

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **Bulletins**

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**Collection Total for January 18, 2026**

Envelopes: \$950.00 (25)  
Loose: \$61.00  
**Total: \$1,011.00**

**Building Fund: \$311.00 (4)**

**First Offering: \$10.00 (2)**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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**January Bulletins: *For the Parish***

**January Missalettes: *In Memory of Norman Kocher***

**\*\*Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, January 24** – Kick Off Masses for Catholic Schools Week at All Masses.

Vocations Group for Young Men, St. Joseph-Olney, MPR. This group will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Contact Fr. Levi for more info! – **Moved to January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm due to weather.**  
Middle School Youth Group, St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, January 25** – **Bingo Sponsored by Family Life IS CANCELLED!**

**Monday, January 26** – American Red Cross Blood Drive, Holy Cross Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.  
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

**Tuesday, January 27** – **ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**  
**Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.  
Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.  
OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm – Topic: Christian Prayer

**Wednesday, January 28** – Sister's in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

**Thursday, January 29** – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.  
Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

**Friday, January 30** – Euchre at Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.

**Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1** – **Candlemas at ALL Masses. Bring candles to Mass to be blessed.**

**Saturday, February 7** – Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) Country Cozy Dinner and Dance, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5-10pm.

**MINISTER LIST TYPO:**

Please note if you are scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> on the Minister's List it is a typo, as February 25<sup>th</sup> does not fall on a Sunday. Just skip over that week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**BAPTISM:**

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

**PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:**

If you weren't able to get your photo taken, you can drop a photo by the parish office, send to our parish email [stjoestringtown@hotmail.com](mailto:stjoestringtown@hotmail.com), or text to Ashley.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 6:30am-12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your January 2nd appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment.  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjaWPOavxleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZJYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOjpTW Rwm56nqeklovP2Rg0wskVK-KjO5Zfywa-zM aem LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A>

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!*

That light is God who Loves with an Unfathomable Love. That Love is offered to us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Do you see this great light of Love? Are you one of the people leaving the darkness of sin? When this Holy Love truly lives within there is no darkness - only life! This great light is leading us to a Life of Peace, Joy, and unfathomable Love! Bask in the Love of God and be the people who walked out of darkness and live in the Eternal Light! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**MC4C COUNTRY COZY DINNER & DANCE:**

Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) & Engaged Couples Country Cozy Dinner and Dance will be held at Holy Cross Parish Center on February 7, 2026 from 5-10pm. Wear your flannel and come to celebrate the comfort and warmth of marriage. Registration is \$40 per couple. Please return money and registration slip in the collection by January 31. Childcare will be provided in the Parish House basement by the CYM. Finger foods will be offered for the children. Childcare will be \$10 per family if utilizing this service. If you have questions, please contact Sandi Kessler at (618)-676-5080.

**BINGO: CANCELLED FOR THIS SUNDAY!**

Bingo sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life Committee will be held Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided by donation.

**EUCHRE:**

Euchre is returning to Holy Cross on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Fee to play is \$3.00. Please bring correct change if playing! Free popcorn will be available and soda and water available for purchase. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages. Call Martha or Herb

Deimel if you have any questions at (217)-663-8275 or (217)-663-8278.

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

Join us for a variety of Catholic Schools Week activities! We are grateful for the support of our three parishes as we provide a faith-based education for our collective children.

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- Friday, January 30: Living Rosary presented by 1st and 2nd grades 8:45 am in the church

Wednesday, January 28: Early Dismissal 1:50 pm

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- Saturday, February 7th - Boosters Pasta Dinner featuring Joe's famous sauce/PTO Carnival
- Saturday, March 14th - Bingo Bash/Auction Night at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center (very few tables left)

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Monday, February 2:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition. St. Joseph School grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> PE Classes. **Monday, February 9:** Olney Council Spelling Bee, SJS grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, a fun 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Recommendations:** St. Thomas Aquinas – Catholic

Saints, The Story of St. John Bosco, Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”

**ST. THOMAS ANNUAL WINE TASTING:**

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at Newton Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:30pm. Enjoy a delightful night featuring wines from around the world and specialty beers along with a delicious spread of appetizers and hors d’oeuvres. Door prizes and live auction!

