

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **Bulletins**

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**Collection Total for March 29, 2026**

Envelopes: \$645.00 (23)

Loose: \$110.00

**Total: \$755.00**

**Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)**

**Easter Flower Memorials: \$30.00 (1)**

**CSMA: \$320.00 (2)**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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**April Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law**

**April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus**

**Council #1352**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Monday, April 6** – Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Office Closed!

Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

St. Raphael Grief Care Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 5:30pm.

**Tuesday, April 7 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

There will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney from 12-3pm.

**Thursday April 9** – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

**Saturday, April 11** – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm with refreshments following in the Parish Center.**

**Saturday, April 18** – Confirmation at Saint Joseph-Olney, 11am.

**Sunday, April 19 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following 8am Mass.**

**Wednesday, April 22** – Picnic Head of Stands Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm. Young Adults Gathering, TBD.

**Saturday, April 25** – Middle School Youth Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, April 26** – First Communion Practice at Holy Cross-Wendelin Following 10am Mass. High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

**Tuesday, April 28** – Bibles and Brews, TBD.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:**

Please submit photos if you still need to do so. You can drop photos by the Parish Office, email, or text to Ashley.

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

+ *A Joyous Easter to you and all your loves+*

Our God is not dead - The tomb is empty - He is Alive! Our Lord fought the battle of sin and death and WON! Our Lord did this for each one of us! Live a life that mirrors the love of God. Live a life that draws you deeper and deeper into the heart of the Father. Live a life of abundance in God – not the world-and be transformed by that beautiful Love -the Love that Ran Red! The tomb is empty - go forth and live this Easter different than ever before...Live Believing - Live Joyously - Live Alleluia - and Live a Life of Love! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:**



The **Grief Care Group** is a *once a month* gathering that is designed to be a place for listening, encouragement, and caring for those suffering the loss of a loved one.

Group members will find a Gospel-focused place to process grief, share memories, and receive spiritual and emotional support. Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph-Olney at 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

**HELP NEEDED:**

St. Joseph School and Parish are in need of full-time custodial/maintenance help while our staff is out on medical leave. The position starts immediately and could last through the summer.

Please contact the school office (Josy Hart, Carol Potter, or Jeffrey Rosenberg) for more information. 618-395-3081

**KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:**

Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Vic’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with an open house on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center. All are invited to celebrate but please no gifts, cards only. If you cannot attend and would like to mail a card it can be sent to 6955 N. Amber Road, Dundas, IL 62425.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reconciliation will be available. Reception in Parish Center to follow.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of April 5<sup>th</sup> – What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?, Easter and the Resurrection: The Augustine Institute Show, and The Resurrection.**

**STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING:**

The Stringtown Community Club will meet on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Stringtown Parish Center, with Raymond and Shannon Messerly speaking about the O2 Youth Center in Olney. Also, the election of officers will be held.

**2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. **Donations** - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed

and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Raffles** - Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. There are still several places available to contact if you are interested in helping. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. **All raffle donations should be turned in by this date.** If you are interested in helping contact businesses or need to setup a different time for drop off of the raffle prizes, please contact Jenny Hancock (618-843-6625)

**Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Stringtown Parish Center.

**Wine Pull** – The Wine Pull Stand is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year’s Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Thank you! **Picnic Chairs** are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance)

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

**Monday, April 6-** No School, **Tuesday, April 7-** 5th Grader Altar Server Training, National Evangelization Team retreat for grades 6-8 **Wednesday, April 8-** Grassroots performance- Jessica Fichot, **Thursday, April 9-** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Springfield

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, April 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, April 12:** State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington. Good Luck Lauren! **Thursday, April 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, April 26:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **There** were 20 participants including the Olney

Council with Quinn Trout, Raymond Zuber and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Landree Nelson at the Regional in O'Fallon! **Thank you for the outstanding support in the Olney K of C Baby Crib Charity Drive for Women, Infants and Children!** Diapers- 632, Baby wipes-1,456, blankets-14, sleeper-7, outfits-2, shoes-1, onesies-3, bibs-3, pants-3, t-shirts-7, knitted blankets & hats-2, lotions-5 and a monetary donation were collected at St. Joseph-Stringtown!

