

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for November 23, 2025

Envelopes: \$819.00 (28)
Loose: \$58.00
Total: \$877.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

November Bulletins: In Memory of Lorraine & Lucille Dallmier and Cletus & Marie Zwilling by Raymond & Theresa Zwilling

November Missalettes: In Memory of Joseph Schneider

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

PARISH EVENTS:

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Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

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OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm. Film & Discussion Catholicism: Episode 1.

Wednesday, December 3 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Family Catechesis at Holy Cross Parish Center, 6:30pm.

Thursday, December 4 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until 6:30pm Mass.

Brother’s in Christ, Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Saturday, December 6 – Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, December 7 – Donuts with Saint Nicholas at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following 8am Mass.

First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders at St. Joseph-Olney, 2pm.

Advent in Wendelin-Evensong, Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4pm with Refreshments Following in Parish Center.

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Directory Photos at Saint Joseph-Stringtown, 2-8:36pm.

First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6pm.

Thursday, December 11 – First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Saturday, December 13 – Candlelight Mass at Sunrise, St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:15am.

THANK YOU:

A "Joyous Thank You" to all for supporting and sharing in the fun with "All Saints Trunk or Treat." Thank you to our fabulous families who dressed up as Saints, and for all those who gave amazing and saintly gifts to our youth. Also, to our Family Catechesis Team and CYM who shared in the evening’s festivities. Your witnesses of giving and living the Catholic faith are obvious in all that you do month after month. Thank you!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The Church celebrates Advent as a time of preparation – anticipation – waiting- for the birth of Jesus. What are you preparing, anticipating, or waiting on? Does your “to-do and to-buy” list overshadow your thoughts and time? Intentionally take time each day to reflect upon the *-Hope – Love - Joy – Peace-* of the Advent season. If we took the preparation – anticipation -waiting- of Advent more seriously, it would radically transform our experience of Christmas. The word “Christmas” literally means “Christ” and “Mass” -the celebration of God’s selfless gift of his son to mankind. Live a life of Love seeking to receive the best gift (JESUS) this Christmas by keeping Advent! *“We are all asked if we will surrender what we are, our humanity, our flesh and blood, to the Holy Spirit and allow Christ*

to fill the emptiness formed by the particular shape of our life.”— Caryl Houselander, The Reed of God

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 are interested in making an appointment for December 8th, please use this link <https://form.jotform.com/252643561943158>, contact Ashley, or sign up at Mass. Also, if you haven’t found a date that works to schedule photos, you can drop a photo by the parish office or send to our parish email stjoestringtown@hotmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 4, 2026, from 6:30-12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your January 4th appointment by clicking below. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD DONATIONS:

Thank you to all that brought in non-perishable food donations for The Good Samaritan at our Thanksgiving Mass!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE:

Christmas Choir practice will be held on Friday, December 5; Monday, December 8 after Mass; Friday, December 12; Tuesday, December 16; Friday, December 19, and Tuesday, December 23. All practices start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

ADVENT IN WENDELIN – EVENSONG:

December 7 at 4:00pm – A candlelight song and musical experience followed with delicious Austrian and German desserts. The evening will have familiar traditions and some new additions. Make your Advent plans for this memorable night!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

The Reed of God - Tuesday, 10am at St. Joseph Stringtown, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph Olney, Wednesday at 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Dec 2/3- Part Three, Dec 9/10- Part Four; There will be a pause for the Christmas season and the new study will be shared in the New Year.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Cookies with Santa, sponsored by the St. Joe School enrollment committee, will be held in conjunction with the Cookie Walk this year on Sun., Dec. 14 from 9:00-10:30 am. Children from birth to K are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa! **Santa’s Workshop** is accepting donations of gently used gift bags for student shopping on December 3 and 4. **2026 Benefit Calendars are here!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenburg at 618-302-0391.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 7: 5PM, Free Olney Member Family Christmas Dinner at the Olney St. Joseph Multipurpose Center. Santa has scheduled a visit following the meal. **Thursday, December 11:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, December 18:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, December 28:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8:00 AM Mass.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of November 30th Recommendations:** Rooted: Rediscover the

Advent Tree This Season, Week One: Adore Advent for Fr. John Burns, Week One: Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

CSMA 2025 – HOPE IN THE LORD:

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,140 students at 23 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven’t already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also, help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable, and all your people. May life’s beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.”

