

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **Bulletins**

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**Collection Total for April 5, 2026**

Envelopes: \$5,050.00 (58)  
Loose: \$118.00  
**Total: \$5,168.00**

**Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)**

**Religious Education: \$245.00 (6)**

**CSMA: \$152.40 (2)**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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**April Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law**

**April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus**

**Council #1352**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, April 11** – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, April 12** – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm with refreshments following in the Parish Center.

**Monday, April 13** – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

**Tuesday, April 14** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

**Thursday April 16** – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

**Saturday, April 18** – Confirmation at Saint Joseph-Olney, 11am.

**Sunday, April 19** – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following 8am Mass.

**Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Following 8am Mass to Honor Those Newly Confirmed.**

**Monday, April 20** – VBS Volunteer Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 5:30pm. All who would like to help are invited to join us!

**Wednesday, April 22** – Young Adults Gathering, TBD.

**Saturday, April 25** – Middle School Youth Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, April 26** – First Communion Practice at Holy Cross-Wendelin Following 10am Mass.

High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

**Tuesday, April 28** – Bibles and Brews, TBD.

**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:**

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a simple but powerful prayer. All of us are in constant need of God’s unfathomable mercy. St. Faustina received these words from our Lord:

*I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.*

Journey this Easter season and beyond with praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily and recall the words of St. Faustina and say throughout the day: *Jesus, I trust in You- Jesus, I trust in You - Jesus, I trust in You!* Journey onward in Love and Mercy! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**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. Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

**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

**CYM BAKE SALE:**



families!

There will be a bake sale held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> following 8am Mass. Please note this is the last bake sale benefiting those attending Mission Trip this summer. Please support our youth and

**2026 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET:**

The 2026 Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Stringtown Parish Center, starting at 6 pm and lasting until ?, with the theme, “Don’t Worry, Bee Happy.” The committee would like to invite members and their guests to **respond by April 26** by texting/calling Mona at 618-843-6662. Menu is chicken strips, potatoes, salads and desserts. We are asking members with the last name starting with A-M to bring a salad, while members with the last name starting with N-Z to bring a dessert. We have invited Jeff Fleming, a humorist and local attorney, to be our guest speaker on “Laughing is the Best Medicine.” We will be having a small follow-up meeting. Also, Delaney will lead the installation of 2026-2027 officers. A Photo Booth will be available to take pictures at. Games and door prizes will be available.

**KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:**

Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Vic’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with

an open house on April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of April 12<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Chaplet: Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Pop John Paul II, and Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**

**2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. **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. There are still several places available to contact if you are interested in helping. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. **All raffle donations should be turned in by this date.** If you are interested in helping contact businesses or need to setup a different time for drop off of the raffle prizes, please contact Jenny Hancock (618-843-6625) **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Good luck to our Brain Games teams in 3rd-8th grade as they compete at Regionals this week. All 6 of our teams qualified for the Regional Competition!

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sunday, April 12:** Good Luck Lauren French, State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington!  
**Thursday, April 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, 7PM. Honor Guard members please attend to discuss Confirmation. **Sunday, April 26:** Knight Led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Kudos** to nine members and family at the Smoke Rise Restaurant for fellowship the breakfast! Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is Knights of Columbus Olney Mass Ministry. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member can volunteer to be a Mass Minister and all members in Mass attendance are welcome to attend the fellowship breakfast. **Awesome congratulations** to St. Joseph School and Staff for an outstanding response of 13,956 Baby Wipes donated to the Women, Infants, and Children in Richland & Jasper County Olney Office! Kindergarten class had- 3142; Pre-K - 1546; 1<sup>st</sup> grade-676; 2nd-1016; 3rd-1732; 4th grades-3540; 5th-690; 6<sup>th</sup> -696; 7th-316; and 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 600.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**



On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ’s message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.” They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus’ message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/word-of-life-2026-04.pdf>

**VOCATION CORNER:**

Today’s Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas’ declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until “I put my finger in the nail marks.” These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that “definite” sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray often for these discerners that they “hear the call” of the Lord and continue to respond to it.



