

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

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

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



ST. JOSEPH  
OLNEY



HOLY CROSS  
WENDELIN



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 salvation.

 1st Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026	 Palm Sunday March 29, 2026
 2nd Sunday of Lent March 01, 2026	 Maundy Thursday April 02, 2026
 3rd Sunday of Lent March 08, 2026	 Good Friday April 03, 2026
 Laetere Sunday March 15, 2026	 Holy Saturday April 04, 2026
 5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026	 Easter Sunday 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 14<sup>th</sup>  
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 Dismissal at 1:50 pm.  
Preschool Program at 6:30 pm.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time  
He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:6,7

# 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.  
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St. Joseph, Olney  
Multipurpose Room

# CANDLEMAS

BRING YOUR CANDLES TO MASS  
JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1  
FOR A BLESSING

IT IS TRADITION ON THE FEAST OF  
CANDLEMAS [PRESENTATION OF THE LORD]  
TO BLESS AND LIGHT CANDLES, WHICH  
REMIND US THAT THE DARKNESS SHALL NOT  
OVERCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.  
AS CATHOLICS, WE ARE CALLED TO BE  
LIGHT IN A WORLD THAT IS  
OVERSHADOWED BY DARKNESS.

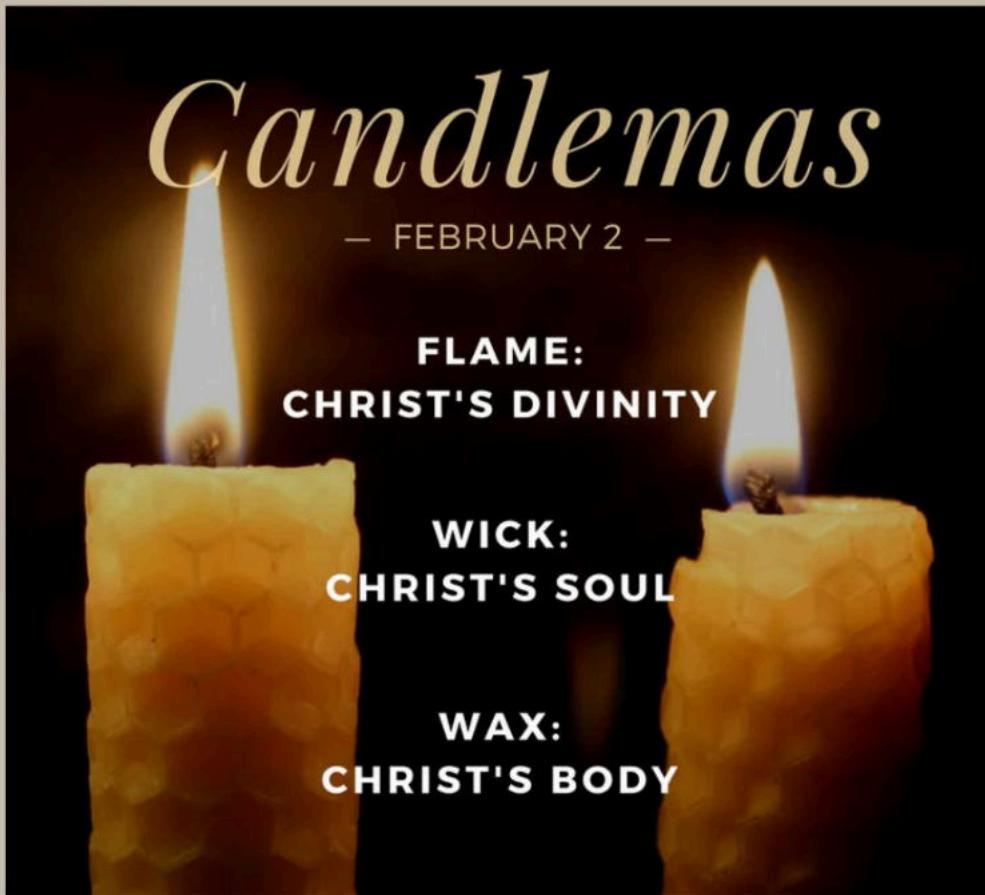
*Candlemas*

— FEBRUARY 2 —

FLAME:  
CHRIST'S DIVINITY

WICK:  
CHRIST'S SOUL

WAX:  
CHRIST'S BODY



- ANNUAL -

# WINE TASTING

*Kick Back & Relax!*



\$15

**Saturday, January 31st, 2026 • Newton Knights of Columbus**

**Doors Open at 5:30pm**

## Please Join Us For An Evening Of Fun & Relaxation

Enjoy a delightful night featuring  
**WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD & SPECIALTY BEERS,**  
along with a **DELICIOUS SPREAD OF APPETIZERS AND HORS D'OEUVRES.**