**ANNUAL CASH BINGO – STE. MARIE:**

Join us for our annual cash bingo night on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Ste. Marie. \$1.00 per card for a series of 3 games. \$1.00 for each blackout game. Refreshments will be available. We will be selling pulled pork sandwiches and drinks. Free popcorn available.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:**

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com). Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue

Huett Asbeck Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

**KING’S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:**


King’s House at the Shrine has a Ladies’ Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If any of you would like to join, please contact King’s House at (618)-397-0584 to register. They are requiring a deposit of \$50 to hold your room. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.

**THE MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:**

**The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8.** Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click [SUBSCRIBE](#) or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**



**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

 Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, January 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ann Ochst†” “Bill & Catherine Zwilling† and Nadine Zwilling†”**  
**Monday, January 26, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Thursday, January 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**  
**Friday, January 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Sunday, February 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Joseph Schneider† and George Ochst†” “The Louis & Lelia Volk Family”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**01/25/2026**  
**Servers:**  
St. Joseph School

**Lector:**  
St. Joseph School  
**EMHC:**  
Gary Kocher  
Beth Kocher  
Ian Kocher  
**Gifts:**  
St. Joseph School

**Ushers:**  
James Schneider  
Ian Kocher  
**Greeters:**  
Doug & Lora Kocher Family  
**Children’s Liturgy:**  
Jenny & Kylie

**02/01/2026**  
**Servers:**  
Kaitlyn Ginder  
Haley Ginder  
Nathaniel Zwilling  
**Lector:**  
Natalie Zwilling  
**EMHC:**  
Gary Zwilling  
Jenny Hancock  
Janette Kocher  
**Gifts:**  
Chad & Jenny Hancock Family  
**Ushers:**  
Byron Zwilling  
Isaac Zwilling  
**Greeters:**  
Werner & Janette Kocher  
**Children’s Liturgy:**  
Laura, Dorothy, Delan

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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm**

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**Reverend Levi James**\_\_\_\_\_ **Parochial Vicar**  
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Sunday, January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Jan. 26	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Jan. 27	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
<b>Wed. Jan. 28</b>	<b>8:05 am</b>	<b>Alumni mass</b>
Thu. Jan. 29	6:30 pm	at Wendelin
<b>Fri. Jan. 30</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Sat. Jan. 31</b>		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
<b>5:00 PM</b>		<b>Carolyn &amp; Joe Moran</b> <b>Henry Weiler</b> <b>Maren Zuber</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>		
<b>8:00 am</b>		<b>Tony Steber</b> <b>Wilbert &amp; Virginia Blank</b> <b>Living and Deceased Gus &amp; Frances Weiler Family</b>
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dale & Mary Jane Tibbs  
Missalettes: Mike & Lori Uhl

OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$12,453 (103) Loose: \$266  
Guatemala: \$25 (1) First Offering: \$20 (4)  
Solemnity of Mary: \$50 (1) Memorials: \$30 (1)  
Cemetery: \$1,250 (2)

**Let Us Pray For:** Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Koher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

**Please Welcome** the families of **Tony & Madelyn Kuhlig, Curtis & Tiffany Will, and Zachariah & McKenzie Western** to our parish!

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Rita & Ron Damm, Eleanor Steber,** and **Deacon Jack Shuster.**
- 6:00 PM, First meeting for the Vocations Group for Young Men in the MPR. This group is for young men in high school through age 35. This group will meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. If interested please contact Fr. Levi.
- Kick off masses for Catholic Schools Week at all masses. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class preforms.
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher, Cleone & Delbert Gumble,** and **Virginia Blank.**
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Kick off masses for Catholic Schools Week at all masses.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Wendelin.
- 1-4 PM, Bingo at Holy Cross Parish Center.

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: Christian Prayer.
- 6:30 PM, Bibles and Brews at HV's in Olney.

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for the St. Joseph School Alumni for Catholic Schools Week.

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> for a special blessing. A tradition of the Presentation of the Lord.

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 PM, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.

**Thank you** all for your prayers and support during this difficult time. Those of you that visited Dad during this extended stay at CRMH 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Hospice, Fr. Levi, Fr. Steven, for the beautiful service, choir, EMHC's, servers, all the women that provided the delicious meal, and all those that served it. And a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for standing guard at the visitation. WE appreciate you all! **-Ken Ochs Family**

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

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~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **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: \$380 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@stjocoolney.com](mailto:cpotter@stjocoolney.com).

- **We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

- **Please turn in any remaining 2026 Benefit Calendars by Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. This first drawing for 2026 will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.

