

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

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**St. Joseph-Stringtown Ministries January-March 2026**

<b>JANUARY</b>		<b>FEBRUARY</b>		<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Servers</b>		<b>Servers</b>		<b>Servers</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Izzy, Will, & Gabriel Volk	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Kaitlyn & Haley Ginder, Nathaniel Zwilling	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Izzy, Will, & Gabriel Volk
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	<b>CYM</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Amity Zuber, Julian Seaman, Gus Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Kaitlyn & Haley Ginder, Julian Seaman
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	Kerigan Kocher, Levi Weidner, Brady Ochs	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Delana & Grayson Sterchi, Gavin Kuenstler	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	Amity Zuber, Emmitt Kocher, Gus Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	<b>St. Joseph School</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	Don Seiler, Sadie Seiler, Hallie Ochs	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	Roland & Silas Sager, Hallie Ochs
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	Roland & Silas Sager, Brady Ochs	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Kerigan Kocher, Don Seiler, Nathaniel Zwilling
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Owen Kocher	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Natalie Zwilling	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Joselyn Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	<b>CYM</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Hank Ginder	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Kathy Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	Wayne Kocher	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Laura Sterchi	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	Beth Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	<b>St. Joseph School</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	Anita Seiler	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	Kylie Kocher
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	Gary Zwilling	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Shelly Seaman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Scott Seiler, Janette Kocher, Gary Zwilling	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Gary Zwilling, Jenny Hancock, Janette Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Harold & Lisa Boehl, Joselyn Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	Jenny Hancock, Joselyn Kocher, Owen Kocher	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Harold & Lisa Boehl, Jamie Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Jenny Hancock, Owen Kocher, Gary Zwilling
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	Gary, Beth, & Ian Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	Gary, Beth, & Ian Kocher	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	Scott Seiler, Joselyn Kocher, Jamie Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	Elmer, Mary, & John Ochs
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	Jamie Kocher, Janette Kocher, Owen Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Gary Zwilling, Scott Seiler, Janette Kocher
<b>Gifts</b>		<b>Gifts</b>		<b>Gifts</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Ellen Steber Family	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Chad & Jenny Hancock Family	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Gary & Dorothy Zwilling
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	<b>CYM</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Ellen Steber Family	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Tom Kocher Family
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	David Muhs Family	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Bill Zuber	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	Jack Weidner Family
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	<b>St. Joseph School</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	John Ochs Family	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	Elmer & Mary Ochs
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	Ray Schneider Family	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Harold & Lisa Boehl
<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Evelyn Volk, Elmer Ochs	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Byron & Isaac Zwilling	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Harold Boehl, David Muhs
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	<b>CYM</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Ray & Alex Schneider	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Tom Kocher, Elmer Ochs
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	Jack & Jared Weidner	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Austin Kuenstler, Mallory Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	Gary & Owen Kocher
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	James Schneider, Ian Kocher	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	Scott & Luke Seiler	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	Doug Kocher, James Schneider
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	Brian & Mitchell Ochs	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Werner Kocher, Carter Seaman
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Caden Kocher	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Werner & Janette Kocher	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Bill Zuber
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	<b>CYM</b>	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Jean Kocher Family	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Elmer & Mary Ochs
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	Ralph & Sue McIntire	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Sam & Mary Zwilling	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	Gary & Beth Kocher Family
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	Doug & Lora Kocher Family	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	Natalie Ochs	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	Mallory Kocher
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	Seaman Family	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Caden Kocher
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>		<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>		<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b>	
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	Joselyn & Mallory	<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	Laura, Dorothy, & Delana	<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	TBD
<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	Madison & Natalie	<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	Anita & Anna	<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	TBD
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	Donna & Natalie	<b>Sun. Feb. 15</b>	Anne & Kaitlin	<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	TBD
<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	Jenny & Kylie	<b>Sun. Feb. 22</b>	Joselyn & Mallory	<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	TBD
		<b>Sun. Feb 25</b>	TBD	<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	TBD

**\*Please Find A Substitute If You Cannot Attend As Scheduled\***

# TRI PARISH NEWS

## ST. JOSEPH, OLNEY

### Mass times

Wed. & Fri 8:00 am  
Sat. 5:00 pm  
Sun. 8:00 am

## HOLY CROSS, WENDELIN

### Mass times

Thurs. 6:30 pm  
Sat. 4:00 pm  
Sun. 10:00 am

## ST. JOSEPH, STRINGTOWN

### Mass times

Mon. 6:30 pm  
Sun. 8:00 am



ST. JOSEPH  
OLNEY



HOLY CROSS  
WENDELIN



ST. JOSEPH  
STRINGTOWN

## AROUND OUR PARISHES

### Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 pm, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross. Twelfth Nigh Epiphany Dinner. Join us for a family dinner, CYM saint skit, and special guests.

### Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- Donuts after 8am mass at Olney.

### Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No school

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

- 4:00 pm, Catholic Schools Week Kickoff mass at Holy Cross.
- 5:00 pm, Catholic Schools Week Kickoff mass at St. Joseph, Olney.