The evening will also include **DOOR PRIZES** and a **LIVE AUCTION** featuring:

**Adult Drink–Themed, Flip-Top, Wood-Crafted Tables,**  
**Two All-Inclusive St. Louis Blues Hockey Tickets,**  
**Handcrafted Porch Swing and Custom Centerpieces.**

## Great Tastes, Great Company, And A Great Time Await!

SPECIAL THANKS & APPRECIATION TO  
Wood-Iron-Stone Design, Schmid Auction, J&J Gaming,  
Brummer's Cabinets & Customs and friends of St. Thomas!

Sponsors:

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**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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

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

**CASH Prizes**

**4 games  
for \$1.00**

**Refreshments provided by  
the Ladies Altar Sodality  
for donation**

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

**Sponsored by Family Life Committee**

# SAVE THE DATE

## HOLY CROSS WINE TASTING

### MARCH 21, 2026



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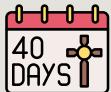
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# Family Catechesis

## Schedule of Events

### “Following in the Footsteps of Saints”

<p><b>2025 August</b></p> <p><b>27 Wed. Opening Mass</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Families:</b> You will receive the Family Tote with Family Catechesis Saint Binder, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items, and Special Blessing for the year.</p> 	<p><b>September</b></p> <p><b>3 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> Parent meeting, youth activity, Saint presentation and Birthday party for Mary with The Word of Life Workbook, and other “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>Sacrament Meeting:</b> for Reconciliation/Confirmation</p> <p><b>13-14</b> Red Plate Blessing for 1<sup>st</sup> graders</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder for updates.</p> 	<p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>1 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend</b> <b>11-12</b> Cup Blessing for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders <b>30</b>-All Saint-Family Rosary-Trunk n'Treat after Mass</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 
<p><b>November</b></p> <p><b>5 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> All Saint Maze and special Saint presentations, with bonfire and s'mores. Gift of Love information and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>8-9 Candle Blessing for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders</b> <b>29-30</b> -Gift of Love Mass Weekend</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>3 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations, Advent party, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>7</b> -Advent tradition of “Evensong” at Holy Cross <b>8 &amp; 11</b> -First Reconciliation</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year</b></p> 
<p><b>2026 January</b></p> <p><b>7 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> Saint presentations, Three Kings and 12<sup>th</sup> Night Dinner Party and “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>February</b></p> <p><b>4 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>7-M.C.4.C.</b> Valentine Dinner/Dance at Holy Cross</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>March</b></p> <p><b>4 Wed. Ash Wednesday</b> <b>15</b>- Divine Mercy Book begins</p> <p><b>19</b> -<b>Families:</b> St. Joseph Table tradition with Mass and Dinner at St. Joseph Stringtown Saint presentations and “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>April</b></p> <p><b>1 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>5</b> -Easter</p> <p><b>12</b> -Divine Mercy Sunday</p> <p><b>(17,18,19)</b> Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning</b> 2-3 First Communion</p> <p><b>6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> Final Saint presentations, catered meal, and year end video presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p> 	<p><b>“Let us become saints so that after having been together on earth, we may be together in Heaven.”</b></p> <p><b>St. Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</b></p>



## Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The Catholic Extension Grant contributed:  
Silver Star, Three King ensemble and  
Twelfth Night Epiphany Dinner.  
Let us continue to stay  
"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints."

CYM provided the mealtime entertainment, with a skit on the life of St. John Bosco, the patron saint of youth.

The Three Kings  
(Eric Sandschafer, Victor Sandschafer and Isaac Street) arrived and shared with us to always follow the True Light- the Bright Shining Star -which is Jesus!