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**



“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might

save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

**VOCATION CORNER:**

Hallelujah! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! Mary Magdalen’s sorrow is soon changed to great joy! She ran to tell the Apostles and again back to the tomb. She saw and believed. This Resurrection story is what we are charged with sharing with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist, which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our daily witness to this fact is our goal - talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.

All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

We look forward to having you join us!

**2026 OCIA CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS:**

**Holy Cross**

Abby Garrison – St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Sponsor – Cheryl Garrison

**Saint Joseph-Olney**

Isaac Beal – St. Hubertus, Sponsor – Mike Ginder  
 Dalyn Brach – St. Joseph, Sponsor – Kiersen Lewis  
 Stephen Brach – St. Joseph, Sponsor – Jennifer Brach  
 Hilary Cecil – St. Teresa of Avila, Sponsor – Logan Urfer  
 Luke Hahn – Ferdinand III of Castile, Sponsor – Elliot Brazil  
 Kristen Kocher – St. Catherine of Siena, Sponsor – Paula Kocher  
 Jillian Peavler – St. Gerard Majella, Sponsor – Lona Peavler

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Linda McWhirter



**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday, April 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”**

**Monday, April 6, NO MASS**

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

**Wednesday, April 8, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

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

**Saturday, April 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, April 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ann Ochs†”, “Carolyn Zuber†”, “Joseph Schneider†”**, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**04/05/2026**

**Servers:**

Delana Sterchi  
 Grayson Sterchi  
 Gus Kocher

**Lector:**

Gary Zwilling

**EMHC:**

Harold Boehl  
 Lisa Boehl  
 Jenny Hancock

**Gifts:**

John Ochs  
 Family

**Ushers:**

Ray Schneider  
 Alex Schneider

**Greeters:**

Werner & Janette  
 Kocher

**Children’s Liturgy:**

No Children’s Liturgy!

**04/12/2026**

**Servers:**

Izzy Volk  
 Will Volk  
 Gabriel Volk

**Lector:**

Owen Kocher

**EMHC:**

Gary Kocher  
 Beth Kocher  
 Ian Kocher

**Gifts:**

Chad & Jenny  
 Hancock Family

**Ushers:**

Tom Kocher  
 Mallory Kocher

**Greeters:**

Jean Kocher  
 Family

**Children’s Liturgy:**

Anne & Kaitlin

**St. Joseph Church Stringtown, Illinois**

**P.O. Box 10, Dundas, IL 62425**



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

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Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Apr. 6 No mass  
Tue. Apr. 7 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Apr. 8 8:05 am For the Parish**  
Thu. Apr. 9 6:30 PM at Wendelin  
**Fri. Apr. 10 8:00 am For the Parish**  
**Sat. Apr. 11**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Living and Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber Carl & Una Kocher Virginia & Byron Weiler**  
**Sun. Apr. 12 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**8:00 am Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn Dale Tibbs Alex & Lorene Kessler**  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville  
2:00 PM at Stringtown (service & reconciliation)

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#### OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll  
Missalettes: A Parishioner

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#### OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$5,615 (104) Loose: \$221  
Guatemala: \$105 (5) CSMA: \$205 (pledged)  
Easter Flowers: \$410 (14) Cemetery: \$1,143 (1)  
Building Fund: \$470 (8)

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

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~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

#### Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil

- No First Saturday mass.
- Warm Welcome to our new members that are joining our parish at the Easter Vigil mass. Candidates and their sponsors are listed on the back of the bulletin.

#### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

- Happy Easter!! May the miracle of Easter bring you peace, joy, and renewal. Blessings to you and your family.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

#### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

- No school and no evening mass today.
- 5:30 PM, **Grief Care Group**, part of the St. Raphael Ministry of Care, will meet in the conference room at St. Joseph, Olney.

#### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

- No adoration at St. Joseph, Olney.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

#### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

#### Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 PM, The Parish and Family Life committee will meet in the quilting room.

#### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- 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!
- St. Joseph Stringtown Parish invites you to join us at 2:00 pm in the church as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be a Divine Mercy Message and Devotion followed by reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Reconciliation will be available. Reception to follow in the Parish Center.

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**Thank you to Bob & Sondra Geiger** for refinishing the side tables in the church foyer. It is much appreciated!