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

- 8:00 am, Catholic Schools Week Kickoff mass at St. Joseph, Stringtown
- 11 am - 1 pm, VFW Pasta Dinner in Olney.

### Catholic Schools Week Activities

- **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Soup-er Bowl Food Drive and Saving change to save hearts Kickoff.
  - Athletic Appeal Day!
- **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade saints wax museum.

- PBS watch party
- Classroom door decorating.
- Dress head to toe in one color!

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

- 8:00 am, Alumni mass.
- Sweet treats for students.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. staff competition.
- School Spirit Day!

### **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Movie and PJ day.
- Cozy dress day!

### **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

- PBS Assembly
- Staff lunch
- Living Rosary
- Dream job dress up day!

Family Catechesis

- **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Twelve Night Epiphany Dinner beginning at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross. Family dinner, CYM saint skit, and special guests.
- **Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Family Catechesis meets at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross.
- **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine Dinner and Dance begins at 5:00 pm at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting is available.

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ will resume January 20<sup>th</sup> for Olney and Stringtown, and on January 21<sup>st</sup> for Holy Cross. More information will be in next week's bulletin. We will be continuing our book, The Reed of God.

**Following in the Footsteps  
of the Saints Library**

Be sure to check out the library and take home a book to read! The libraries are located in the vestibules of the tri-parishes.

VOCATIONS GROUP  
FOR YOUNG MEN

For young men from high school through age 35. This group will be meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

The first meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the MPR at St. Joseph in Olney.

If interested please contact Fr. Levi at 618-240-3638.

**Epiphany Home Blessing Kits**

Epiphany blessing kits will be available by the doors for you and your family to take home.

**20+C+M+B+26**

ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

St. Joseph, Stringtown

Prayer service & adoration every Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Holy Cross, Wendelin

Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass time at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph, Olney

Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

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618-392-8181

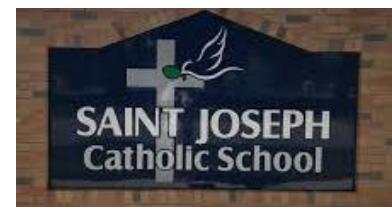
Holy Cross, Wendelin  
618-752-5671

St. Joseph, Stringtown  
618-754-3676

School office: 618-395-3081

**WE ARE A PROUD  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Share why you love Catholic Schools on social media using #CSW2026

St. Joseph School News

- Jan. 5: School resumes for students
- Jan. 8: Picture retakes, basketball, & band
- Jan. 9: Girl's Diocesan Basketball Tourney
- Jan. 14: Freshman orientation
- Jan. 16: Boy's Diocesan Basketball Tourney
- Jan. 19: No School
- Jan. 21: RC spelling bee
- Jan. 24-30: Catholic Schools Week!

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" -Micah 6:8 ESV

# DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
after 8:00 am mass**

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

**JAN.  
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**St. Joseph, Olney  
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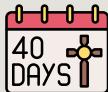
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# Family Catechesis

## Schedule of Events

### “Following in the Footsteps of Saints”

<p><b>2025 August</b></p> <p><b>27 Wed. Opening Mass</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Families:</b> You will receive the Family Tote with Family Catechesis Saint Binder, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items, and Special Blessing for the year.</p> 	<p><b>September</b></p> <p><b>3 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> Parent meeting, youth activity, Saint presentation and Birthday party for Mary with The Word of Life Workbook, and other “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>Sacrament Meeting:</b> Reconciliation/Confirmation</p> <p><b>13-14</b> Red Plate Blessing for 1<sup>st</sup> graders</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder for updates.</p> 	<p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>1 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend</b> <b>11-12</b> Cup Blessing for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders <b>30</b>-All Saint-Family Rosary-Trunk n'Treat after Mass</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 
<p><b>November</b></p> <p><b>5 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> All Saint Maze and special Saint presentations, with bonfire and s'mores. Gift of Love information and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>8-9</b> Candle Blessing for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders <b>29-30</b> -Gift of Love Mass Weekend</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>3 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations, Advent party, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>7</b> -Advent tradition of “Evensong” at Holy Cross <b>8 &amp; 11</b> -First Reconciliation</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year</b></p> 
<p><b>2026 January</b></p> <p><b>7 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> Saint presentations, Three Kings and 12<sup>th</sup> Night Dinner Party and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>February</b></p> <p><b>4 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>7</b>-M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance at Holy Cross</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>March</b></p> <p><b>4 Wed. Ash Wednesday</b> <b>15</b>- Divine Mercy Book begins</p> <p><b>19</b> -<b>Families:</b> St. Joseph Table tradition with Mass and Dinner at St. Joseph Stringtown Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 
<p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>1 Wed. Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> Presentation <b>Youth:</b> Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p><b>5</b> -Easter <b>12</b> -Divine Mercy Sunday <b>(17,18,19)</b> Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p> 	<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning</b> 2-3 First Communion</p> <p><b>6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering</b> Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p><b>Families:</b> Final Saint presentations, catered meal, and year end video presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p> 	<p><b>“Let us become saints so that after having been together on earth, we may be together in Heaven.”</b></p> <p><b>St. Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</b></p>



## Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The Catholic Extension Grant contributed:  
Silver Star, Three King ensemble and  
Twelfth Night Epiphany Dinner.  
Let us continue to stay  
“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints.”