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light!"*

### January the month of the Holy Name of Jesus

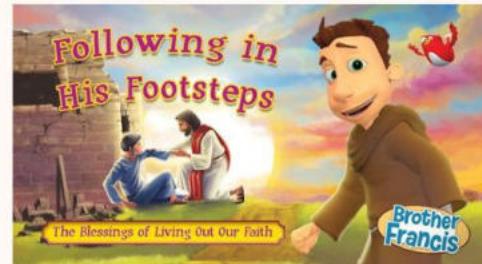
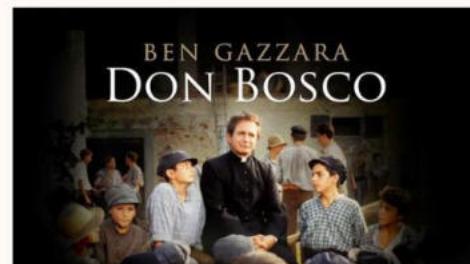
- Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
- Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (first American-born saint)
- Jan 5: St. John Neumann (first American male saint)
- Jan 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort (Dominican priest, canon lawyer)
- Jan 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 17: St. Anthony the Abbot (Father of Monasticism)
- Jan 20: Saints Fabian (Pope) & Sebastian (Martyr)
- Jan 21: St. Agnes (Virgin & Martyr)
- Jan 24: St. Francis de Sales (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)
- Jan 27: St. Angela Merici (Founder of the Ursulines)
- Jan 28: St. Thomas Aquinas (Priest, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 31: St. John Bosco (Founder of the Salesians, patron of youth)



### Prayer for the New Year

*"Come, Holy Spirit, be our Light and Guide in this new year. Renew our minds and hearts, strengthen us in virtue, and help us grow closer to You and one another. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

# JANUARY formed™



### Upcoming February Events

#### Holy Cross Wendelin

4 Wed. Family Catechesis Gathering 6:30 pm  
Join us for an eye opening Adult presentation, a CYM Candlemas service, and a "Saint" presentation for all ages.

7 M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance- CYM babysitting in parish house, R.S.V.P.

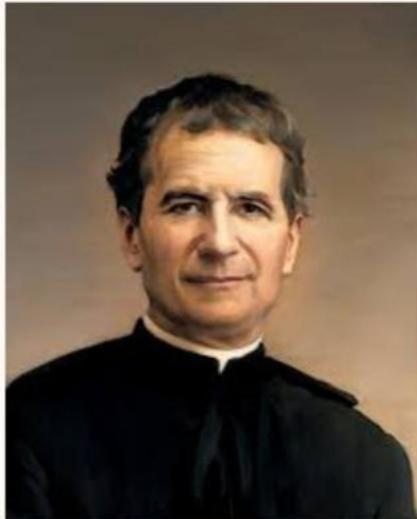
\*Reminder to bring your Family Catechesis Tote and Binder and Sacrament books for check-in.

# FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

January 2026



## Our January Saints



**Saint John Bosco**

(Don Bosco) 1815-1888

was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, and writer who dedicated his life to disadvantaged youth, developing the Salesian Preventive System (reason, religion, loving-kindness) to educate poor, orphaned, and delinquent children through vocational training and spiritual guidance, becoming the "Father and Teacher of Youth" and patron of apprentices, editors, publishers, and young people, with his work continuing through the Salesians worldwide.



**Mother of God**

Mary the mother of Jesus, holds a unique and highly venerated position within Christianity, particularly in Catholicism and Orthodox Christianity, where she is honored as the Mother of God (or Theotokos, a Greek term meaning "God-bearer"). She is considered the greatest of all saints.



**St. Francis de Sales**

(1567-1622) was a French bishop, theologian, and writer known for his gentle approach to faith, authoring

[Introduction to the Devout Life](#), co-founding the [Sisters of the Visitation](#), and becoming a [Doctor of the Church](#), serving as patron for writers, journalists, and educators for making holiness accessible to all. He famously used "a spoonful of honey" over "vinegar" to win back Calvinists, slipping pamphlets under doors, and emphasized "Humility, Humility, Humility" before his death.

# *Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith*



*Stringtown Study*  
*The Four Teresas*

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

*Sisters in Christ*  
*The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**HOLY CROSS**  
**5:30 PM**

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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**