ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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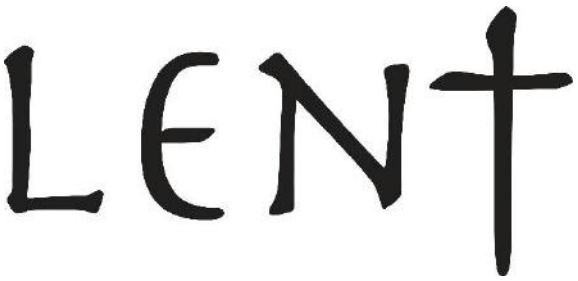
Ash Wednesday, March 5 to Holy Thursday, April 17 with the Mass of the Lord's Supper



Fasting & Abstinence

1. *Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.*
2. *Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*
3. *On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.*
4. *When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.*

Ash Wednesday (March 5) Mass and Distribution of Ashes

8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
6:30 pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin & St. Joseph-Stringtown

Stations of the Cross- Friday evening 6:30pm

March

7, 14, 21, 28: St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
7, 21, 28: Holy Cross-Wendelin

April

4 & 11: St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin & St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Living Stations led by 8th graders-2:30 pm

April- Friday *afternoon*
4 & 11: St. Joseph-Olney

Penance Service

Sunday, March 23 2:00 pm St. Joseph-Olney

Friday Night Fish Fry's

Olney City Park Community Building 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11 [*proceeds benefit various organizations weekly*]

Newton Knights of Columbus- Newton KC Hall 4:30 pm-7:00 pm
March 14 [*proceeds benefit Holy Cross Parish & Rebuild Project*]

Holy Week *is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death.*

Palm Sunday

Saturday

4:00 pm Holy Cross-Wendelin
5:00 pm St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday

8:00 am St. Joseph-Olney
8:00 am St. Joseph-Stringtown
10:00 am Holy Cross-Wendelin
10:00 am St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Holy Thursday-*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

7:00 pm Thursday, April 17 St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Joseph-Olney

Good Friday-*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross led by CYM, Friday, April 18 Holy Cross-Wendelin

7:00 pm Friday, April 18 St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Joseph-Olney

Holy Saturday- *Easter Vigil Mass*

8:00 pm Saturday, April 19 St. Joseph-Stringtown & St. Joseph-Olney

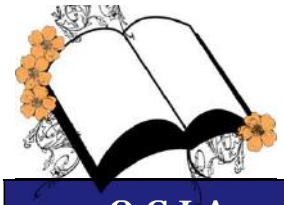
Easter Sunday

8:00 am St. Joseph-Olney

8:00 am St. Joseph-Stringtown

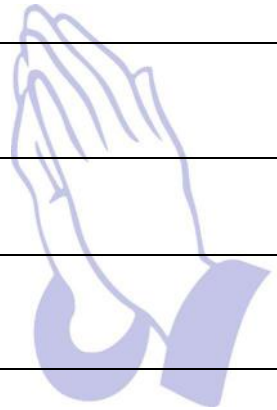
10:00 am Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00 am St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville



Pray for those Preparing for Sacraments

O.C.I.A.	Confirmation	First Eucharist
David Abell	Andrew Lambird Bennett Padilla	Adalyn Fitch Aliza Sterchi
Jennifer Deimel	Bryer Holtschlag Carly Kessler	Amyah Amerman Emmalee Amerman
Lauren Tibbs	Clara Weidner	Arthur Huddlestun Luke Huddlestun
Lindsey Kapper	Easton Ochs	Matthew Huddlestun Nora Levitt
Alysa Botkin	Elle Bare Gabriel Volk	Carly Nettleton Liam Kennedy
Jordan Jones	Grayson Sterchi Hope Zuber	Gracie Lynn Elliott Dobbs
Emily Kessler	Ian Kocher Kinely Workman	Haven Hemrich Ethan Kocher
Everett Bissy Pamela Mix-Bissy	Knox Dorn Kooper Kuhn	Evan Jennings Bentley Knicley
Trevor Stevens Tracy Stevens	Levi Rudolphi Mattux Hart	Karter Fuson Neil Morris
Ryan Lewis Ashley Lewis	Nathaniel Zwilling Nora McClain	Hunter Hall Nora Volk
	Pipe Mann Nora Street	Pierce White Quinn Sager
	Opal Ridgely Maddie Abell	Raylon Cowman Rose Beyers
	Allyson Helregel Boston Lewis	Rudy Fehrenbacher Paislee Steber
		Tate Smithenry Jack Baker
		Todd Seiler Vance Miller