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

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~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **New Resources for Children!** Children's missalettes are now available for children ages 5-12 to pick up at the entrances. Please return after each mass. **Mass bags** are also available and recommended for ages 0-4. These bags include toys and books. These can be found in the vestibule on the book shelf. Please return the bag and its contents after each mass. These are also available to purchase in the parish office if interested.
- **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. We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office.
- **Grief Care Group**, part of the St. Raphael Ministry of Care Will meet on **Monday, April 6**, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church Olney, Room B. This will be a space dedicated to prayer, listening, conversation and faithful support for those who have suffered a loss.

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#### The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*Those who are kind to the needy honor Him*

Easter Blessings! We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope, and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus. From Bishop Elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

**Thank you** to the **50** households that have already pledged **\$8,616.25** to support this mission. God Bless

**Save the Date!**

#### **A Celebration of Women**

*Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Inspiring the Future*

Join the Parish and Family Life Committee for a beautiful evening as women of all ages come together to connect, reflect, and celebrate the generations of faith that unite us at St. Joseph Church.

📅 **Monday, May 4, 2026**

🕒 **5:30 PM**

We will begin with a special prayer service, followed by a delicious meal catered by Joe's.

✦ Planning to come with friends or family? Table reservations for groups of 8 will be available—perfect for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and friends to share the evening together.

📷 Have you attended this banquet in the past? We would love to celebrate those memories by honoring our past generations. Please consider sharing your photos to be displayed at the event. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the parish office.

🎫 Tickets will be available for purchase in April—stay tuned for more details!

All women are welcome! Come be encouraged, uplifted, and reminded of the beautiful role you play in the story of faith across generations.

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~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Thurs. April 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7 pm.
- **Sun. April 12<sup>th</sup>:** State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington. Good Luck Lauren!
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- There were 20 participants including the Olney Council with Quinn Trout, Raymond Zuber and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Landree Nelson at the Regional in O'Fallon!

- Thank you so much for the outstanding support in the Olney K of C Baby Crib Charity Drive in the Tri Parishes for the Women, Infants and Children! Diapers- 1,247, Baby Wipes- 3,950, onseies-8, sleepers-8, outfits-4, t-shirts-12, knitted blankets w/hats-2, blankets -14, shoes, lotions, pacifier's, baby bottles, bibs, socks, health care kit, stuffed animal, and a monetary check.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

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**Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing:**

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**Candidates and Sponsors**

**Isaac Beal – St. Hubertus**

Sponsor – Mike Ginder

**Dalyn Brach – St. Joseph**

Sponsor – Kiersen Lewis

**Stephen Brach – St. Joseph**

Sponsor – Jennifer Brach

**Hilary Cecil – St. Teresa of Avila**

Sponsor – Logan Urfer

**Luke Hahn – Ferdinand III of Castile**

Sponsor – Elliot Brazil

**Kristen Kocher – St. Catherine of Siena**

Sponsor – Paula Kocher

**Jillian Peavler – St. Gerard Majella**

Sponsor – Lona Peavler

**Holy Cross**

**Abby Garrison – St. Gianna Beretta Molla**

Sponsor – Cheryl Garrison

**There will be a Reception to “Welcome”** our O.C.I.A. members to the Catholic faith in the multi-purpose room immediately following the Easter Vigil. Plan to stop in and share in the Easter Joy. Thank you to all who helped prepare this special evening.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- Mar. 30: Bob & Stephanie Ochs (#008)
- Mar. 31: Drew Camfield (#110)
- April 1: Allie Amerman (#124)
- April 2: John & Cora Weber (#065)
- April 3: Kirk Wall (#809)
- April 5: \$500 Mitchell & Emily Kocher (#611)**

**St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
 Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

*Easter Sunday*



**~ St. Joseph Church ~**

Website .....[www.stjosephchurcholney.com](http://www.stjosephchurcholney.com)

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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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**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*).

**April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**† Eucharistic Celebrations †**

**Saturday, April 4,** 7:30pm at St. Joseph-Olney and Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday, 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

**Monday, April 6, NO MASS**

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

**Wednesday, April 8,** 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”**

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

**Saturday, April 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Dana (Kuhl) Bell†” “Eva Herdes†”**

**“Mike & Eloise Kocher†”** and 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, April 12, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Gilbert Volk† and Edwin & Luella Will†” “Jerry Kessler & Deceased Kessler Family†”**, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown,

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

**April Bulletins and Missalettes:  
For Harold Rauch & Family**

**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, March 29, 2026**

(74) Envelope Collection: \$3,427.00, Loose: \$355.00 – **Total: \$3,782.00**, (5) Building: \$510.00, (1) Cemetery: \$50.00, (3) Easter Flower Memorials: \$170.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**

As of Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – \$298,898.57 has been received from 418 donations – thank you!