Prayers and Novena to Combat Assisted Suicide
<https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>

Please continue to pray for the defeat of SB 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Illinois, and consider contacting Governor Pritzker's office at 312-814-2121, asking him to veto the bill.

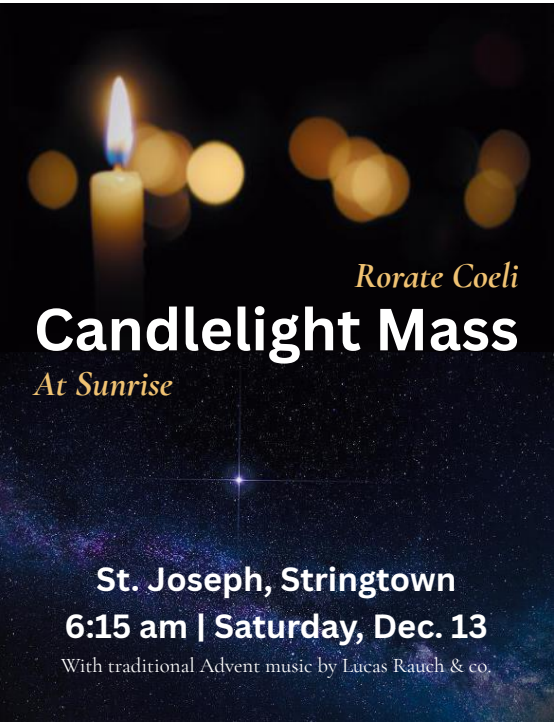
VOCATION CORNER:

“I had the great blessing of growing up in a family in which faith was lived in a simple, practical way. However, it was my paternal grandmother in particular who influenced my journey of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who talked to us about Jesus, who taught us the catechism. The

first proclamation is at home, in the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and grandmothers in the transmission of faith. One day in particular, though, was very important to me: Sept. 21, 1953. I was almost 17. It was “Students’ Day.” Before going to the celebration, I passed through the parish I normally attended, I found a priest that I did not know, and I felt the need to go to confession. For me this was an experience of encounter: I found that someone was waiting for me. After making my confession, I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like voice, or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest.”
Pope Francis; Vigil of Pentecost Address, May 18, 2013



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Linda McWhirter



Rorate Coeli

Candlelight Mass

At Sunrise

St. Joseph, Stringtown
6:15 am | Saturday, Dec. 13

With traditional Advent music by Lucas Rauch & co.

Sunday, November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, “Vincent, Lorna Mae, & Michael Boehl†” “Joseph Schneider and Ambrose & Regina Schneider†”
Monday, December 1, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Ronald & Rita Damm and Eleanor Steber†”
Tuesday, December 2, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, December 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, December 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, December 6, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, December 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Clara Kocher†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

<u>11/30/2025</u>	<u>12/07/2025</u>
<u>Servers:</u> Delana & Grayson Sterchi Hallie Ochs	<u>Servers:</u> Roland & Silas Sager Brady Ochs
<u>Lector:</u> Laura Sterchi	<u>Lector:</u> Kathy Kocher
<u>EMHC:</u> Gary Zwilling Jenny Hancock Jamie Kocher	<u>EMHC:</u> Gary Kocher Beth Kocher Ian Kocher
<u>Gifts:</u> Elmer & Mary Ochs	<u>Gifts:</u> Scott Seiler Family
<u>Ushers:</u> Harold Boehl Owen Kocher	<u>Ushers:</u> Ray Schneider Alex Schneider
<u>Greeters:</u> Doug & Lora Kocher Family	<u>Greeters:</u> Bill Zuber
<u>Children’s Liturgy:</u> Donna & Natalie	<u>Children’s Liturgy:</u> Jenny & Kylie

