

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

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### St. Joseph-Stringtown Ministries January-March 2026

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
<b>Servers</b>		<b>Servers</b>		<b>Servers</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Izzy, Will, & Gabriel Volk	Sun. Feb. 1	Kaitlyn & Haley Ginder, Nathaniel Zwilling	Sun. Mar. 1	Izzy, Will, & Gabriel Volk
Sun. Jan. 11	CYM	Sun. Feb. 8	Amity Zuber, Julian Seaman, Gus Kocher	Sun. Mar. 8	Kaitlyn & Haley Ginder, Julian Seaman
Sun. Jan. 18	Kerigan Kocher, Levi Weidner, Brady Ochs	Sun. Feb. 15	Delana & Grayson Sterchi, Gavin Kuenstler	Sun. Mar. 15	Amity Zuber, Emmitt Kocher, Gus Kocher
Sun. Jan. 25	St. Joseph School	Sun. Feb. 22	Don Seiler, Sadie Seiler, Hallie Ochs	Sun. Mar. 22	Roland & Silas Sager, Hallie Ochs
		Sun. Feb. 25	Roland & Silas Sager, Brady Ochs	Sun. Mar. 29	Kerigan Kocher, Don Seiler, Nathaniel Zwilling
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Owen Kocher	Sun. Feb. 1	Natalie Zwilling	Sun. Mar. 1	Joselyn Kocher
Sun. Jan. 11	CYM	Sun. Feb. 8	Hank Ginder	Sun. Mar. 8	Kathy Kocher
Sun. Jan. 18	Wayne Kocher	Sun. Feb. 15	Laura Sterchi	Sun. Mar. 15	Beth Kocher
Sun. Jan. 25	St. Joseph School	Sun. Feb. 22	Anita Seiler	Sun. Mar. 22	Kylie Kocher
		Sun. Feb. 25	Gary Zwilling	Sun. Mar. 29	Shelly Seaman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Scott Seiler, Janette Kocher, Gary Zwilling	Sun. Feb. 1	Gary Zwilling, Jenny Hancock, Janette Kocher	Sun. Mar. 1	Harold & Lisa Boehl, Joselyn Kocher
Sun. Jan. 11	Jenny Hancock, Joselyn Kocher, Owen Kocher	Sun. Feb. 8	Harold & Lisa Boehl, Jamie Kocher	Sun. Mar. 8	Jenny Hancock, Owen Kocher, Gary Zwilling
Sun. Jan. 18	Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs	Sun. Feb. 15	Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs	Sun. Mar. 15	Gary, Beth, & Ian Kocher
Sun. Jan. 25	Gary, Beth, & Ian Kocher	Sun. Feb. 22	Scott Seiler, Joselyn Kocher, Jamie Kocher	Sun. Mar. 22	Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs
		Sun. Feb. 25	Jamie Kocher, Janette Kocher, Owen Kocher	Sun. Mar. 29	Gary Zwilling, Scott Seiler, Janette Kocher
<b>Gifts</b>		<b>Gifts</b>		<b>Gifts</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Ellen Steber Family	Sun. Feb. 1	Chad & Jenny Hancock Family	Sun. Mar. 1	Gary & Dorothy Zwilling
Sun. Jan. 11	CYM	Sun. Feb. 8	Ellen Steber Family	Sun. Mar. 8	Tom Kocher Family
Sun. Jan. 18	David Muhs Family	Sun. Feb. 15	Bill Zuber	Sun. Mar. 15	Jack Weidner Family
Sun. Jan. 25	St. Joseph School	Sun. Feb. 22	John Ochs Family	Sun. Mar. 22	Elmer & Mary Ochs
		Sun. Feb. 25	Ray Schneider Family	Sun. Mar. 29	Harold & Lisa Boehl
<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Ushers</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Evelyn Volk, Elmer Ochs	Sun. Feb. 1	Byron & Isaac Zwilling	Sun. Mar. 1	Harold Boehl, David Muhs
Sun. Jan. 11	CYM	Sun. Feb. 8	Ray & Alex Schneider	Sun. Mar. 8	Tom Kocher, Elmer Ochs
Sun. Jan. 18	Jack & Jared Weidner	Sun. Feb. 15	Austin Kuenstler, Mallory Kocher	Sun. Mar. 15	Gary & Owen Kocher
Sun. Jan. 25	James Schneider, Ian Kocher	Sun. Feb. 22	Scott & Luke Seiler	Sun. Mar. 22	Doug Kocher, James Schneider
		Sun. Feb. 25	Brian & Mitchell Ochs	Sun. Mar. 29	Werner Kocher, Carter Seaman
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Greeters</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Caden Kocher	Sun. Feb. 1	Werner & Janette Kocher	Sun. Mar. 1	Bill Zuber
Sun. Jan. 11	CYM	Sun. Feb. 8	Jean Kocher Family	Sun. Mar. 8	Elmer & Mary Ochs
Sun. Jan. 18	Ralph & Sue McIntire	Sun. Feb. 15	Sam & Mary Zwilling	Sun. Mar. 15	Gary & Beth Kocher Family
Sun. Jan. 25	Doug & Lora Kocher Family	Sun. Feb. 22	Natalie Ochs	Sun. Mar. 22	Mallory Kocher
		Sun. Feb. 25	Seaman Family	Sun. Mar. 29	Caden Kocher
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>		<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>		<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>	
Sun. Jan. 4	Joselyn & Mallory	Sun. Feb. 1	Laura, Dorothy, & Delana	Sun. Mar. 1	TBD
Sun. Jan. 11	Madison & Natalie	Sun. Feb. 8	Anita & Anna	Sun. Mar. 8	TBD
Sun. Jan. 18	Donna & Natalie	Sun. Feb. 15	Anne & Kaitlin	Sun. Mar. 15	TBD
Sun. Jan. 25	Jenny & Kylie	Sun. Feb. 22	Joselyn & Mallory	Sun. Mar. 22	TBD
		Sun. Feb. 25	TBD	Sun. Mar. 29	TBD