**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Linda McWhirter

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**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 12, “Barbara Ann Ochs†”, “Carolyn Zuber†”, “Joseph Schneider†” “Bill & Catherine Zwilling†, Nadine Zwilling†”**  
**Monday, April 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Fr. Roger Schoenhofen, OMI†”**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 1:30pm at CRMH 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Friday, April 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Saturday, April 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney**  
**Sunday, April 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Jean & Norman Zwilling†”, “Norman Kocher†”, “Bill & Catherine Zwilling Family, Nadine Zwilling†” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

<b>04/12/2026</b>	<b>04/12/2026</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Servers:</b>
Izzy Volk	CYM
Will Volk	
Gabriel Volk	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>
Owen Kocher	CYM
<b>EMHC:</b>	<b>EMHC:</b>
Gary Kocher	Elmer Ochs
Beth Kocher	Mary Ochs
Ian Kocher	John Ochs
<b>Gifts:</b>	<b>Gifts:</b>
Chad & Jenny Hancock Family	CYM
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>
Tom Kocher	CYM
Mallory Kocher	
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Jean Kocher Family	CYM
<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>	<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>
Anne & Kaitlin	Anita & Anna

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Stringtown, Illinois**  
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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm**

**Very Rev. Fr. Steven Beatty** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pastor**  
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Sunday, April 12, 2026

Sunday of Divine Mercy

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Apr. 13 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Apr. 14 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Apr. 15 8:05 am Ruth Matheny  
Maren Zuber**  
Thu. Apr. 16 6:30 PM at Wendelin  
**Fri. Apr. 17 8:00 am For the Parish**  
**Sat. Apr. 18**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM For our confirmandee**  
**Sun. Apr. 19**  
**8:00 am Don & Julie Blank  
Carl & Una Kocher  
Rod Kelley**  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

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#### OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll  
Missalettes: A Parishioner

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#### OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Easter: \$12,262 (138) Envelopes: \$969 (7)  
Outreach: \$531 Guatemala: \$538 (21)  
CSMA: \$300 (pledged) Easter Flowers: \$140 (6)  
Good Friday/Holy Land: \$642 (28)

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**Let Us Pray For:** Sandy Fehrenbacher, 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.

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**Happy Birthday** to **James Rauch** who celebrates his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on April 16<sup>th</sup>!

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

#### Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Living and Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber, Carl & Una Kocher, and Virginia & Byron Weiler.**
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.


#### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy

- Mass for **Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn, Dale Tibbs, and Alex & Lorene Kessler.**
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!
- **St. Joseph Stringtown Parish** invites you to join us at 2:00 pm in the church as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be a Divine Mercy Message and Devotion followed by reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Reconciliation will be available. Reception to follow in the Parish Center.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Olney.

#### Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

#### Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Ruth Matheny** and **Maren Zuber.**
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- Happy Birthday to Deacon Steve!! 

#### Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 am, Confirmation for the Quad-Parish at St. Joseph, Olney. Confirmandee candidates listed on the back of the bulletin.

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#### ~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **New Resources for Children!** Children's missalettes are now available for children ages 5-12 to pick up at the entrances. Please return after each mass. **Mass bags** are also available and recommended for ages 0-4. These bags include toys and books. These can be found in the vestibule on the book shelf. Please return the bag and its contents after each mass. These are also available to purchase in the parish office if interested.
- **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.

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#### The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*Those who are kind to the needy honor Him*

Easter Blessings! We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope, and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus. From Bishop Elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

**Thank you** to the **55** households that have already pledged **\$8,916.25** to support this mission.

#### CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 6: Payden Buchanan (#391)  
April 7: Larry Dorn (#297)  
April 8: Rick & Marilyn Hartrich (#179)  
April 9: Elizabeth Kessler (#058)  
April 10: Jennifer Chaplin (#661)

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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#### Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

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**Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing:**

All are invited to join Fr. Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be help on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** at the Ryan Peter Family Farm in Mt. Carmel. See flyer for directions.

**A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land**


You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com).