**\*APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS\***

**SATURDAY                      SUNDAY**

**Open/Lock/Greet:**                      **Open/Lock/Greet:**  
Rusty & Tonya Hall                      Jason Warfel

**EMHC:**    **EMHC:**  
Lynn Weidner                                      Phyllis Eggers

Kristy Weidner                                      Martha Deimel

Jeannie Nix    Diane Schackmann

Kathy Kuenstler                                      Travis Weber

**Lectors:**    **Lectors:**  
Victoria Rudolphi                                      Melissa Weidner

**Money Counters:**  
\*Kelly & Sherry Geier\*

**Ushers:**    **Ushers:**  
Daniel Baker    Kelly Geier

Carl Weidner    Paul Lybarger

Hank Weidner    Shad Street

Rusty Hall    Ben Street

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday, April 5** – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

**Sunday, April 6** – Alex Street, Cora & Stella Warfel

**Saturday, April 11** – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi

**Sunday, April 12** – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:**

**April 5** – No Children’s Liturgy!

**April 12** – Marcia Street & Clara Weidner

**April 19** – Gracey Himelick & Hope Zuber


**April 26** – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber

**CRMH Communion:**

**April 12** – Marge Kessler

**April 19** – Maria Rudolphi

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

 Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Monday, April 6 – Parish Office Closed!**

**Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.**

St. Raphael Grief Care Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 5:30pm.

**Tuesday, April 7** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

There will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney from 12-3pm.

**Thursday April 9 – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.**

**Saturday, April 11** – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, April 12** – Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 2pm with refreshments following in the Parish Center.

**Saturday, April 18** – Confirmation at Saint Joseph-Olney, 11am.

**Sunday, April 19** – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following 8am Mass.

**Wednesday, April 22** – Picnic Head of Stands Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.

Young Adults Gathering, TBD.

**Saturday, April 25** – Middle School Youth Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

**Sunday, April 26** – **First Communion Practice at Holy Cross-Wendelin Following 10am Mass.**

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

**Tuesday, April 28** – Bibles and Brews, TBD.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations and welcome to Holy Cross member, Abby Garrison, who was welcomed into full communion into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Joseph-Olney on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

**KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:**

Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Vic’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with

an open house on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center. All are invited to celebrate but please no gifts, cards only. If you cannot attend and would like to mail a card it can be sent to 6955 N. Amber Road, Dundas, IL 62425.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP:**

Mowing season is quickly approaching! Please remove all blankets, flowers, etc. from the ground by THIS **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please note the ground must be clear through our mowing season (November). Thank you!

**CYM QUILT RAFFLE:**

CYM will be selling quilt raffle tickets to support their mission trip. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am Mass. The quilt was donated Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman.

**PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING:**

This meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Parish House.

**FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:**

Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church. They are located in the vestibule/gathering space.

**ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:**

We are seeking parishioners who would reach out, as an arm of the church, to fellow parishioners (including caregivers) including their own family members and neighbors. The church will provide support by providing materials, advice, and ride-along first visits when needed to break the ice. Our group will meet periodically to answer questions and gather input so we provide comfort and support that makes an impact. The next meeting will be held after Easter. Please contact Sherry Geier or Caroline Trimble if you have any questions or require further information. The **Grief Care Group** is a *once a month* gathering that is designed to be a place for listening, encouragement, and

caring for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph Olney at 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

+ *A Joyous Easter to you and all your loves+*  
Our God is not dead - The tomb is empty - He is Alive! Our Lord fought the battle of sin and death and WON! Our Lord did this for each one of us! Live a life that mirrors the love of God. Live a life that draws you deeper and deeper into the heart of the Father. Live a life of abundance in God – not the world-and be transformed by that beautiful Love -the Love that Ran Red! The tomb is empty - go forth and live this Easter different than ever before...Live Believing - Live Joyously - Live Alleluia - and Live a Life of Love! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish invites you to join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the church as we celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy. We will start with an introduction about The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reconciliation will be available. Reception in Parish Center to follow.