CYM provided the mealtime entertainment, with a skit on the life of St. John Bosco, the patron saint of youth.

The Three Kings  
(Eric Sandschafer, Victor Sandschafer and Isaac Street) arrived and shared with us to always follow the True Light- the Bright Shining Star -which is Jesus!

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light!”*

### January the month of the Holy Name of Jesus

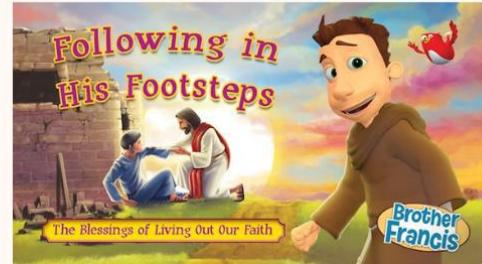
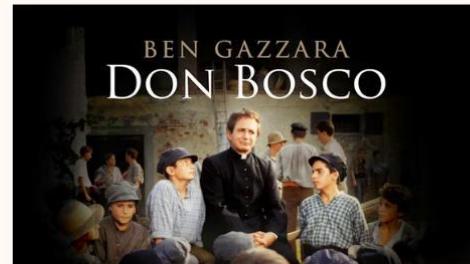
- Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
- Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (first American-born saint)
- Jan 5: St. John Neumann (first American male saint)
- Jan 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort (Dominican priest, canon lawyer)
- Jan 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 17: St. Anthony the Abbot (Father of Monasticism)
- Jan 20: Saints Fabian (Pope) & Sebastian (Martyr)
- Jan 21: St. Agnes (Virgin & Martyr)
- Jan 24: St. Francis de Sales (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)
- Jan 27: St. Angela Merici (Founder of the Ursulines)
- Jan 28: St. Thomas Aquinas (Priest, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 31: St. John Bosco (Founder of the Salesians, patron of youth)



### Prayer for the New Year

*“Come, Holy Spirit, be our Light and Guide in this new year. Renew our minds and hearts, strengthen us in virtue, and help us grow closer to You and one another. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

# JANUARY formed™



### Upcoming February Events

#### Holy Cross Wendelin

4 Wed. Family Catechesis Gathering 6:30 pm  
Join us for an eye opening Adult presentation, a CYM Candlemas service, and a “Saint” presentation for all ages.

7 M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance- CYM babysitting in parish house, R.S.V.P.

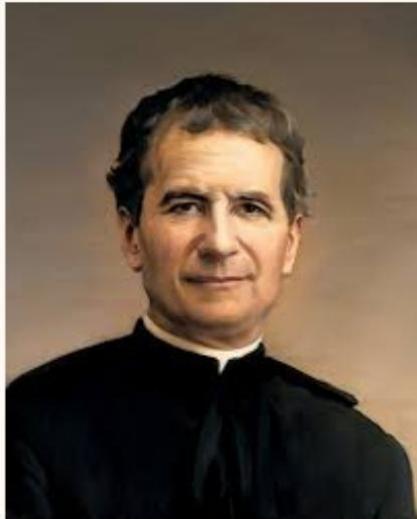
\*Reminder to bring your Family Catechesis Tote and Binder and Sacrament books for check-in.

# FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

January 2026



## Our January Saints



### Saint John Bosco

(Don Bosco) 1815-1888)

was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, and writer who dedicated his life to disadvantaged youth, developing the Salesian Preventive System (reason, religion, loving-kindness) to educate poor, orphaned, and delinquent children through vocational training and spiritual guidance, becoming the "Father and Teacher of Youth" and patron of apprentices, editors, publishers, and young people, with his work continuing through the Salesians worldwide.



### Mother of God

Mary the mother of Jesus, holds a unique and highly venerated position within Christianity, particularly in Catholicism and Orthodox Christianity, where she is honored as the Mother of God (or Theotokos, a Greek term meaning "God-bearer"). She is considered the greatest of all saints.



### St. Francis de Sales

(1567-1622) was a French bishop, theologian, and writer known for his gentle approach to faith, authoring

Introduction to the Devout Life, co-founding the Sisters of the Visitation, and becoming a Doctor of the Church, serving as patron for writers, journalists, and educators for making holiness accessible to all. He famously used "a spoonful of honey" over "vinegar" to win back Calvinists, slipping pamphlets under doors, and emphasized "Humility, Humility, Humility" before his death.

# *Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith*



*Stringtown Study*  
*The Four Teresas*

**TUESDAY**  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
**STRINGTOWN**  
**10:00AM**

*Sisters in Christ*  
*The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**HOLY CROSS**  
**5:30 PM**

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MEETINGS WILL BE  
STARTING SOON.

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*Olney Study*  
*The Eucharist*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY**  
**9:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

*Brother's in Christ*  
*Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY**  
**HOLY CROSS**  
**7:00PM**