**Confirmation Candidates**

<b>Yzabella Biyok</b>	Aubrey Patridge
<b>Camden Blank</b>	<b>Laney Peavler</b>
<b>Brilyn Brinkley</b>	<b>Peyton Peavler</b>
Max Crouch	Sarah Ruppel
<b>Hazel Durmas</b>	Julian Seaman
<b>Lauren French</b>	Sadie Seiler
Paxton Gher	Leo Seitzinger
Haley Ginder	<b>Makai Steele</b>
Koltyn Hinterscher	Beau Stevens
Korbyn Hinterscher	<b>Jett Thomas</b>
<b>Riley Kraus</b>	<b>Quinn Trout</b>
Gavin Kuenstler	<b>Lucca Trupiano</b>
Nicole Kuhl	Bria Waggoner
Parker Lewis	Cora Warfel
<b>Kylah Matthews</b>	Adrienne Weidner
Diesel Myers	Braden Weidner
<b>Landree Nelson</b>	<b>Hayden Womack</b>

*Almighty God, we thank You for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You call each one of them by name and promise to be with them always.*

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

	2:00 pm	
Stringtown		
Service & Confession		

**St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*



**~ St. Joseph Church ~**

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Casey Hemrich..... Administrative Assistant

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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](http://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 ~**

Josy Hart.....Principal

Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager

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FAX ..... 618-395-8500

**School Advisory Council:** Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Saturday, April 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Dana (Kuhl) Bell†”, “Eva Herdes†”, “Mike & Eloise Kocher†” and 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 12, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Gilbert Volk† and Edwin & Luella Will†”, “Jerry Kessler & Deceased Kessler Family†”, “Fred Uebinger†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, April 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, April 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 15, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Raymond, Thresa, & Raymond Jr. Kessler†”

Friday, April 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Newly Confirmed”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 19, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Descendants of Charles, Evelyn, & Patty McCreery†”, “Deceased Members of the Henry & Mary Volk Family†”, “Leonard Kessler & Ralph & Coletta Bahl Family†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

April Bulletins and Missalettes:  
For Harold Rauch & Family

**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**

To schedule, contact Ashley. Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, April 5, 2026 (55)**

Envelope Collection: \$3,815.00, Loose: \$363.00 –

**\*APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS\***

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>	<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b>
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Jason Warfel
<b>EMHC:</b>	<b>EMHC:</b>
Lynn Weidner	Phyllis Eggers
Kristy Weidner	Martha Deimel
Jeannie Nix	Diane Schackmann
Kathy Kuenstler	Travis Weber
<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>
Victoria Rudolphi	Melissa Weidner
<b>Money Counters:</b>	
*Kelly & Sherry Geier*	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>
Daniel Baker	Kelly Geier
Carl Weidner	Paul Lybarger
Hank Weidner	Shad Street
Rusty Hall	Ben Street
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	
Saturday, April 11 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi	
Sunday, April 12 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard	
Saturday, April 18 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, April 19 – Ian Kessler, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	
<b>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</b>	
April 12 – Marcia Street & Clara Weidner	
April 19 – Gracey Himelick & Hope Zuber	
April 26 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber	
<b>CRMH Communion:</b>	
April 12 – Marge Kessler	
April 19 – Maria Rudolphi	

**Total: \$4,178.00,** (32) Building: \$3,268.00, (2) Cemetery: \$75.00, (72) Easter: \$4,055.00, (3) Catholic Relief: \$50.00, (19) Holy Land/Good Friday: \$520.00, (1) Easter Flower Memorials: \$50.00, (2) CSMA: \$310.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**

As of Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – \$298,898.57 has been received from 418 donations – thank you!

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**



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

**PARISH EVENTS:**

Saturday, April 11 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Sunday, April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm with refreshments following in the Parish Center.

Monday, April 13 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, April 14 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

Thursday April 16 – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Saturday, April 18 – Confirmation at Saint Joseph-Olney, 11am.

Sunday, April 19 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following 8am Mass.

Monday, April 20 – VBS Volunteer Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 5:30pm. All who would like to help are invited to join us!

Wednesday, April 22 – Picnic Head of Stands Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.

Young Adults Gathering, TBD.

