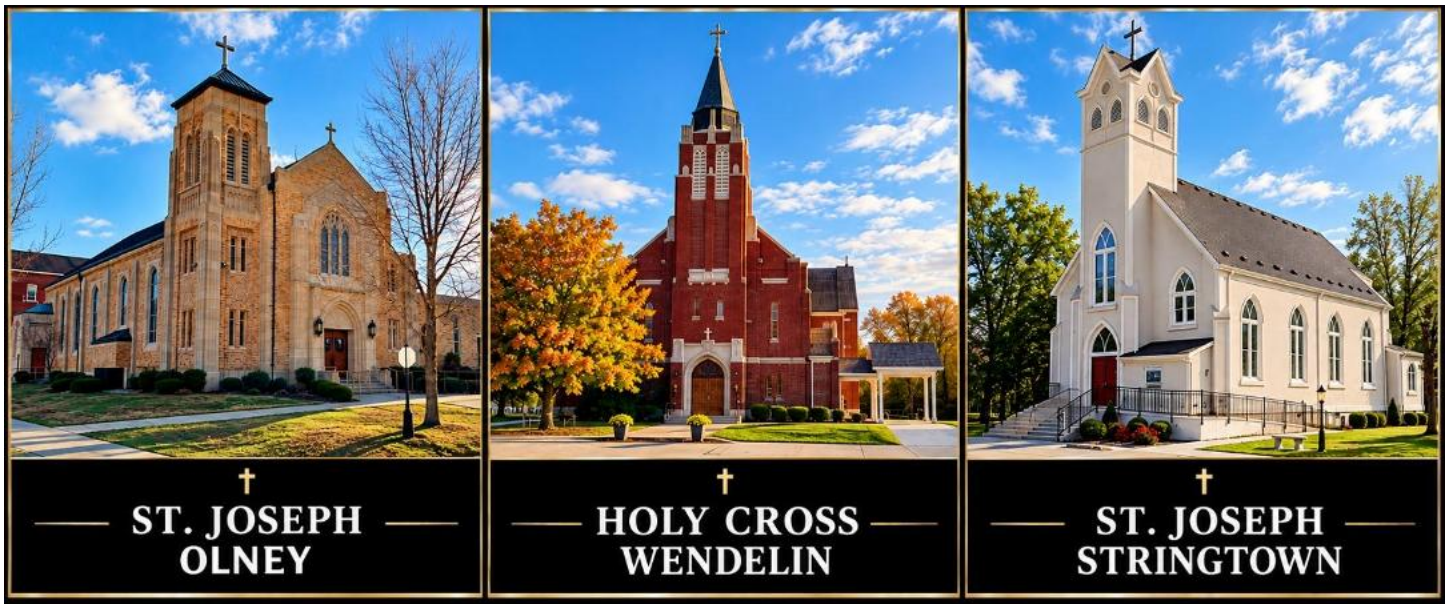
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TRI PARISH NEWS

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ST. JOSEPH OLNEY

MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday | 8:00 am
Saturday | 5:00 pm
Sunday | 8:00 am



HOLY CROSS WENDELIN

MASS TIMES

Thursday | 6:30 pm
Saturday | 4:00 pm
Sunday | 10:00 am



ST. JOSEPH STRINGTOWN

MASS TIMES

Monday | 6:30 pm
Sunday | 8:00 am



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.

As Catholics, we are blessed with many opportunities throughout the liturgical year to honor God and His saints and to pray for the faithful departed. Two particularly meaningful days are All Saints Day and All Souls Day, falling on November 1st and 2nd, respectively, each year.

All Saints Day is dedicated to honoring all of the saints in heaven, both the canonized and those whose holiness is known only to God. The day also serves as a powerful reminder of the communion of saints, in which all of the faithful, both those in heaven and those on earth, are spiritually connected.

All Souls Day is a day set aside to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those who are in purgatory, undergoing purification before entering the fullness of heaven. It is an act of mercy and hope, trusting in God's promise of eternal life. While we hope and believe that our loved ones are in heaven, we also recognize that many may still be on their journey toward the pearly gates. Our prayers, sacrifices, and Masses offered on this day assist those souls in their journey toward the fullness of God's presence.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Prayer Card



Prayer to the Saints

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints, whose lives give us living examples, reminding us to always seek You.

Please help us follow their footsteps, and inspire us, by their faith and courage, to live virtuous lives so that we too may one day join them in heaven.

Amen.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Monday, Nov. 2nd - All Souls' Day
- 10 am, Mass at Lawerenceville.
- 1 pm, Rosary at the St. Joseph, Olney Cemetery.
- 6:30 pm, Mass at Stringtown followed by cemetery blessing.

Wednesday, November 4th
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross: Our Focus this month will be Liturgy of the Word with Explanatory Mass.