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

**Monday, April 6** - No School, **Tuesday, April 7**- 5th Grader Altar Server Training, National Evangelization Team retreat for grades 6-8, **Wednesday, April 8** - Grassroots performance- Jessica Fichot , **Thursday, April 9** - 7th and 8th grade field trip to Springfield

#### **HELP NEEDED:**

St. Joseph School and Parish are in need of full-time custodial/maintenance help while our staff is

out on medical leave. The position starts immediately and could last through the summer. Please contact the school office (Josy Hart, Carol Potter, or Jeffrey Rosenberg) for more information. 618-395-3081

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

**Thursday, April 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.  
**Sunday, April 12:** State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington. Good Luck Lauren! **Thursday, April 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, April 26:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **There** were 20 participants including the Olney Council with Quinn Trout, Raymond Zuber and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Landree Nelson at the Regional in O'Fallon!

#### **CRS RICE BOWLS:**

Please remember to return all filled rice bowls. Thank you for your support!

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



“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

Hallelujah! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! Mary Magdalen’s sorrow is soon changed to great joy! She ran to tell the Apostles and again back to the tomb. She saw and believed. This Resurrection story is what we are charged with sharing with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we

commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist, which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our daily witness to this fact is our goal - talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.

#### **2026 OCIA CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS:**

##### **Holy Cross**

Abby Garrison – St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Sponsor – Cheryl Garrison

##### **Saint Joseph-Olney**

Isaac Beal – St. Hubertus, Sponsor – Mike Ginder  
Dalyn Brach – St. Joseph, Sponsor – Kiersen Lewis  
Stephen Brach – St. Joseph, Sponsor – Jennifer Brach  
Hilary Cecil – St. Teresa of Avila, Sponsor – Logan Urfer  
Luke Hahn – Ferdinand III of Castile, Sponsor – Elliot Brazil  
Kristen Kocher – St. Catherine of Siena, Sponsor – Paula Kocher  
Jillian Peavler – St. Gerard Majella, Sponsor – Lona Peavler

#### **SPRING FARM BLESSING:**

All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel.  
"Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed.  
You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!



#### **Sunday, April 5, 2026** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the** **Lord**

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.



#### **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**

Fr. Levi: 618-240-3638, [levi.jamessiu@gmail.com](mailto:levi.jamessiu@gmail.com)

**\*\*Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**

Caroline: 618-263-7106, [ctrimblePA@gmail.com](mailto:ctrimblePA@gmail.com)

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**\*\*Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**

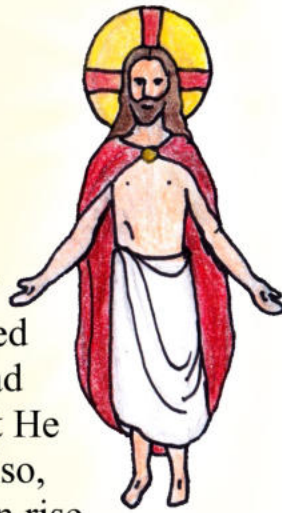
Tyler: 507-530-2911; [ttimm@stjoeolney.com](mailto:ttimm@stjoeolney.com)

**Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral**

**Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smitheny**

# Alleluia!

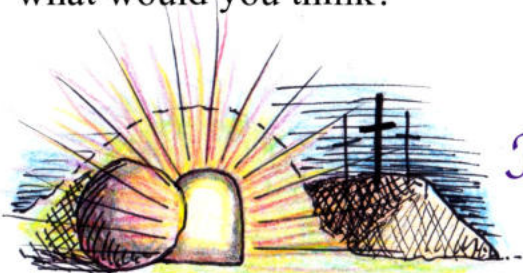
Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

