

TRI-PARISH

HOLY CROSS-WENDELIN † ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY † ST. JOSEPH-STRINGTOWN

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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**



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**HOLY CROSS
WENDELIN**



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**ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN**

ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

St. Joseph, Olney

Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

Holy Cross, Wendelin

Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass
time at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph, Stringtown

Prayer service & adoration every
Tuesday at 9:30 am.

14 SEPTEMBER - FEAST

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. The relic was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326. The Chapel of St. Helena inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built by the Crusaders in her honor, and below it lies the Chapel of the Finding of the True Cross, in which the cross of Christ's crucifixion was discovered. We invite everyone to pray for the parishioners of Holy Cross on this parish feast day, September 14th.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Wednesday, September 2nd

- 6:30 pm, Family Catechesis begins at Holy Cross. The topic is [Welcome to our Home](#).

Friday, September 4th - First Friday

- 8 am, First Friday mass and communion delivery at Olney.
- 2:30 pm, School band concert in the courtyard.

Saturday, September 5th

- 9 am, First Saturday mass and communion at Holy Cross.
- 9 am, CYM attends mass followed by breakfast after at Holy Cross.
- CYM lock-in starting after 9 am mass until Sunday at 8 am.

Monday, September 7th - Labor Day

- No school
- Olney parish office closed.

Friday, September 11th

- Mum pick at the Olney City Park.

Saturday, September 12th

- At all masses and at all the parishes, 1st grade students may receive a red plate as a part of the Kitchen Table Catechesis.
- Quilting ladies will be selling quilt raffle ticket chances after the 5 pm mass at Olney.
- 6 pm, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, September 13th

- At all masses and at all the parishes, 1st grade students may receive a red plate as a part of the Kitchen Table Catechesis.
- Quilting ladies will be selling quilt raffle ticket chances after the 8 am mass at Olney.
- 8 am, CYM led mass and meeting after mass in Olney.
- 9 am, donut and coffee social after the 8 am mass in Olney.
- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group at Olney.

September 14-16th

- There will be a Marian Exhibit in the MPR in Olney on September 14-16th. A 20-minute presentation will be giving on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the MPR. For the complete schedule, see the flyer on the bulletin boards.

Wednesday, September 16th

- 6:30 pm, CYM small group bible study at Holy Cross.

Thursday, September 24th

- Happy Birthday to Fr. Levi!! We are so thankful for all that you do for our parishes!!

Saturday, September 26th

- 6 pm, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, September 27th

- [CYM pancake breakfast at Stringtown](#).
- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Friday, October 2nd

- 2:30 pm, St. Francis Pet Blessing in the lot across from the school gym in Olney.

Sunday, October 18th

- Mark Your Calendars for the St. Joseph-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar which will be held on Sunday, October 18.

Sisters in Christ

"Set the World on Fire"

Tuesdays: Stringtown 10:00 am
Olney 5:00 pm

Wednesdays: Wendelin 5:30 pm

Family Catechesis

This month we will focus on how we can recognize and live out that reality more abundantly that God dwells in our homes and parishes. Ways that your domestic church can bring the Lord more into your daily life.

O.C.I.A.- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have You Been Curiously Seeking More?

Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery.

Who is OCIA for?

- [Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church.](#)
- [Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church.](#)
- [Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion.](#)

There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

St. Joseph School News

September 4- Courtyard Band concert at 2:30

September 7- No School

September 10- Baseball 8th grade recognition

September 11- Mum pickup at City Park

September 12-13- 1st Grade receives Blessed Red Plates

September 14-15- K-8 Visits the Marian Exhibit

September 15- 5th Grade Ag Safety Day, Softball 8th grade recognition

September 16- 11:50 Dismissal

September 17- Boosters Meeting @ 5pm in MPR

September 18- Homecoming Parade

September 23- Walk and Bike to School Day

September 24- Cross Country 8th grade recognition

September 24- Early Release at 1:50 pm

September 24-25- Scholastic Book Fair in MPR

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation." -Psalm 68:19 ESV

Marian Family Exhibit

September 14th -16th
Saint Joseph Church
208 South Elliott Street
Olney, Illinois 62450
(Exhibit Located in
Church Multi-Purpose Room)

September 17th
St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
125 W 5th St
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(Exhibit Located in
Parish Gathering Hall)



Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th

Come, see, and learn about Our Blessed Mother's Love and Visits, noting that "in the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph."

Visit & see the FATHER's great love for us as revealed in choosing Mary as JESUS' Mother with the HOLY SPIRIT as her spouse, with St. Joseph as Foster Father.

Statues & images of over 33 visitations from all over the world. Relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Joachim & St. Anne, & St. Carlo Acutis.

If you have any religious articles that you would like to touch to the relics, please bring them with you.