St. Joseph Church

Stringtown, Illinois

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✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Dec. 1	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Dec. 2	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Dec. 3	8:05 am	<i>Nina Wargel; Marj, George, & William Weidner</i>
Thu. Dec. 4	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Dec. 5	8:00 am	First Friday
Sat. Dec. 6		First Saturday
9:00 am		at Wendelin
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
5:00 PM		<i>Donald Kocher Linda Volk Joseph, Jean, & Norman Zwilling</i>
Sun. Dec. 7		
8:00 am		<i>Eleanor Steber Clarence Bridgeman Albert, Rose Ann, & Thomas Fuller</i>
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

Bulletins: In Memory of Don Fehrenbacher
Missalettes: Blank's Insurance

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$6,738 (112) Loose: \$238
 Guatemala: \$55 (2) C.C.H.D.: \$80 (2)
 All Saints: \$65 (2) Building Fund: \$100 (3)

Let Us Pray For: Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, 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, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

The family of Deacon Jack Shuster would like to extend our deepest, heartfelt, gratitude to all of our parishioners who participated in planning for and celebrating Jack's funeral services and Mass. To our beloved priests, our compassionate Knights of Columbus who provided his honor guard, all of the wonderful ministers, altar servers and pallbearers, the loving and dedicated members of our funeral dinner committee, everyone in the parish who provided an amazing funeral meal, and to everyone who has supported us during this difficult time and said "Yes!" when asked, we ask for the Lord to bless you and fill you with His grace and love today and every day of your lives. Thank you. He cherished you all.

- Mass for *Joe O’Fallon, Mike, Martha, & Elizabeth Peavler*, and *Roy & Viola Fehrenbacher*.
- 6:30 PM, High School Youth Group movie night at Holy Cross.

- Mass for ***Dudley Chamberlin, Mary Ann Kuenstler, and Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Gifts of Love** at 8:00 am mass for all the families of the deceased in the past year.

- 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!
- 2:00 PM, First Reconciliation for 2nd graders.
- 4:00 PM, **Evensong at Holy Cross**. Join us for a candlelight service of scripture with elegant organ music of English and Austrian Music sung in German by the Wendelin Kloeppen Singers. This is a tradition of Holy Cross started by the late Fr. Braun. There will be an Austrian/Bavarian Dessert celebration afterwards. Make this a must for your Advent Season.
- 5 PM, K of C member Christmas dinner in MPR.

- 1-6 PM, Blood Drive in Cafeteria. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org

Nov. 24: Helen Rohr (#134)
Nov. 25: John Null (#281)
Nov. 26: Betty Richards (#808)
Nov. 27: Steve Mann (#428)
Nov. 28: Nick Kuhl (#792)

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- We are currently accepting **gently used gift bags** for students to use during our Secret Santa shopping event on Dec. 3-4. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

- **Thank you** to everyone who donated shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We collected **30** boxes that will be sent to children around the world. Thank you for bringing joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children this Christmas.
- **The annual Cookie Walk** will be held on December 13 and 14 after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. You can either pick your own homemade cookies for \$15 or purchase a tray pre-packaged with homemade cookies for \$25. We will be requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 12 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 13 between 8 AM and 10 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).
- **December 3rd at 6:30 PM**, Family Catechesis “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” Adult Advent presentation and Youth CYM Advent activity at Holy Cross.
- We are now accepting **mass intentions** through March 30, 2026. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Call or stop by the parish office to select the dates you need.
- **Directory photos** are still taking place. Please call the parish office if you need an appointment.

2 opportunities for gift giving this Christmas

- **Adopt-a-Family:** This year St. Joseph Church will adopt 2 local families. The gift labels reflect the requests from the families. To participate: 1. Select an ornament from one of the baskets by the doors of the church. 2. Purchase and wrap the gift - put the label on the wrapped package. 3. Place your gift under the tree and the ornament on the tree in the church foyer. Household cleaning supplies, toiletries and grooming products, as well as food(staples and Christmas dinner items) are always appreciated. The gifts will be delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church on **Friday, December 19**, by a volunteer from Adopt - a Family to deliver to the families. *Thank you for your kindness and generosity in sharing the spirit of Christmas this season with others in Richland County.*
- **Catholic Relief Services:** One way to support our brothers and sisters around the world is to participate in the CRS gift tag program - providing resources to help those in need build a better life. You can choose an ornament that reflects the resource you want to provide (farm animals, back to school kit, fertilizer, etc.), write out your check to Catholic Relief Services, and place it in the collection at the next mass you attend. Directions are also on the ornaments.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sunday, Dec. 7th at 5:00 pm**, Member Family Christmas Dinner in the MPR. Santa has scheduled a visit following the meal.
- **Thurs. Dec. 11th:** 3rd degree meeting at 7PM.
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Respect Life Corner: November 30th

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the sick, the vulnerable, and all your people. May life’s beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.”