Saturday, April 25 – Middle School Youth Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Sunday, April 26 – First Communion Practice at Holy Cross-Wendelin Following 10am Mass.

High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Tuesday, April 28 – Bibles and Brews, TBD.

**KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:**

Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Vic’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with an open house on April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CYM QUILT RAFFLE:**

CYM will be selling quilt raffle tickets to support their mission trip. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am Mass. The quilt was donated Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman.

**PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING:**

This meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Parish House.

**FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:**

Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church. They are located in the vestibule/gathering space.

**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. Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a simple but powerful prayer. All of us are in constant need of God’s unfathomable mercy. St. Faustina received these words from our Lord:

*I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.*

Journey this Easter season and beyond with praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily and recall the words of St. Faustina and say throughout the day: *Jesus, I trust in You- Jesus, I trust in You - Jesus, I trust in You!* Journey onward in Love and Mercy! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Good luck to our Brain Games teams in 3rd-8th grade as they compete at Regionals this week. All 6 of our teams qualified for the Regional Competition!

#### **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, April 12:** Good Luck Lauren French, State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington!

**Thursday, April 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, 7PM. Honor Guard members please attend to discuss Confirmation. **Sunday, April 26:** Knight Led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Kudos** to nine members and family at the Smoke Rise Restaurant for fellowship the breakfast! Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is Knights of Columbus Olney Mass Ministry. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member can volunteer to be a Mass Minister and all members in Mass attendance are welcome to attend the fellowship breakfast. **Awesome congratulations** to St. Joseph School and Staff for an outstanding response of 13,956 Baby Wipes donated to the Women, Infants, and Children in Richland & Jasper County Olney Office! Kindergarten class had- 3142; Pre-K - 1546; 1<sup>st</sup> grade-676; 2nd-1016; 3rd-1732; 4th grades-3540; 5th-690; 6<sup>th</sup> -696; 7th-316; and 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 600.

#### **FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of April 12<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Chaplet: Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Pop John Paul II, and Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**



On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been

involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/word-of-life-2026-04.pdf>

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray often for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

#### **SPRING FARM BLESSING:**

All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

#### **2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

**Those who are kind to the needy honor Him.**



Easter Blessings - We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus. Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.



**Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**

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**Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671**

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.**

**Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**

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**Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier,**

**Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty**

**Smithenry**

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.

Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy on us!***

***Jesus, I trust in You!***

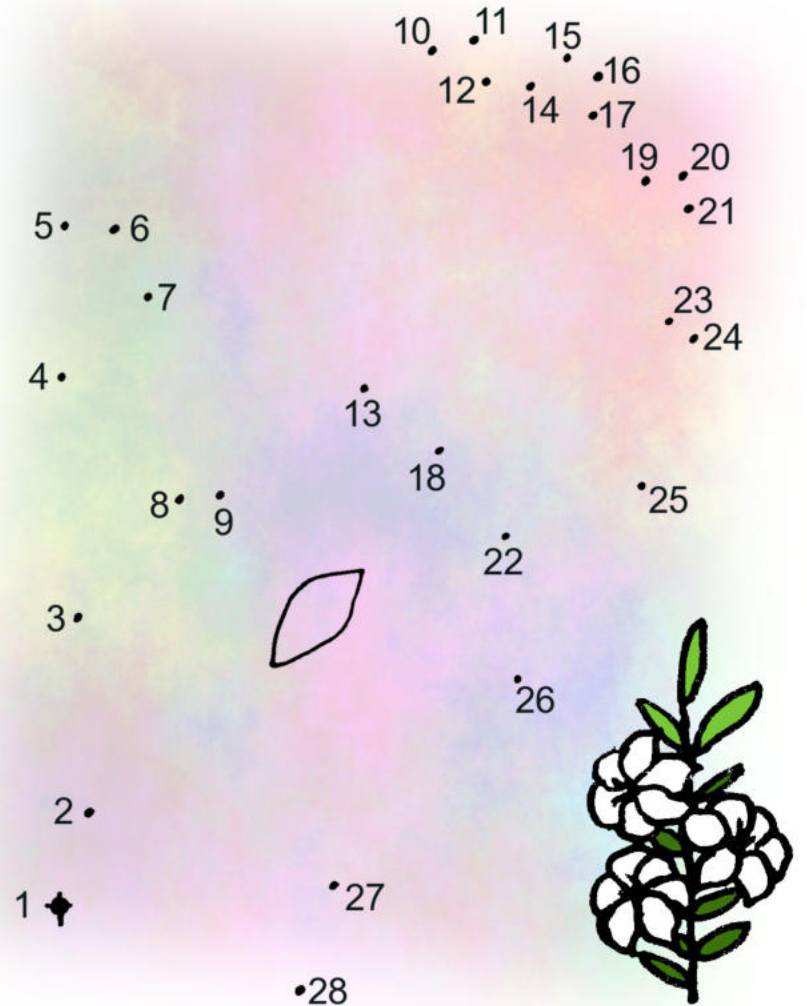
Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026