- **Church Directory:** Please submit photos if you were unable to schedule a date for a photo. Please send to Fr. Levi at [levi.jamessiu@gmail.com](mailto:levi.jamessiu@gmail.com) or drop off a photo to the parish office.

- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. To begin we will need volunteers to help lead the class. It is a very simple gospel lesson and the materials are all provided. Please contact Casey at the parish office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Sunday, Jan. 25:** Knight led Rosary before the 8 am mass.
- **Monday, Feb. 2nd:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition for St. Joseph School grades 3rd through 8th PE Classes.
- **Monday, Feb. 9th:** Olney Council Spelling Bee. St. Joseph School grades 6th, 7th, & 8th. Also, a Fun 5th Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes
- **The First of 6 Friday Night Fish Fry's will begin February 20<sup>th</sup>.** Fish will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Community Building in the Olney City Park. All are welcome!!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Make The Messenger a part of your New Year’s Resolution! The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois. Subscribe to The Messenger at 618-233-8670. To subscribe online go to [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

Respect Life Corner: January 25, 2026

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Sister Parish Trip to Guatemala

A group reservation has been made for 30 seats for the sister parish trip to Guatemala for June 2026. If still interested contact Shelly Sands at Missions International (618) 654-9254. Deadline to commit is February 1, 2026.

Vocation Corner: January 25, 2026

Today’s Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be “fishers of men.” He likewise enlists James and John, Zebedee’s sons, to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women, and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with “abandoning our nets” and help each other to live the vocation we’ve each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.

Decolores Weekends:

Men’s Weekend: March 12-15; Lay Leader: Gene Niemerg. Call or text him at 217-240-4365  
Women’s Weekend: March 19-22; Lay Leader: Pat Thompson. Call or text her at 217-246-2150  
Or email Effingham  
DeColores: [effdecolores@gmail.com](mailto:effdecolores@gmail.com)

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

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Annual Wine Tasting!

Please join us for an evening of fun and relaxation on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Newton Knights of Columbus for their Annual Wine Tasting event. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets are \$15. There will be door prizes and a live auction. Great tastes, great company, and a great time await!!

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ 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 8:00 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](http://stjosephchurcholney.com)

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

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 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  
Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal  
Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager  
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FAX ..... 618-395-8500

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).



January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, January 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For National Catholic Schools Week”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
Sunday, January 25, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Richard Weidner† and Elizabeth Weidner†”, “Leonard Kessler† and Ralph & Colette Bahl Family†”, “Shirley Kessler† and Bud & Mary Kathleen Slichenmyer†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Monday, January 26, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
Tuesday, January 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
Wednesday, January 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney  
Thursday, January 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Sr. Antoinette and St. Loretta Volk, P.H.J.C†”  
Friday, January 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney  
Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Jane Kocher† and Ernest & Dorothy Kuhl†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
Sunday, February 1, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Alphonse & Frieda Weishaar†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville


January Bulletins and Missalettes:  
*In Memory of All Deceased Family Members*  
by Henry & Lynn Weidner

**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**  
To schedule, contact Ashley. Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.

*JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS*	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Dave & Tammy Rudolphi	Brent & Sharon Edwards
EMHC:	EMHC:
Tammy Rudolphi	Phyllis Eggers
Emma Tinder	Diane Schackmann
Lynn Weidner	Paul Kocher
Josy Hart	Travis Weber
Lectors:	Lectors:
Victoria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
Money Counters:	
*Gerald & Diane Schackmann*	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Daniel Baker	Paul Lybarger
Michael Kuenstler	Ben Niebrugge
James Rudolphi	Brent Edwards
Tim Weidner	Aaron Eggers
Mass Servers:	
Sat. January 24 – Levi Rudolphi, Mattux Hart, Ellee Bare	
Sun. January 25 – Bailey Kistner, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	
Sat. January 31 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard	
Sun. February 1 – Ellee Bare, Cora & Stella Warfel	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
January 25 – Kaila & Bailey Kistner	

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
(75) Envelope Collection: \$2,737.00, Loose: \$174.00 – **Total: \$2,911.00**, (8) Building: \$540.00, (9) First Offering: \$50.00, (2) Cemetery: \$75.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**  
As of Wednesday, January 21 – **\$297,198.57** has been received from 412 donations – thank you!