Discernment Day of Recollection

All single young men ages 15–35 are invited to a Discernment Day of Recollection on Saturday, December 20, at St. Nicholas Parish in O’Fallon. The day will focus on the theme of “Spiritual Sonship and Fatherhood” and includes conferences, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time for discussion, and lunch. Please email mksorch@diobelle.org if you have any questions.



Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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The Messenger!

To subscribe online for Family or Friends go to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call 618-233-8670.

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.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



~ **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 8:05 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 or replay anytime.

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

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** ~

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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*).

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
†Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, November 29, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Tom Buerster†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, November 30, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Jim Kistner†”, “Leonard Kessler Family & Bahl Family†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
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Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Edward & Corrine and Bruce Wells†”
Friday, December 5, 8:00 at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, December 6, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Sharon Correll†” 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, December 7, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Glen & Alberta Smithenry†”, “Jerry Kessler and Clem & Agnes Bierman†” “Devin Deisher and Ivan & Mary Weber†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

November Bulletins and Missalettes:
In Memory of Marjorie Weidner by the Harold & Bev Weidner 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, November 23, 2025 (68) Envelope Collection: \$2,721.00
Loose: \$328.00 – **Total: \$3,049.00,** (2) Building: \$50.00, (16) Campaign for Human Development:

<u>*DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS*</u>	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Holly Nettleton	Cindy Blank
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Jeannie Nix	Jason Warfel
Kathy Kuenstler	Sandi Kessler
Celia Rudolphi	Ginny Zwilling
Sherry Geier	Penni Kuenstler
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Jennifer Rudolphi	Marge Kessler
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Tony & Penni Kuenstler	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Dave Rudolphi	Dusty Smithenry
Mark Rudolphi	Austin Zwilling
Kelly Geier	Eric Sandschafer
Hank Weidner	Jim Rauch
<u>Mass Servers:</u>	
Sat. November 29 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Ian Kessler	
Sun. November 30 – Ethan & Chloe Deckard, Alex Street	
Sat. December 6 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sun. December 7 – Alex Street, Cora & Stella Warfel	
<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	
November 30 – Diane Herdes	
December 14 – Ellen Weber	
December 21 – Lynn Weidner	
<u>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</u>	
November 30 – Stephanie Geier & Clara Weidner	
December 7 – Alli Kirts & Nora Street	
December 14 – Nicki Himelick & Kinley Workman	
December 21 – Melissa & Brooke Weidner	
December 28 – Gracey Himelick & Hope Zuber	

\$545.00, (30) Christmas Flowers: \$1,465.00, (1) Cemetery: \$100.00
HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, November 26th – **\$282,898.57**

has been received from 403 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Lee Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Tonya Hall, Virginia Blank, Chase Zumbahlen, Dana Kuhl-Bell, Stacy Kessler, Eleanor Buerster



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THANK YOU:
A "Joyous Thank You" to Family Life for supporting and sharing in the fun with "All Saints Trunk or Treat." The warm cider, and hot chocolate was amazing! Thank you to our fabulous families who dressed up as Saints, and for all those who gave amazing and saintly gifts to our youth. Also, to our Family Catechesis Team and CYM who shared in the evening’s festivities. Your witnesses of giving and living the Catholic faith are obvious in all that you do month after month. Thank you!