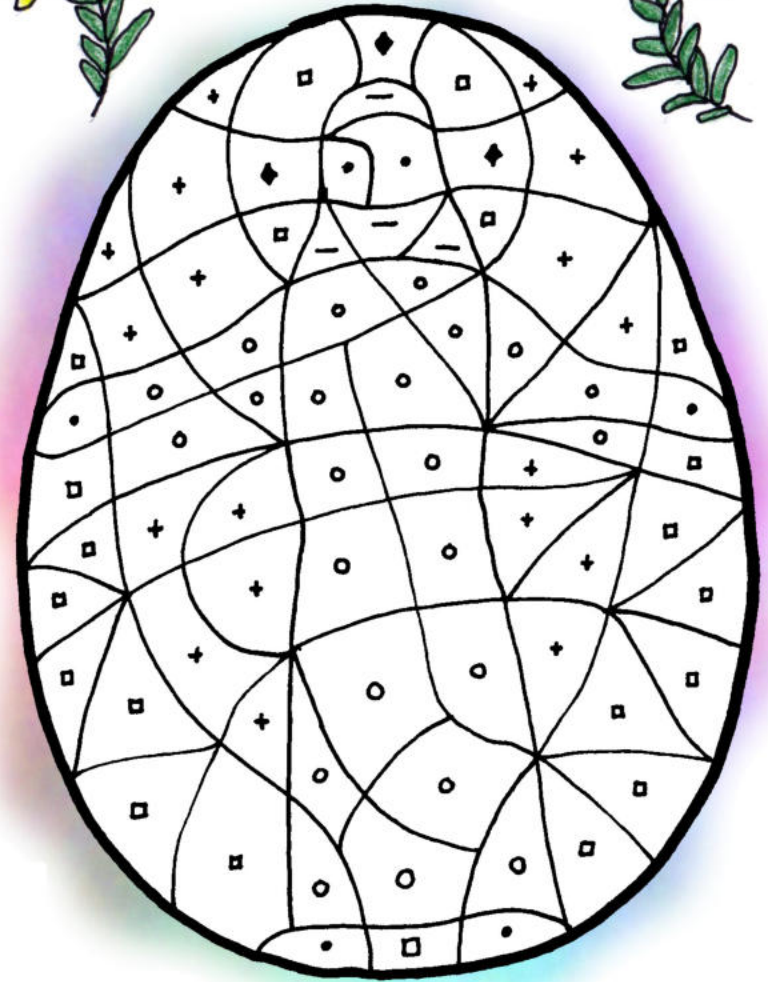
*Today is the day  
for rejoicing!*  
**JESUS IS ALIVE!**



Answers to Easter True or False:  
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true  
6. true 7. false

# The Kids' Bulletin

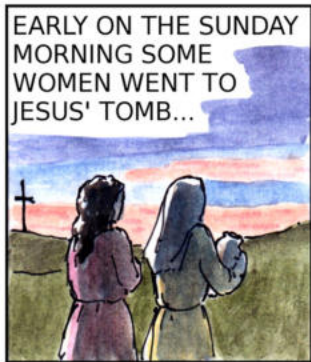
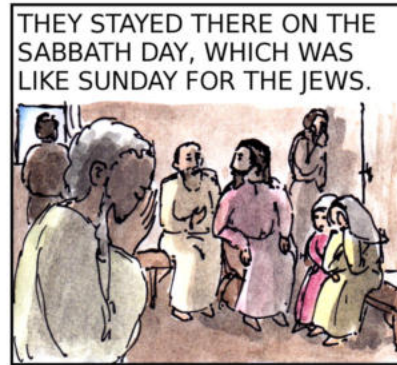
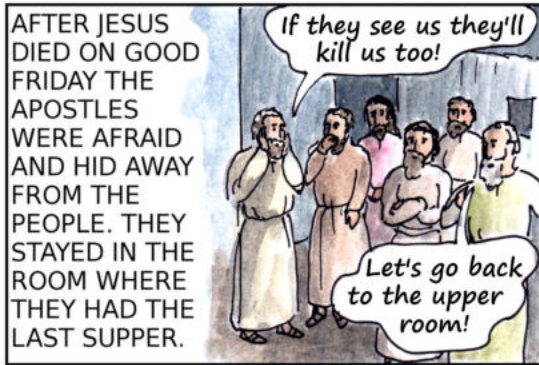
*Easter Sunday  
April 5th, 2026*



*The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!*

- ◆ Red
- + Purple
- Skin-colour
- Yellow
- Brown
- White

# Easter Sunday



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

# Easter: True or False?

*How well do you know the Easter Story?  
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.*

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