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**  
 Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Lee

Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Dana Kuhl-Bell, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher

**PARISH EVENTS:**  
Saturday, January 24 – Kick Off Masses for Catholic Schools Week at All Masses.  
Vocations Group for Young Men, St. Joseph-Olney, MPR. – **Moved to January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm due to weather.**  
Middle School Youth Group, St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.  
Sunday, January 25 – **Bingo Sponsored by Family Life is CANCELLED.**  
High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.  
Monday, January 26 – American Red Cross Blood Drive, Holy Cross Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.  
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.  
Tuesday, January 27 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.  
Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.  
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.  
Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.  
OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm – Topic: Christian Prayer  
Bibles and Brews at HV’s in Olney, 6:30pm.  
Wednesday, January 28 – Sister’s in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.  
Thursday, January 29 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.  
Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.  
Friday, January 30 – Euchre at Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.  
Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1 – Candlemas at ALL Masses. Bring candles to Mass to be blessed.  
Wednesday, February 4 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 6:30pm.

Saturday, February 7 – Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) Country Cozy Dinner and Dance, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5-10pm.

**WALKING IN PARISH CENTER:**  
Parish Center open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11am for walking. **Please note due to forecasted weather walking may not be offered Monday.**

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!* That light is God who Loves with an Unfathomable Love. That Love is offered to us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Do you see this great light of Love? Are you one of the people leaving the darkness of sin? When this Holy Love truly lives within there is no darkness - only life! This great light is leading us to a Life of Peace, Joy, and unfathomable Love! Bask in the Love of God and be the people who walked out of darkness and live in the Eternal Light! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**  
February drawing will be held the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Half of the proceeds will go to MC4C. If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**  
Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Recommendations:** St. Thomas Aquinas – Catholic Saints, The Story of St. John Bosco, Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

**BINGO: CANCELLED FOR THIS SUNDAY!**  
Bingo sponsored by Family Life Committee will be held on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided for donation.

#### **MC4C COUNTRY COZY DINNER & DANCE:**

Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) & Engaged Couples Country Cozy Dinner and Dance will be held at Holy Cross Parish Center on February 7, 2026 from 5-10pm. Wear your flannel and come to celebrate the comfort and warmth of marriage. Registration is \$40 per couple. Please return money and registration slip in the collection by January 31. Childcare will be provided in the Parish House basement by the CYM. Finger foods will be offered for the children. Childcare will be \$10 per family if utilizing this service. If you have questions, please contact Sandi Kessler at (618)-676-5080.

#### **FISH FRY FUNDRAISER:**

Please join us on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm for the fish fry fundraiser for the Clay City Fire Protection District Ingraham Station. Meal by donation.

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

Join us for a variety of Catholic Schools Week activities! We are grateful for the support of our three parishes as we provide a faith-based education for our collective children. **Sunday, Jan. 25:** VFW Spaghetti Dinner 11-1 pm to support our 8th grade activities **~~CANCELLED!~~**, **Monday, Jan. 26:** Soup-er Bowl Food Drive begins, **Tuesday, January 27:** 5th Grade Saints Wax Museum Public Viewing 11 am – Noon, **Wednesday, January 28:** Alumni Mass (call the school office if you plan to attend and be recognized), **Friday, January 30:** Living Rosary presented by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades 8:45am in the church, **Wednesday, January 28:** Early Dismissal 1:50pm **Mark your Calendars: Saturday, February 7** - Boosters Pasta Dinner featuring Joe's famous sauce/PTO Carnival, **Saturday, March 14** - Bingo Bash/Auction Night at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center (very few tables left)

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

**Monday, February 2:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition. St. Joseph School grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> PE

Classes. **Monday, February 9:** Olney Council Spelling Bee, SJS grades 6<sup>th</sup> , 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, a fun 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes.

#### **EUCHRE:**

Euchre is returning to Holy Cross on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Fee to play is \$3.00. Please bring correct change if playing! Free popcorn will be available and soda and water available for purchase. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages. Call Martha or Herb Deimel if you have any questions at (217)-663-8275 or (217)-663-8278.

#### **CASH BINGO – STE. MARIE:**

Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at St. Mary's Parish Center. \$1.00 per game for 3 game series. \$1.00 blackout. See flyer for more info!

#### **PHOTO DIRECTORY:**

Please submit photos by sending to parish email [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com), dropping a photo by parish office, or texting to Ashley!

#### **ST. THOMAS ANNUAL WINE TASTING:**

Saturday, January 31 at Newton Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:30pm. See flyer for more info!