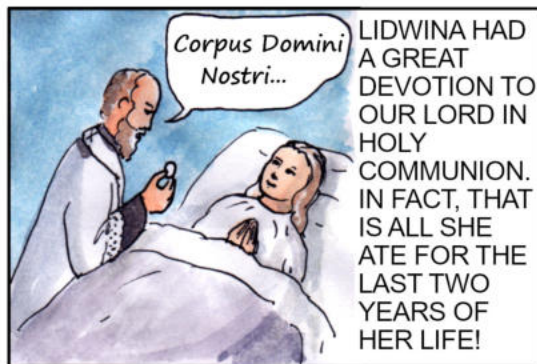
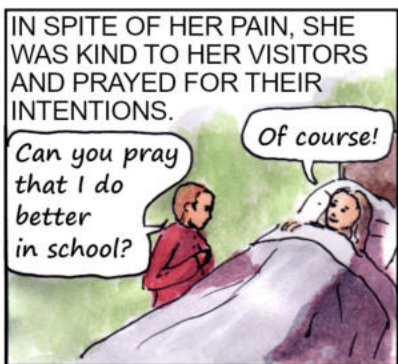
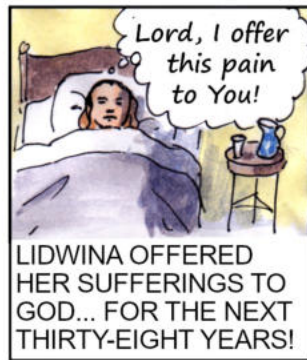
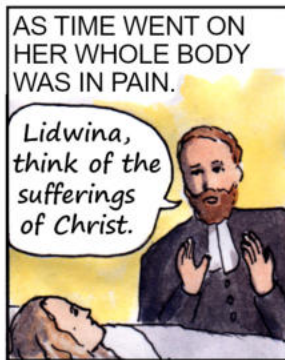
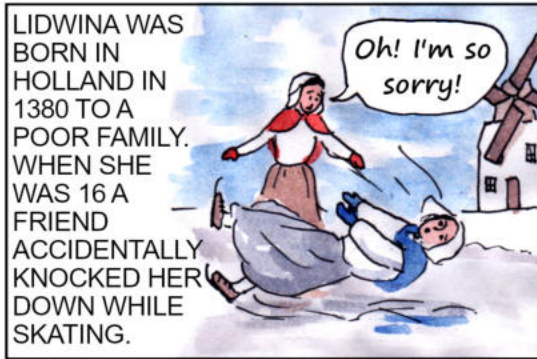


*Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots to find out!*



# Saint Lidwina

April 14



SAINT LIDWINA LIVED A LIFE OF EXTREME SUFFERING, BUT SHE DID NOT GIVE UP LOVING GOD AND BEING KIND TO OTHERS. GOD EVEN LET MIRACLES HAPPEN THROUGH HER PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LIDWINA THAT WE SHOULD BE KIND TO OTHERS EVEN WHEN WE ARE SUFFERING.

## Doubting Thomas Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

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 D J E S U S P I R I T N  
 S I D E B L E S S E D O  
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In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

" \_\_\_\_\_!"  
 Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."