Tri-Parish Survey Results

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Cross – *56 surveys collected*

Interest was indicated in the following areas:

Pastoral Council 13 people
Finance Council 8 people
Choir Members 18 people
Home Bound Ministry 5 people
Faith Formation Group 26 people
Funeral Dinners 24 people
OCIA Team Members 4 people
Adoration 26 people
CYM Team Members 8 people
Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry 2 people

St. Joseph Olney – *60 surveys collected*

Interest was indicated in the following areas:

Pastoral Council 12 people
Finance Council 7 people
Choir Members 20 people
Home Bound Ministry 6 people
Faith Formation Group 24 people
Funeral Dinners 33 people
OCIA Team Members 7 people
Adoration 12 people
CYM Team Members 5 people
Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry 4 people

St. Joseph Stringtown – *39 surveys collected*

Interest was indicated in the following areas:

Pastoral Council 12 people
Finance Council 8 people
Choir Members 18 people
Home Bound Ministry 7 people
Faith Formation Group 9 people
Funeral Dinners 17 people
OCIA Team Members 2 people
Adoration 9 people
CYM Team Members 6 people
Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry 8 people

In the Easter season NEW ministries, worship opportunities and ways to serve within your parish will be coming.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Stringtown Picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

11 AM - 6 PM

RAFFLES, BASKET PULL, BINGO, KIDS GAMES, INFLATABLES, BEER GARDEN,
LIVE BANDS, ICE CREAM, PORKBURGERS, BRATS, & MUCH MORE!!!
(RAFFLE DRAWINGS AT 6 PM. FOOD STAND, BEER GARDEN, & ENTERTAINMENT 11-7 PM)

ALL YOU CAN EAT SMORGASBORD

BEEF, HAM, HOMEMADE NOODLES, & MUCH MORE! (CARRYOUT AVAILABLE)
11 AM-2 PM
ADULTS: $13 KIDS (5-10): $5 KIDS (4 & UNDER): FREE

Stringtown Parish Center
6342 N. STRINGTOWN RD., OLNEY, IL 63450
GPS – 6342 COUNTY RD 1700 E

OLNEY COUNCIL #1352

Open to the public.
Dine in or carry out.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY

Fridays during Lent

OLNEY CITY PARK

Community Building

Serving from
5:00 - 7:00 pm
(or until sold out)

Adults: $13
Children 12 & under: $8

Menu: Fried fish, hash brown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, and a beverage.
Dessert by donation.

Dates –Proceeds to Benefit:

March 7: Mentor Richland County
March 14: Senior Citizens Center
March 21: St. Joseph School
March 28: Richland County Hope
April 4: Fall Kids Mall
April 11: Olney Valor Quilters

Holy Cross Church of Wendelin Blood Drive

5782 Ingraham Lane
Newton, IL 62448

Monday, March 24, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Give in March for a $10 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing. rcblood.org/March

Donate blood during #RedCrossMonth!

Visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment.

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Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith

Stringtown Study
The Four Teresas

TUESDAY
ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN
10:00AM

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE STARTING SOON.

CONTACT
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Olney Study
The Eucharist

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

Sisters in Christ
The Devil in the Castle

WEDNESDAY
HOLY CROSS
5:30 PM

Brother's in Christ
Into the Breach

THURSDAY
HOLY CROSS
7:00PM