ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for September 28, 2025

Envelopes: $1,290.00 (32)
Loose: $131.00
Total: $1,421.00

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
Building Fund: $800.00 (3)
Retired Priest: $50.00 (1)

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October Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
October Missalettes: In Memory of Alberta Zuber
**Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!

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Sunday, October 12 – High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:30pm.
Sunday, October 19 – Young Adults Gathering, 6pm. Details coming soon!
Saturday, October 25 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass.
Sunday, October 26 – Tri-Parish CYM Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 8-10:30am.
High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Tuesday, October 28 – Young Adults Bible & Brews at HVs. Social 6:30pm, Talk at 7pm – TBD.
Wednesday, October 29th – CYM Halloween Pickleball Tourney at the Drey, 6;30pm. Contact Tyler to register.
Thursday, October 30 – All Saints Rosary 6pm, Mass 6:30pm, Trunk or Treat to Follow at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
Sunday, November 2 – American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by Stringtown Community Club, 7-11:30am.
Stringtown Community Club Soup Supper at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, more details to come!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

What is your testimony? What do you say to someone when they ask you *"Why do you love God? Why are you Catholic?"* Do you have a response? Do you share your testimony? St. Paul tells us that … God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So, do not be ashamed of your testimony… Share the mercy and love of God with others - Give your testimony of Faith - Be a Witness! Tell the wonders that God has done in your heart – in your life – this is your testimony! Live a Life of Love. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Sisters in Christ will take a little "fall break". The new book and return date will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Beckett Tyler Ochs, son of Ryan Ochs and Mikyla (Cooper) Ochs, who was baptized this Sunday, October 5th. Godparents are Stephen Germack and Joselyn Kocher. ***"Lord, surround Beckett with goodness, lead him in your light each day; help him walk the path you've chosen, guide his steps along the way. Teach him, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep him from all harm and bless him always with your grace and love."***

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Family Catechesis was a great success! St. Therese (Rhonda Kuenstler) and St. John Paul II (Fr. Steven) were the Saints for the month. Our children prayed the Rosary, our adults listened to a talk on the Vocation of Marriage, and our attending and participating children received a "gift from our grant" of a beautiful outdoor Mary Statue. Thanks to all that participated and made this night possible! Let us continue to *Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints.* **"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams." ~ Pope St. John XXIII (October 11th)**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to the St. Joseph School Baseball team on an undefeated season, earning the titles of both Conference and Regional Champions! Good luck at state, players and coaches!
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SIGN UP FOR FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Your parish has gifted you a subscription! This is Catholic streaming for everyone. There are movies, kid programming, bible studies, audiobooks and more for your family to use. To access this for your Smart TV, computer, or phone, just download the app, go to www.formed.org and enter the Zip Code: 62448, Tri-Parish Newton, IL. will appear. Just create a login and you can watch on all your devices.
The Week of October 5th Recommendations: John XXIII: The Pope of Peace, The Joyful Mysteries, and Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

ST. JOSEPH SMORGASBOARD & BAZAAR:

St. Joseph Church-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar will be held Sunday, October 19th from 11am-1:30pm. Meal includes pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, salads and desserts. Adults $12, Children 5-10 $8, Children 4 and under FREE, and take out meals $12. Bazaar includes chance stand, country store, cake stand and games including plinko, bag toss, sucker draw, and more! Raffle drawings will be held at 2pm. Come join the fun!

St. Joseph Church, Olney
Smorgasbord and Bazaar
Sunday, October 19, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Adults: $12
Children (ages 5-10): $8
Children (4 & under): Free
Take out Meals: $12

Meal includes: pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, salads and desserts.

Drive-Thru/Pick-Up Meals will be available on Elliott Street by Parish Office.

Bazaar includes: Chance Stand, Country Store, Cake Stand

Games: Plinko, Bag Toss, Sucker Draw & more.

