# December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent +Eucharistic Celebrations+

Monday, December 11, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Tuesday, December 12,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 13, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 14, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Sharon Correll+" "Carol Ochs+" "Lowell Buerster+"

Friday, December 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Saturday, December 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Michael, Jan, and Eloise Kocher+" "Wayne Kessler+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 17, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gilbert and Patricia Volk+, "Melvin and Helen Rudolphi+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION - Sun. December 03, 2023

(65) Envelope Collection: \$2,345 Loose \$118 Total: \$2,463.00

(31) Building Fund: \$1,420.00 (12) Christmas Flower Offering: \$560.00 (2) Religious Retirement: \$35.00 (1) Collection for Needy: \$10.00 (1) Campaign for Human Development: \$100.00 (1) Cemetery \$50.00

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Tim Schnautz, Doug Frichtl, Julia Weber, Harold Deimel, Carl Klingler, Gary Kuhl, Andy Bolsen (Meredith Rudolphi's brother)

*DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS*	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Dave & Tammy	<b>Brent &amp; Sharon</b>
Rudolphi	Edwards
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
Breanne Buerster	Kristi Sandschafer
Christine Hall	Diane Schackmann
Lynn Weidner	Sandi Kessler
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Paul Kocher
<b>Money Counters:</b>	
*Keith & Pam Blank*	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Dave Rudolphi	Ben Niebrugge
James Rudolphi	Herb Deimel

# **CRMH COMMUNION:**

Dec. 17 – Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225 Dec. 31 – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 Jan. 14 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841 Jan. 21 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

Dec. 10 – Diane Herdes (618) 723-2506

#### **MASS SERVERS:**

Sat. Dec. 9 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi Sun. Dec. 10 – Karly Deckard, Braden Weidner Sat. Dec. 16 – Hank & Clara Weidner

Sun. Dec. 17 - Cora Warfel, Brooke Weidner

#### **PARISH EVENTS:**

Sunday, December 10 – Family Catechesis Gifts of Love at ALL MASSES

**Tuesday, December 12** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

Wednesday, December 13 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm Thursday, December 14 – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm

#### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week!

# **THANK YOU:**

We would like to thank our Holy Cross Parish family and friends for the love and compassion shown to us at Leonard's death. A special thanks to Father Beatty for giving Leonard his last rites. It was a very sad, tearful time but it gave us comfort that Leonard was ready to meet his Lord. Having family members participate with Father Beatty during mass was heartwarming and our Holy Cross choir was beautiful as always! Norma and Family

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 2023 4pm at St. Joseph-Olney 4pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023

12am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8am at St. Joseph-Olney 8am at St Lawrence-Lawrenceville

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

The journey of Advent longs to bring us into a deepening awareness; an awareness that our lives are being drawn closer to the babe in the womb of Mary. This babe is Jesus, but before we come to know Him, we must come to know the Mother. Yes, Mary is the Mother of God, and she carries the King of Kings in her womb. Mary wants us, we who are also her children, to walk with her during these days of waiting and longing. A waiting for the best gift to be given; a longing for the breath of God to envelope our heart, mind, and soul. Mary leads us to life! Take time this season to truly come to know Jesus! After all, He is still the reason for the season. Light your second purple candle of **Peace** and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

## SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:

The True Meaning of Christmas by Michael Barber Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin and Tuesday mornings at 10:00am after Rosary at St. Joseph-Stringtown. If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble.

#### **BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

Thursday, December 14 at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family." St. John Paul II Come and join this 5 part study on "The Mission of the Family"

Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY:**

Spend time with Jesus this Advent! Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Olney on Tuesday afternoons from 12:00-3:00pm beginning in December. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to just stop in for a few minutes, most importantly, just come and *Adore our Lord*.

#### **FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

# **December 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas**

On December 6, at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, join us for a beautiful chant of Advent Vespers, a visit from St. Nicholas, music from the Holy Cross Choir, and more. Reminder there will be a Confirmation Check-In and a First Reconciliation Check-In and practice afterwards. Live Your Catholic Faith — Light the candles each week on your Advent wreath.

Pray the Advent prayers at meal time and live Advent.

Let Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be present before the presents!

Family Prayer – Ave Maris Stella Prayer

Hail, you Star of Ocean! Portal of the sky, Ever Virgin Mother, Of the Lord most high.

