

**December 24, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, December 25**, 12:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
 8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Tuesday, December 26**, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, December 27**, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, December 28**, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Paul & Mary Kessler+"  
**Friday, December 29**, NO MASS  
**Saturday, December 30**, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For The Parish"  
 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, December 31**, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For The Parish"  
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 17, 2023**

(64) Envelope Collection: \$3,040 Loose \$444  
**Total: \$3,484.00**  
 (7) Building Fund: \$400.00  
 (3) Christmas Offering: \$300.00  
 (8) Religious Retirement: \$240.00  
 (2) Needy: \$75.00

**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 Rudolph's brother)

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

Dec. 31 – Maria Rudolph (618) 752-5900  
 Jan. 14 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841  
 Jan. 21 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

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

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. Dec. 23** – Levi and Noah Rudolphi  
**Sun. Dec. 24** – Isaac & Nora Street  
**Sat. Dec. 30** – Mattux Hart & Ian Kessler  
**Sun. Dec. 31** – Brooke & Blaine Bergbower

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
**Christmas Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4pm**  
 Christmas Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 4pm  
 Christmas Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 8pm  
**Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day – Parish Offices Closed**  
 Christmas Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 12am  
 Christmas Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8am  
 Christmas Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 8am  
**Tuesday, December 26 – Parish Offices Closed**  
**Friday, December 29 – Parish Offices Closed**  
**Monday, January 1 – Parish Offices Closed**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS MINISTRIES:**

If scheduled in December for Saturday Masses, you will be scheduled for Sunday, Christmas Eve 4pm Mass at Holy Cross. Please note: this does not

include servers. If you cannot attend this Mass, please contact the Parish Office or find a replacement. Thank you!

**HOLY CROSS CHOIR:**

Holy Cross Choir will begin singing at 3:20pm on Sunday, December 24 for Christmas Mass and 9:30am on Sunday, December 31.

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to the CYM caroling group and Tyler who visited me on Sunday evening. I love to hear their voices ring in my home. How blessed we are!  
 Marge Kessler

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS,** Vicki Lynn

(Walker) Zanetis, who died on Wednesday, December 13. Our sympathy and prayers to her husband Steve and all relatives and friends. ***May Vicki rest in the peace and love of our Lord.***

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS,** Carol (Bangert)

Stallard, who died on Sunday, December 17. Our sympathy and prayers to all relatives and friends. ***May Carol rest in the peace of love of our Lord.***

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

The Advent season of waiting and anticipating brings us to the last candle of **Love**. May these remaining moments of journeying towards the babe in the manger be one of *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* in your heart and homes. Our Blessed Mother shows us the way to Jesus in every season. Behold he comes-The one who is Born to Die- The one who is King of Kings! *Merry Christmas to you and yours!*

**SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

*Will be paused a couple weeks for Holiday Season.*

**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:**

**Thursdays 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:**

**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

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

**St. Joseph School is proud of our IL State Scholars from Richland County High School.**

Congratulations Madison Nelson, Trenton Payne, Evelyn Potter, Isabella Trupiano, and Isaac Zwilling!

**Merry Christmas** from the staff at St. Joseph School! We are grateful for our families who choose a full-time Catholic education and our parishes who support their decision.

**Thank you** to Mrs. Michels and our Kindergarten-4th grade musicians for a wonderful Christmas program!

**Christmas Break Friday, December 22nd - Tuesday, January 2nd**

**Students return Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

**Monday, December 25:** Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, December 31:** Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney, followed by fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. 7:40AM Knights of Columbus led Rosary.

**Kudos to Mike Ginder, Vocation Raffle Chairman;** 73 Vocation Raffle Booklets submitted! No local winners. Four Belleville Seminarians will receive \$165.

**Knight of the Month: Bart Zuber**-Knights of Columbus Appreciation Christmas Dinner Special Guest!

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

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.

#### **SPIRITUAL 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.

**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

#### **FARMERS SUPPORTING FARMERS**

Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at [cherylsommer@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylsommer@yahoo.com) or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter ([principal@stjoeolney.com](mailto:principal@stjoeolney.com) or 618-395-3081).

**Saturday January 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL**

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 2023**

4pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**4pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

8pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023**

12am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8am at St. Joseph-Olney

8am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

#### **DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2024 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much!

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!*



**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.**



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**

**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

**Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm**

**Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty, V.G – Pastor**

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**Trustees: Carl Will & Sherry Geier**

**Pastoral Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin**

**Blank-Vice-Chair; Heather Blank-Secretary; Cindy**

**Blank, Gregg Weber, Sheryl Klingler, Pam Blank,**

**Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tonya Hall, Tammy**

**Rudolphi**