Raffle drawings at 2:00 PM

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth… We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"

VOCATION CORNER:

"Wherever there are consecrated people…there is always joy!" These words of Pope Francis reflect my own experience since I was a child. Through my parish, I had the opportunity to meet many religious sisters from different communities, and each time I was amazed at the contagious joy of these women who had given up everything to follow Jesus. I began to recognize in my heart a desire to do the same. When I was in grade school, my parish opened a perpetual adoration chapel, and my parents and I would pray there an hour each week. In this quiet time of prayer...my desire to become a bride of Christ continued to grow. During my senior year of high school, I spent time visiting the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia. I entered the community in 2013 and made my final profession in 2020. The Lord has continued to fill my heart with his peace and joy!"
Sr. Rose Dominic Daily; Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia; Columbia Magazine Oct. 2022

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:
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AMEN APP:

A FREE Catholic Prayer, Meditation, and Scripture App. The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. Please enjoy this latest offering from the Augustine Institute. Scan QR code with your phone camera. Download and app and enjoy the content you want. Visit amenapp.org for more information.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Linda McWhirter, Deacon Jack Shuster, Brad Robards

Sunday, October 5, 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Clara Kocher✝"
Monday, October 6, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Francis & Maude Wagner✝"
Tuesday, October 7, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, October 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, October 9, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, October 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, October 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, October 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bob & Francella Dhom✝ and Holly & Mary Kocher✝" "Judy Zuber✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10/05/2025
Servers:
Kerigan Kocher
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk
Lector:
Wayne Kocher
EMHC:
Scott Seiler
Janette Kocher
Gary Zwilling
Gifts:
Chad & Jenny Hancock Family
Ushers:
Jack & Jared Weidner
Greeters:
Caden Kocher
Children's Liturgy:
Madison & Natalie

10/12/2025
Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Kathy Kocher
EMHC:
Janette Kocher
Owen Kocher
Joselyn Kocher
Gifts:
Ray & Jennifer Schneider Family
Ushers:
Brian & Mitchell Ochs
Greeters:
Ralph & Sue McIntire
Children's Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

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Sunday, October 5th, 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✝ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✝

Mon. Oct. 6	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Oct. 7	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Oct. 8	**8:05 am**	***For the Parish***
(mass at Carle to be re-scheduled)		
Thu. Oct. 9	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Oct. 10	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***
Sat. Oct. 11		
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
5:00 PM		***Albert, Clara, & RoseEllen Hahn Theodore & Irene Blank Family John Bowlby***
Sun. Oct. 12		
8:00 am		***Robert & Frances Dehner Herman & Betty Kocher Kuenstler & Rohr Families***
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

OUR OCTOBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Scherer's Repair– Jim & Karen Scherer
Missalettes: Dehlinger Farms

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 28th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $8,864 (110) Loose: $286
Retired Diocesan Priests: $70 (2)
Guatemala: $79 (3) Building Fund: $155 (6)

Let Us Pray For: Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, John Bower, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Happy Birthday to ***John Luthe*** who celebrates his 92nd birthday on October 8th!

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, October 4th – First Saturday

- Mass for ***Joe Hubbard,*** and ***Jeff, Jeanette, & Jamie Ping.***
- **Confirmation commitment mass** at all masses. All confirmandees are asked to come forward and present their commitment forms at Saturday mass or Sunday mass.

Sunday, October 5th

- Mass for ***Dudley Chamberlin, Ed Pool,*** and ***Eleanor Steber.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **10:00 am, St. Lawrence Catholic Church** will have their annual picnic in the Lawrenceville City Park. Mass will be at the park followed by lunch and bingo. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Tuesday, October 7th

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

Wednesday, October 8th

- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline.

Thursday, October 9th

- The Parish & Family Life Committee will meet in the quilting room at 5:30 PM.

Saturday & Sunday October 11-12th

- Chalices will be given out at all masses for all 2nd graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.

Sunday, October 12th

- 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!

