

*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 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-
Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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

Students return Wednesday, January 3rd.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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.

Thursday, January 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.

Thursday, January 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

**We wish to thank our Clergy and Deacons with an
appreciation Christmas monetary gift!**

Kudos to all the Knights of Columbus Ministry for
the Christmas Mass at 8AM, Olney-St. Joseph.

Thanks to all in our parishes and communities for
a grand total of \$3,250.67 in the Annual Tootsie
Roll Charity Drive for the Intellectually Disabled
which benefits programs in Richland County.

Thanks Scott Seiler as Program Chairman.

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for 3 people to
join our team. This is a 3 year commitment that
meets at least monthly through August, starting in
January. Preferably, we are seeking individuals
who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If
interested or have any questions, please reach out
to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch
(618-553-6839). Thank you!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

January cake/craft drawings will be held at
weekend masses on Saturday, January 6th and
Sunday, January 7th. 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.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Holy Cross-Wendelin Family Life Committee will
sponsor Euchre Tournaments at St. Joseph-
Stringtown Parish Center. Card playing will begin
on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash
prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
The dates will be Sunday, January 14th at 2:00pm,
Sunday, February 18th at 2:00pm, and Sunday,
March 10th at 3pm. Free popcorn will be available
with soda/water available for purchase. You may
bring your favorite adult beverage! All are invited
to attend!

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 or
618-624-2838 or Carol Potter
(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

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

Happy New Year!

Sunday, December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary
and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.**



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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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

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