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be "fishers of men." He likewise enlists James and John, Zebedee's sons, to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women, and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with "abandoning our nets" and help each other to live the vocation we've each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion" <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

#### **THE MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:**

**The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8..** Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click **SUBSCRIBE** or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for **phone payment**. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

#### **KING'S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:**

King's House at the Shrine has a Ladies' Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If any of you would like to join, please contact King's House at (618)-397-0584 to register. They are requiring a deposit of \$50 to hold your room. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.



#### **Sunday, January 25, 2026** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.



**Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**  
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**Parish E-mail: [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com)**  
**Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671**  
**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.**  
**Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**  
**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**  
**Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632**  
**E-mail: [frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)**  
**\*\*Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**  
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**Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry**



# Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.  
Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

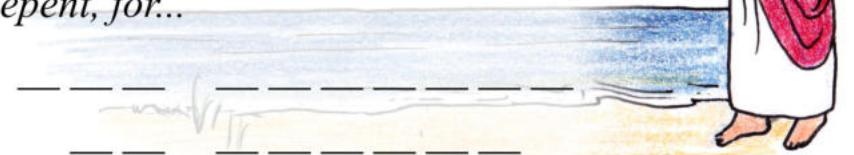
January 25th, 2026



What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?

Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...

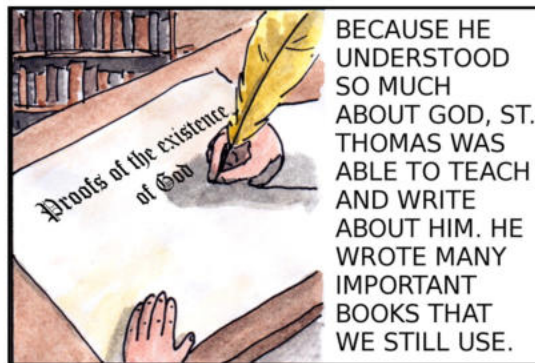
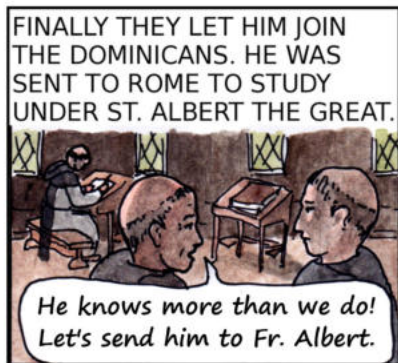
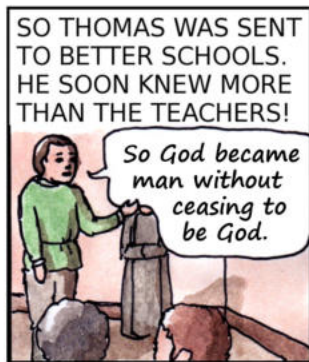
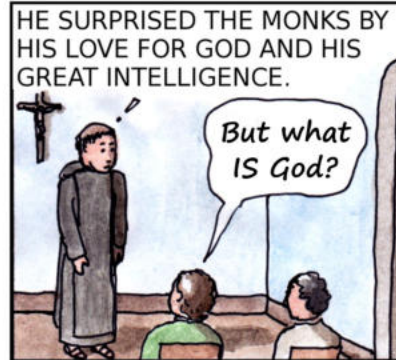
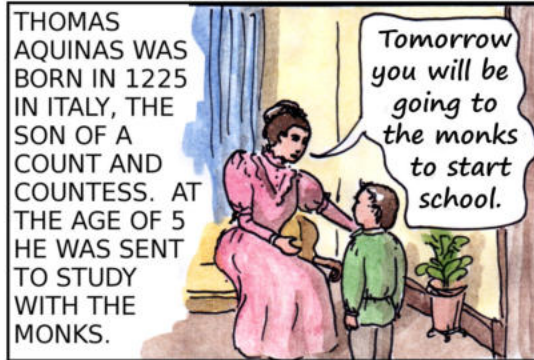


... is at hand.



# Saint Thomas Aquinas

## January 28



SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.

## Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks: A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom  
a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ has shone.

You have brought them abundant \_ \_ \_  
and great rejoicing  
as they rejoice before you as at the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the \_ \_ \_ \_ that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks  
in the prophecy from today's first reading.

OJY KOEY SSNAKDRE  
GLTHI EHSMSAD ASEVHRT