During the month of October, we will be praying the Rosary before all of the Masses, beginning with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 4, and ending with the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 26. We will begin a half hour before each Mass. For anyone who wishes to lead the Rosary during those times, there will be a sign-up sheet by the door at the back of the church. Thank you.

St. Joseph School News

- **Congratulations to the St. Joseph School Baseball team** on an undefeated season, earning the titles of both Conference and Regional Champions! Good luck at state, players and coaches!
- Join us for our next courtyard **band concert**, Wednesday, October 8 at 2:30pm.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25

Sep. 29: Jason Steber (#234)
Sep. 30: Katrina Marshall (#012)
Oct. 1: Dan Kuenstler (#765)
Oct. 2: Mary K. Zuber (#508)
Oct. 3: Jarrett Doll (#195)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The Parish and Family Life committee** will be sponsoring a community outreach project for November, **serving meals** to our community's First Responders. Our goal is to provide meals to as many departments of the community as we have donations for including; Richland County Sheriff's department, Olney City Police, Carle Ambulance service, as well as our area fire departments. We will be delivering platters of ham and cheese, along with bread, chips, cookies, and drinks. If anyone from our Parish would like to make a monetary donation to help cover expenses or to provide a food item (little bags of chips, cookies, bread, or individual drinks) for this service project, please bring items to the St. Joseph parish office or one of our committee members. Please have donations brought in by **Sunday, November 2nd**. Thank you.
- **Tri-Parish CYM** will hold their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, October 26th at Stringtown. Serving from 8:00-10:30. More info coming soon!
- **Sisters in Christ** will take a little "fall break". The new book and return date will be shared in the upcoming weeks. "*Always be grateful for the days that the Lord gives you.*" ~ Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher (October 6th).
- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Monday, October 20th to make any changes for the **November and December** schedules. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. We still need your help, especially for ushers on Saturday evening mass. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.
- The annual **October Count** of mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend masses during the month of October.

~ SMORGASBORD NEWS ~

- The 2025 **St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar** will be held on **Sunday, October 19** in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: $12, Children (ages 5-10): $8, Children 4 & under: Free, All Takeout: $12. The meal will include pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call Casey Hemrich at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawings at 2:00 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!
- **Cash Raffle Tickets Available:** The tickets are $20 each. The prizes are: 1st prize- $5,000, 2nd prize- $1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- $500, (4) 4th prizes- $250, (10) 5th prizes; $100, (20) 6th prizes- $50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please call the parish office (618-392-8181). Tickets are available to pick up or buy in the Parish Office.
- **Quilt Raffle Tickets**: You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked 'Quilt Raffle' and place them in the collection.
- **Please review** the new workers list. If your name is not listed or if you would like to fill an empty spot, call Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268).

- **Please complete** the donation form for pies and cakes, etc. Mark what you would like to bring and return form by October 12. Monetary donations are always appreciated.
- **Country Store**: Many items are needed for the Country Store. These include canned produce, baked goods, cookies, bread, sweet rolls, etc. Call Mischelle Doll (618-843-4925) with any questions.
- **Cake Stand:** We will need many varieties of cakes! Example: Bundt cakes, cupcakes, decorated fun cakes and more. Please put these cakes on/in disposable containers.
- **Chance Stand:** Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of $35) for this stand. When possible, please secure multiple small items together to display. Drop off items by 8 AM on Smorgasbord Day or earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610).

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- Thursday, Oct. 9: 3rd Degree meeting, 7 PM.
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Family Catechesis

All Saints Family Rosary and Mass at Holy Cross
Come dressed as your favorite Saint!

October 30, 2025
Rosary 6:00 PM
Mass 6:30 PM
Trunk or Treat afterwards!

We are working on a Tri-Parish directory.
Please sign up for photo days at weekend masses. As we fill days, more days will be available. An online option will be available soon as well. Thank you for your patience.