O! by Gabriel's Ave, Uttered long ago, Eva's name reversing, Establish peace below.

Break the captive's fetters; Light on blindness pour; All our ills expelling, Every bliss implore.

Show yourself a mother; Offer him our sighs, Who for us Incarnate Did not you despise.

Virgin of all virgins! To your shelter take us; Gentlest of the gentle! Chaste and gentle make us. Still as on we journey, Help our weak endeavor, Till with you and Jesus We rejoice forever.

Through the highest heaven, To the Almighty
Three, Father, Son, and Spirit, One same glory be.
Confirmation: April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28<sup>th</sup> at All Masses



The season of giving is upon us and in remembrance of our parishioners who have lost a loved one this year,

the Family Catechesis families are going to be giving a "Gift of Love". Our hope is that this token of Love will bring comfort knowing that your loved one is remembered during this Advent and Christmas season. On Sunday, December 10, these Gifts of Love will be presented to the family of: Richard Weidner, Kevin Frohning, Linda Rudolphi, Hermena Medernach, Wayne Stark, Floyd Carter, Patricia Volk, Larry Bryan, Eva Herdes, Leonard Kessler, and Joan Rudolphi. In this Season of Glad Tidings and what a JOY it is to SHARE GIFTS OF LOVE!

#### **CYM YOUTH GROUP:**

CYM Youth Group gathering on Wednesdays at Holy Cross Rectory basement from 7-8:30pm. All high school youth invited. Questions? Please contact Tyler Timm.

#### ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to Deacon Steve Andrews and Mr. Jim Gibson for speaking with our 5th - 8th grade students about Jim's prison ministry. His

commitment and faith in working with individuals incarcerated is inspirational.

Saturday, December 9 - Santa Event in the MPR 5:45-7:30pm Tuesday, December 12 - Girls 8th grade night Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14 - Santa's Workshop MPR Any parishioner interested in 2024-25 enrollment must contact the school office prior to the Christmas break.

Mark your calendars: March 9th - Bingo Bash - St. Joseph, Stringtown, Parish Center Table reservations begin January 3rd by calling the school office. If you want to donate an item to be auctioned, please contact Carol Potter, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren Tibbs, Megan Brinkley or Sara Peavler.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Thursday, December 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7pm. Thursday, December 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7pm. Sunday, December 31: Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Mass, Olney-St. Joe. Fellowship breakfast to follow at a local restaurant. K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM. Kudos to 67 in attendance at the Christmas Appreciation Dinner! Thanks to Steve Kuenstler and Family for the dinner preparation.

#### **CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**

Thanks to everyone that participated in our cake/craft drawing this past weekend. Our winners were Saturday – Marcia Street and Sunday – Theresa Smith. Thanks to Martha Buerster for making a towel and placemat set and Ashley Hinterscher for baking cookies and cupcakes. The total amount donated to CYM for the November and December drawings was \$410.00. If anyone would be willing to donate to the cake/craft drawing for future months, please contact the parish office or a Ladies Altar Sodality member.

#### SPIRTUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow

closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate to set up an appointment.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED:**

Our area still needs representatives from Wendelin and Stringtown for Catholic Relief Services. If you want to serve your parish in this role, please contact Carol Potter (rep from St. Joseph, Olney) at school (618-395-3081).

# **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the blood drive this past Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Kelly Geier for making sure the drive ran smoothly. There were 26 presenting donors with 26 productive units collected. The next drive is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2024.

# The following gave Power Red Donations: Ben Niebrugge, Dennis Herdes, and Travis Weber

Ben Niebrugge Rita Buerster **Andy Buerster** Denise Geier Billy Geier Dan Frohning Michael Phillips Fred Kuhl Elizabeth Volk Jeff Volk **Dennis Herdes** Amy Sandschafer **Brian Chestnut Brent Chestnut** Carl Will Doug Line Travis Weber Tony Weber Sarah Egleston Renee Gier Matt Maxon Michael Gier Kelly Geier Hillary Wendling **Tony Prosser** Makayla Weidner

**Friends of Newton Family Life Center** Provides loving, nonjudgmental, free support for persons in the community who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy decision. 301 S. Jackson Street, Newton, IL 62448 618-783-5433

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O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



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Website - - <u>www.holycrosswendelin.com</u> Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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