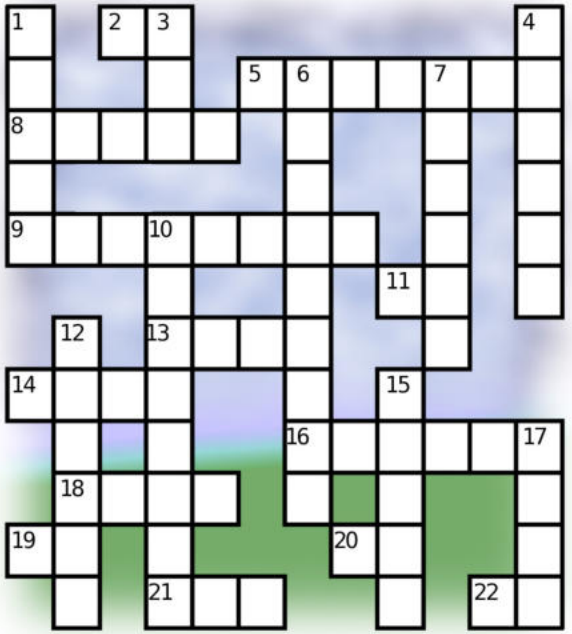

The _____(18A) is my _____,(9A)
I shall not _____.(14A)
In verdant _____(10D) he gives me repose;
beside restful _____(16A) he leads me;
he refreshes my _____.(13A)

___(22A) guides ___(19A) in right _____(1D)
for his name's _____.(17D)
Even though I walk in the dark _____(12D)
I fear ____(2A) evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your _____(15D)
that give me _____. (5A)

You _____(21A) the _____ (8A)
_____(4D) me
___(11A) the sight ___(20A) my foes;
you _____(7D) my head with _____;(3D)
my cup _____.(6D)