Parent Survey
As a parish, we are looking for ways to help our **youngest parishioners** to become more involved within the parish by participating at weekend masses. This survey will help us find some ideas and solutions as to what changes could be made to help increase mass attendance to fulfill our school/parish covenants. **Please fill out** all sections that would benefit the children in your family. The Google Form survey can be found by scanning the QR code. Thank you!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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 8:05 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 or replay anytime.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 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
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Kristen Eagleson……...Financial Manager

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)*.

October 5, 2025

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

Saturday, October 4, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish", 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Floyd Carter✝" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 5, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Wayne Stark✝" "Henry & Henrietta Deimel✝"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**;** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

Tuesday, October 7, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, October 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, October 9, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Leo & Mary Iffert & Deceased Family✝"

Friday, October 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, October 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Wayne Kessler✝", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 12, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Edwin & Luella Will✝" "LeRoy Schackmann✝"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**;** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

October Bulletins:
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Judy & Carl Kessler Family
October Missalettes:
For the Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
Have questions or if interested in scheduling, contact Ashley**. Price to sponsor for a month is $100 for bulletins and $100 for missalettes.**

OCTOBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Marge Kessler	Eric & Kristi
Marty Klingler	Sandschafer
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Kristy Weidner	Kim Smithenry
Celia Rudolphi	Diane Schackmann
Bev Weidner	Phyllis Eggers
Emma Tinder	Paul Kocher
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Kristi Sandschafer

Money Counters:
Keith & Pam Blank

Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Michael Kuenstler	Paul Lybarger
Daniel Baker	Ben Niebrugge
James Rudolphi	Aaron Eggers
Hank Weidner	Danny Quinn

Mass Servers:
Sat. October 3 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Ian Kessler
Sun. October 4 – Alex Street, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower
Sat. October 11 – Mattux Hart, Ethan & Chloe Deckard
Sun. October 12 – Braden & Brooke Weidner, Ellee Bare

CRMH Communion:
October 12 – Marge Kessler, October 19 – Sheryl Klingler

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
October 5 – Melissa & Brooke Weidner,
October 12- Alli Kirts & Nora/Alex Street,
October 19 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber,
October 26 – Gracey Himelick & Nicole Kuhl

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, September 28, 2025 (72) Envelope Collection: $2,521.00
Loose: $186.00 – **Total: $2,707.00**
(3) Building: $270.00, (2) Retired Priests: $70.00, (1) Cemetery: $200.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, October 1st – **$281,198.57** has been received from 400 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Lee Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Tonya Hall, Deacon Jack Shuster, Virginia Blank, Chase Zumbahlen

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, October 4 – Confirmation Commitment Weekend, All Parishes!
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Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12 – 2nd Graders will receive Blessing Cups at ALL Masses.
Sunday, October 12 – High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:30pm.
Sunday, October 19 – Young Adults Gathering, 6pm. Details coming soon!
Saturday, October 25 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, Following 5pm Mass.
Sunday, October 26 – Tri-Parish CYM Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 8-10:30am.
High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Tuesday, October 28 – Young Adults Bible & Brews at HVs. Social 6:30pm, Talk at 7pm – More details to come.
Wednesday, October 29th – CYM Halloween Pickleball Tourney at the Drey, 6;30pm. Contact Tyler to register.
Thursday, October 30 – All Saints Rosary 6pm, Mass 6:30pm, Trunk or Treat to Follow at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS:
Family Catechesis was a great success! St. Therese (Rhonda Kuenstler) and St. John Paul II (Fr. Steven) were the Saints for the month. Our children prayed the Rosary, our adults listened to a talk on the Vocation of Marriage, and our attending and participating children received a "gift from our grant" of a beautiful outdoor Mary Statue. Thanks to all that participated and made this night possible! Let us continue to *Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints.* **"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams." ~ Pope St. John XXIII (October 11th)**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
What is your testimony? What do you say to someone when they ask you "*Why do you love God? Why are you Catholic?"* Do you have a response? Do you share your testimony? St. Paul tells us that … God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So, do not be ashamed of your testimony… Share the mercy and love of God with others - Give your testimony of Faith - Be a Witness! Tell the wonders that God has done in your heart – in your life – this is your testimony! Live a Life of Love. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