Saturday, November 7th
- 9 am, CYM breakfast at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 8th
- 9 am, donut and coffee social after the 8 am mass in Olney.
- 5:30 pm, Youth Group meets at Holy Cross.

Wednesday, Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day
- No morning mass at Olney
- No School
- 1:30 pm, Mass at Carle 3rd Floor
- 6:30 pm, CYM small group bible study at Holy Cross.
- To our Veterans: Thank you for your sacrifices and hard work in service to our country.



Friday, November 13th
- 7 pm, K of C memorial mass at Olney for all deceased members of the Knights in 2026.

Saturday & Sunday Nov. 14-15
- At all masses and at all the parishes, 3rd grade students may receive a candle as a part of the Kitchen Table Catechesis.
- After masses EMHC training.

Sunday, November 15th
- 8 am, CYM mass and meeting at Stringtown.
- Deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please drop off at the Olney parish office before this date.

Wednesday, November 18th
- 9 am, EMHC training after the school mass in Olney.

Friday, November 20th
- 6:30 pm, CYM movie night at Holy Cross.

Sunday, November 22nd
- 5:30 pm, Youth Group at Holy Cross with worship at 7 pm.

Tuesday, November 24th
- 8:05 am, school mass.

Wednesday, November 25th
- No morning mass at Olney.
- Possible evening masses TBD

Thursday, Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving
- Possible morning masses TBD
- ***May your table be surrounded by loved ones and your heart filled with gratitude this Thanksgiving.***



Friday, November 27th
- No school
- Parish office closed in Olney.

Sunday, November 29th

Family Catechesis "families" will 'gift' our parish families with a token of love and prayers as a sign of remembrance for their loved one who died this past year. The Holiday season can be challenging and this act of hospitality hopefully will touch hearts and homes with extra love. The Gift of Love will be given on the First Sunday of Advent November 29th St. Joseph Olney & St. Joseph Stringtown 8:00 am, and Holy Cross Wendelin 10:00 am.



Welcome.
There is More to Life

Changing Lives. Transforming Parishes.

Most of the people you see every day feel like something is missing in their lives. Welcome is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is—and what to do about it. It's run by parishioners for parishioners, and it's re-energizing parishes across the country.

The Giving Teams are in formation with a Women's and a Men's Team.

The Weekend Retreat will be:
March 6 & 7 , 2027 Women's Retreat
March 20 & 21, 2027 Men's Retreat

Keep the Giving Team in your prayers during the upcoming months.

St. Joseph School News

Monday, November 2- Rosary in cemetery at 1pm
Tuesday, November 10- School Mass (due to no school on Wednesday)
Wednesday, November 11- No School, Happy Veterans Day!
Saturday and Sunday, November 14-15- 3rd graders receive blessed candles.
Monday, November 16- Enrollment Committee and School Advisory Council Meeting.
Tuesday, November 17- Caro (Grassroots Performance) grades K-5.
Thursday, November 19- 1:50 Dismissal.
Tuesday, November 24- School Mass (due to no school on Wednesday), 1:50 Release.
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 25-27- No School, Happy Thanksgiving.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen." — Eternal Rest Prayer

Blessed Candles

November 14-15

for 3rd graders

Your child will be called forward at the end of Mass.



Candle Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You are the Light of the world:
We praise You, and ask You to guide our steps each day.
Help us to love You and serve You faithfully,
and to carry our daily cross with You. Amen.

DONUTS & COFFEE

Sunday
November 8th
after 8:00 am mass

Enjoy donuts and coffee on
Sunday morning with your
families and fellow parishioners



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St. Joseph, Olney
Multipurpose Room

ADVENT IN WENDELIN
EVENSONG

NOVEMBER 29, 2026
4:00 P.M.

TRADITION OF HOLY CROSS WENDELIN



A Candlelight Service with Scripture and Organ Music,
with English Advent Hymns, and Austrian Christmas Music
sung in German by the Kloepfen Singers

IN MEMORY OF KYLIE RAUCH

ORGANIST: LUCAS RAUCH
MUSIC DIRECTOR: CLINTON RAUCH

FESTIVITIES OF FOOD AND DESSERTS AFTERWARDS IN PARISH CENTER

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

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

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues

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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- 1st Grade Red Plate
October VIRTUE: Peace	Wednesday 7, Sacrifice of Praise Adoration, Presentation & Activity in Church Sat/Sun ~10/11- 2nd 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- 3rd 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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An offering from the Augustine Institute

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 Teresas

TUESDAY
ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN
10:00AM

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

Sisters in Christ
The Devil in the Castle

WEDNESDAY
HOLY CROSS
5:30 PM

Brother's in Christ
Into the Breach

THURSDAY
HOLY CROSS
7:00PM

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