Monday, Sept. 14th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 10 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 pm - 4 pm Exhibit
- 6:30 pm Mass
- (Mass at: Saint Joseph Church, Stringtown, Illinois)

Tuesday, Sept. 15th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 10 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 pm - 4 pm Exhibit
- 5pm - 7 pm Exhibit

Wednesday, Sept. 16th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 8 am All School Mass in Olney
- 9 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 - 4 pm Exhibit
- 5 pm - 7 pm Exhibit

Thursday, Sept. 17th: St. Mary in Mt. Carmel, IL

- 8 am Mass
- 9 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 - 7 pm Exhibit

20 minute presentations will be given on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at St. Joseph's Church.



FAMILY CATECHESIS

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST & LIVING THE VIRTUES



Our upcoming year will concentrate on more depth and faith formation for our families. There will be presentations on the Mass, opportunities for Adoration, Confession, Praise & Worship, resources monthly and much more..

Join us for
Family Catechesis first Wednesday of the month.
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Register online at the parish website.
or contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them."* Matt. 18:20

Family Catechesis Schedule

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues

1st Wed. of the month [Sept-Dec]
6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Holy Cross

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August	Family Catechesis Registration
September VIRTUE: Prayer	Wednesday 2, Welcome to our Home Youth: Child Safety & Parents: Year's Agenda in the Parish Center - Presentation in Church Sat/Sun ~12/13- 1 st Grade Red Plate
October VIRTUE: Peace	Wednesday 7, Sacrifice of Praise Adoration, Presentation & Activity in Church Sat/Sun ~10/11- 2 nd Grade Blessing Cup Thursday 29 Trunk or Treat Holy Cross 6:30 pm
November VIRTUE: Thankfulness	Wednesday 4, Liturgy of the Word with Explanatory Mass Presentation & Activity in Church Sat/Sun ~14/15- 3 rd Grade Candle Sunday 29 Gift of Love
December VIRTUE: Hope	Wednesday 2, Liturgy of the Eucharist with Explanatory Mass Presentation & Activity in Church
Sacraments Meetings afterwards	Confirmation Check-in's and Family Meetings Reconciliation Check-in's and Family Meetings

Family Catechesis Schedule

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues

1st Wed. of the month [Jan- May]

6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Holy Cross

January

VIRTUE: Love

Wednesday 6, God Dwells Among us
Epiphany-12th Night Dinner & Musical presentations in Parish Center

February

VIRTUE: Honesty

Wednesday 3, Encountering Christ in Lent
Family: Family Retreat in Parish Center
Wednesday 10, Ash Wednesday

March

VIRTUE: Obedience

Wednesday 3, Scriptural Stations
Presentation & Activity in Church
Friday 19 St. Joseph Table Stringtown
Thursday 25- Saturday 27 Holy Week Easter Sunday 28

April

VIRTUE: Mercy

Wednesday 7, Symbols, Senses and Actions
Presentation & Activity in Church
Confirmation April 9 St. Joseph Stringtown

May

VIRTUE: Humility

Wednesday 5, Go in Peace-Dismissal
Presentation & Ice Cream Party in Parish Center
Sunday 2, May Crowning & First Communion

Sacraments

Meetings afterwards

Confirmation Check-in's and Family meetings
Eucharist Check-in's and Family meetings

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a part of
our Flock!



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email and text!*



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New Resources For Children

Children's Missalettes

These missalettes are recommended for ages 5-12 and are a great resource for helping our school age children follow along with the mass. It includes a description of the sanctuary and all the prayers during mass. These can be picked up at each mass by all of the entrances to the church. Please return them at the end of mass.

Mass Bags

These bags are recommended for ages 0-4 and include religious toys and books. We currently have 3 bags available for children to use during mass. These can be found by the main entrance to church on the book shelf. Please return the bag and all of its contents at the end of mass. If you would like to purchase one of these for your family to keep, you can purchase one at the parish office for \$54.



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**

A great way to provide scholarship support for students attending a Catholic School and earn a tax credit for yourself.

Donate through Empower Illinois

<https://empowerillinois.org/>



Empower Illinois is the state's largest and most comprehensive Scholarship Granting Organization, expanding quality education options for low-income and working-class families through scholarships to private schools.

You can make a charitable investment in education through the tax credit scholarship program!

How it works:

- Donate to St. Joseph School's or St. Thomas School's scholarship fund through Empower Illinois.
 - Visit www.empowerillinois.org/donors
 - Find St. Joseph Grade School, Olney or St. Thomas-Newton in Region 5 on the website
- Earn a 75% Tax Credit back to offset your tax liability!
 - For more information, contact an Empower Illinois tax credit specialist at 312-392-0250

Schools can receive a \$10,000 match for donations between February 1-March 31.