MC4C MARRIED CATHOLICS FOR CHRIST:
After Mass this Saturday, October 4th. BBQ will be provided as well as table service. Please bring a

finger food or dessert to share, a lawn chair, and your own drink.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Silas Warfel, son of Chris and Misty (Wilson) Warfel, who was baptized Monday, September 1 by Fr. Marvin Volk. Godparents are Grace & Stella Warfel. ***"Lord, surround Silas with goodness, lead him in your light each day; help him walk the path you've chosen, guide his steps along the way. Teach him, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep him from all harm and bless him always with your grace and love."***

CONGRATULATIONS DEREK & ADDIE:

On behalf of your parish family, we extend congratulations to Addie Hemrich & Derek Ochs as they were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Holy Cross-Wendelin. ***Your wedding will be remembered as the beginning of many joyous moments in your life together, the moment two people's lives become one; where love between a man and a woman is joined, by the Holy Church, in Sacrament. Almighty Father, we ask you to bless Derek & Addie with love, happiness and guidance during their married life. Amen!***

ADVENT EVENSONG:

Advent Evensong is making a return to Holy Cross! If anyone is interesting in being a klopfen singer, both past or new members, contact Clinton Rauch at (618)-843-2694.

CYM PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Tri-Parish CYM will hold their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, October 26th at Stringtown. Serving from 8-10:30am. More info coming soon!

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in vestibule if you are interested in donating a cake/craft item. You can also contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office to sign up.

SIGN UP FOR FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

To access this for your Smart TV, computer, or phone, just download the app, go to www.formed.org and enter the Zip Code: 62448, Tri-Parish Newton, IL. will appear. Just create a login and you can watch on all your devices. **The Week of October 5th Recommendations: John XXIII:** The Pope of Peace, The Joyful Mysteries, and Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 3-K to the Parish House basement before Mass for a simplified lesson on the weekend's Liturgy readings.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Sisters in Christ will take a little "fall break". The new book and return date will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to the St. Joseph School Baseball team on an undefeated season, earning the titles of both Conference and Regional Champions! Good luck at state, players and coaches! **Join us for our next courtyard band concert**, Wednesday, October 8 at 2:30pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, October 9: 3rd Degree Meeting, 7pm. **Thursday, October 16:** 4th Degree Meeting, 7pm. **Sunday, October 26:** Knight Led Rosary before Olney 8am Mass. **Saturday, October 25:** Regional 25 Kick Soccer Challenge, Linder Sports Complex, Charleston. Registration 10 to 10:30am. Participants who have completed the District 25 qualifying kicks at St. Joe School: Brooklyn VanBlaricum, Gavin Ochs, Haven Hensley, Cruz Padilla, Dane Ginder, Belle Graves, Kolysn Erwin, Lauren French, Sadie Seiler, and Julian Seaman.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth… We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"

VOCATION CORNER:

"Wherever there are consecrated people…there is always joy!" These words of Pope Francis reflect my own experience since I was a child. Through my parish, I had the opportunity to meet many religious sisters from different communities, and each time I was amazed at the contagious joy of these women who had given up everything to follow Jesus. I began to recognize in my heart a desire to do the same. When I was in grade school, my parish opened a perpetual adoration chapel, and my parents and I would pray there an hour each week. In this quiet time of prayer...my desire to become a bride of Christ continued to grow. During my senior year of high school, I spent time visiting the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia. I entered the community in 2013 and made my final profession in 2020. The Lord has continued to fill my heart with his peace and joy!"Sr. Rose Dominic Daily; Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia; Columbia Magazine Oct. 2022

ST. ISIDORE - ISLAND GROVE FALL WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE BREAKFAST:

This Sunday, October 5th! Free will donation, serving 7:30am-12pm. More info on bulletin board in vestibule.

Sunday, October 5, 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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