\*Please Find A Substitute If You Cannot Attend As Scheduled\*

# TRI PARISH NEWS

**ST. JOSEPH, OLNEY**

**Mass times**

Wed. & Fri 8:00 am  
 Sat. 5:00 pm  
 Sun. 8:00 am

**HOLY CROSS, WENDELIN**

**Mass times**

Thurs. 6:30 pm  
 Sat. 4:00 pm  
 Sun. 10:00 am

**ST. JOSEPH, STRINGTOWN**

**Mass times**

Mon. 6:30 pm  
 Sun. 8:00 am



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**ST. JOSEPH  
 OLNEY**



**+**  
**HOLY CROSS  
 WENDELIN**



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**ST. JOSEPH  
 STRINGTOWN**

## AROUND OUR PARISHES

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass for a special blessing.

**Monday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Parish office is closed in Olney.

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 pm, Family Catechesis meets at Holy Cross. Adult presentation and youth CYM activity.

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 pm, Married Catholics for Christ & Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner and Dance. CYM child care provided. Catered meal by Ochs Smoked Meat. RSVP to Sandi Kessler at 618-676-5080.

- 5-7 pm, Booster's Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival at St. Joseph School.

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Donut and coffee social after the 8 am mass in Olney.

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Ash Wednesday: please bring in any old palms before Ash Wednesday to be burned for this year's ashes.

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Rite of Election of OCIA at St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville.

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 am, Confirmation retreat at Stringtown.
- 6:30 pm, PreK program at St. Joseph School in the gym.



# LENT 2026

## Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> February 22, 2026	<b>Palm Sunday</b> March 29, 2026
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> March 01, 2026	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 02, 2026
<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> March 08, 2026	<b>Good Friday</b> April 03, 2026
<b>Laetere Sunday</b> March 15, 2026	<b>Holy Saturday</b> April 04, 2026
<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> March 22, 2026	<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 05, 2026

### Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ will resume and continue through the month of April. The book we will be reading is, *Introduction to the Spiritual Life*.

Tuesdays 10:00 am - Stringtown  
 Tuesdays 5:00 pm - Olney  
 Wednesdays 5:30 pm - Holy Cross

### Following in the Footsteps of the Saints Library



Be sure to check out the library and take home a book to read! The libraries are located in the vestibules of the tri-parishes.



The Knights of Columbus Council 1352, will be hosting Friday fish fry's beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be served from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome!

## ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

St. Joseph, Stringtown  
 Prayer service & adoration every Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Holy Cross, Wendelin  
 Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass time at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph, Olney  
 Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

### Contact Us

#### Parish Offices

St. Joseph, Olney  
 618-392-8181

Holy Cross, Wendelin  
 618-752-5671

St. Joseph, Stringtown  
 618-754-3676

School office: 618-395-3081



St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction  
 Saturday, March 14th  
 Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school!  
 Tables: \$280 or \$35/person  
 Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price.  
 Call the school office to reserve your table.

If you cannot attend but want to help, reach out to Carol Potter at [cpotter@stjoeolney.com](mailto:cpotter@stjoeolney.com).



### St. Joseph School News

- Feb. 5: Middle School Band Festival
- Feb. 7: Booster's Past Dinner & PTO Carnival
- Feb. 11: Early Dismissal at 11:50 am  
P/T conferences 1-7 pm
- Feb. 12-13: No School
- Feb. 18: 5 pm, ROE Spelling Bee at OCC
- Feb. 21: Middle School Youth Group
- Feb. 26: Confirmation retreat at Stringtown.  
Early Dimissal at 1:50 pm.  
Preschool Program at 6:30 pm.

# DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday  
February 8<sup>th</sup>  
after 8:00 am mass**

Enjoy donuts and coffee on  
Sunday morning with your  
families and fellow parishioners

**FEB.  
8**

**St. Joseph, Olney  
Multipurpose Room**



# BINGO!

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**Holy Cross Parish Center in Wendelin, IL**

**1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.**



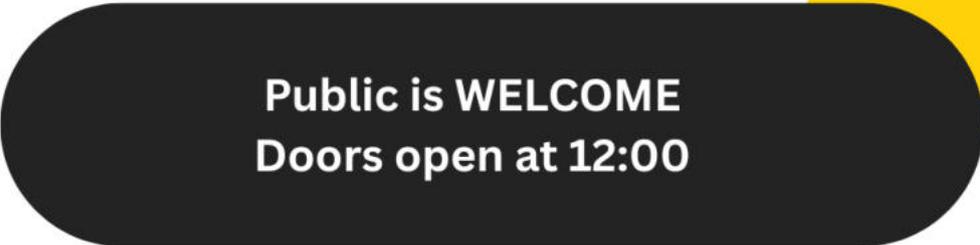
4 games  
for \$1.00



**CASH Prizes**



Refreshments provided by  
the Ladies Altar Sodality  
for donation



**Public is WELCOME**  
**Doors open at 12:00**

Sponsored by Family Life Committee

HOLY CROSS  
WENDELIN

# Wine

# Tasting

\$10

Admission

(Includes Glass  
& Tastings!)

MARCH 21, 2026

HOLY CROSS PARISH CENTER

WENDELIN, IL

6:00-10:30PM

BERRYVILLE VINEYARDS - CASTLE FINN VINEYARD  
IRENE'S VINEYARD - THE POUR VINEYARD

*Food Trucks and Live Music by  
Dakota Danielle!*

**Domestic beer available for  
purchase. Wineries will serve  
until 9pm.**

**\*No admittance to anyone under 21 years  
of age.**



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# Family Catechesis Revised Schedule of Events

“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints”

March	April	May
<p><b>4 Wed: Stay at Home Family Night</b>  <b>8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 6:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Holy Cross Parish House</b>  <b>19- Family Catechesis will be held at St. Joseph Stringtown for the feast day of St. Joseph.</b> There will be Mass and Dinner with the “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p><b>1 Wed. Family Gathering</b>            Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center  <b>Adults:</b> Presentation  <b>Youth:</b> Activity            Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.  <b>5 -Easter</b>  <b>12 -Divine Mercy Sunday</b>  <b>18-Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney</b>  <b>26- First Communion Practice after Mass</b></p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p><b>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning</b>  <b>2-3 First Communion</b>  <b>6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering</b>            Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center  <b>Families:</b> Final Saint presentations, meal, and year end presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p>



# *Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith*



*Stringtown Study  
The Four Terezas*

**TUESDAY  
ST. JOSEPH  
STRINGTOWN  
10:00AM**

*Sisters in Christ  
The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY  
HOLY CROSS  
5:30 PM**

**OCIA**  
*Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST  
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO  
WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE  
STARTING SOON.

CONTACT  
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

*Olney Study  
The Eucharist*

**WEDNESDAY  
ST. JOSEPH OLNEY  
9:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

*Brother's in Christ  
Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY  
HOLY CROSS  
7:00PM**