ADVENT IN WENDELIN – EVENSONG:
December 7 at 4:00pm – A candlelight song and musical experience followed with delicious Austrian and German desserts. The evening will have familiar traditions and some new additions. Make your Advent plans for this memorable night!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
The Church celebrates Advent as a time of preparation – anticipation – waiting- for the birth of Jesus. What are you preparing, anticipating, or waiting on? Does your “to-do and to-buy” list overshadow your thoughts and time? Intentionally take time each day to reflect upon the *-Hope – Love - Joy – Peace-* of the Advent season. If we took the preparation – anticipation -waiting- of Advent more seriously, it would radically transform our experience of Christmas. The word “Christmas” literally means “Christ” and “Mass” -the celebration of God’s selfless gift of his son to mankind. Live a life of Love seeking to receive the best gift (JESUS) this Christmas by keeping Advent! *“We are all asked if we will surrender what we are, our humanity, our flesh and blood, to the Holy Spirit and allow Christ*

to fill the emptiness formed by the particular shape of our life.”— Caryll Houselander, The Reed of God

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

The Reed of God – Dec 2/3- Part Three, Dec 9/10- Part Four; There will be a pause for the Christmas season and the new study will be shared in the New Year.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Wednesday, December 3 at Holy Cross 6:30pm,

An Advent evening of living *Hope- Peace-Joy-Love* for all ages. The adults will share some time with our priests, and our youth with the CYM and Family Catechesis Team. It will be a night of joyous gifting and surprises.

PEW ENDS:

If you'd like to purchase a pew end, please contact Brian Brummer at 618-783-7103, visit 103 South Jack Street in Newton, or email info@brummerscc.com. Brian can also be contacted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/brummerscabinetscuscus>.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in vestibule if you are interested in donating a cake/craft item. You can also contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office to sign up.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of November 30th**
Recommendations: Rooted: Rediscover the Advent Tree This Season, Week One: Adore Advent for Fr. John Burns, Week One: Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Cookies with Santa, sponsored by the St. Joe School enrollment committee, will be held in conjunction with the Cookie Walk this year on

Sun., Dec. 14 from 9:00-10:30 am. Children from birth to K are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa! **Santa's Workshop** is accepting donations of gently used gift bags for student shopping on December 3 and 4. **2026 Benefit Calendars are here!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenburg at 618-302-0391.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 7: 5PM, Free Olney Member Family Christmas Dinner at the Olney St. Joseph Multipurpose Center. Santa has scheduled a visit following the meal. **Thursday, December 11:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, December 18:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, December 28:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8:00 AM Mass. **Knight of the Month - Fr. Levi**, Awesome Homily at the Mass for Deceased members!

VOCATION CORNER:

“I had the great blessing of growing up in a family in which faith was lived in a simple, practical way. However, it was my paternal grandmother in particular who influenced my journey of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who talked to us about Jesus, who taught us the catechism. The first proclamation is at home, in the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and grandmothers in the transmission of faith. One day in particular, though, was very important to me: Sept. 21, 1953. I was almost 17. It was “Students’ Day.” Before going to the celebration, I passed through the parish I normally attended, I found a priest that I did not know, and I felt the need to go to confession. For me this was an experience of encounter: I found that someone was waiting for me. After making my confession, I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like voice, or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest.”
Pope Francis; Vigil of Pentecost Address, May 18, 2013

PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:

There are times available on Tuesday, December 16th. Photos will be from 2pm-8:36pm. Call/text Ashley to sign up!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also, help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable, and all your people. May life’s beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.”

Prayers and Novena to Combat Assisted Suicide
<https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>
Please continue to pray for the defeat of SB 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Illinois, and consider contacting Gov. Pritzker's office at 312-814-2121, asking him to veto the bill.

2025 CSMA – HOPE IN THE LORD, SPECIAL

THANKS TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH:

On behalf of the agencies, ministries and departments that are supported through The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for so generously supporting this year’s Appeal. Also, congratulations on exceeding your parish’s CSMA financial goal. It is your Christian caring and generosity that gives help and hope to those in need. Thank you again so much. God’s richest blessings to each of you and your families.
Very Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB,
Administrator of the Diocese of Belleville



Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.



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Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier,

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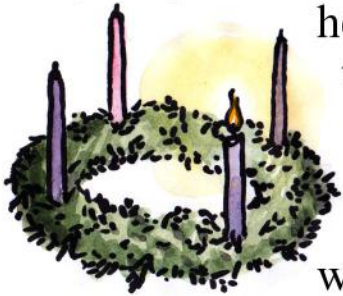
It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!

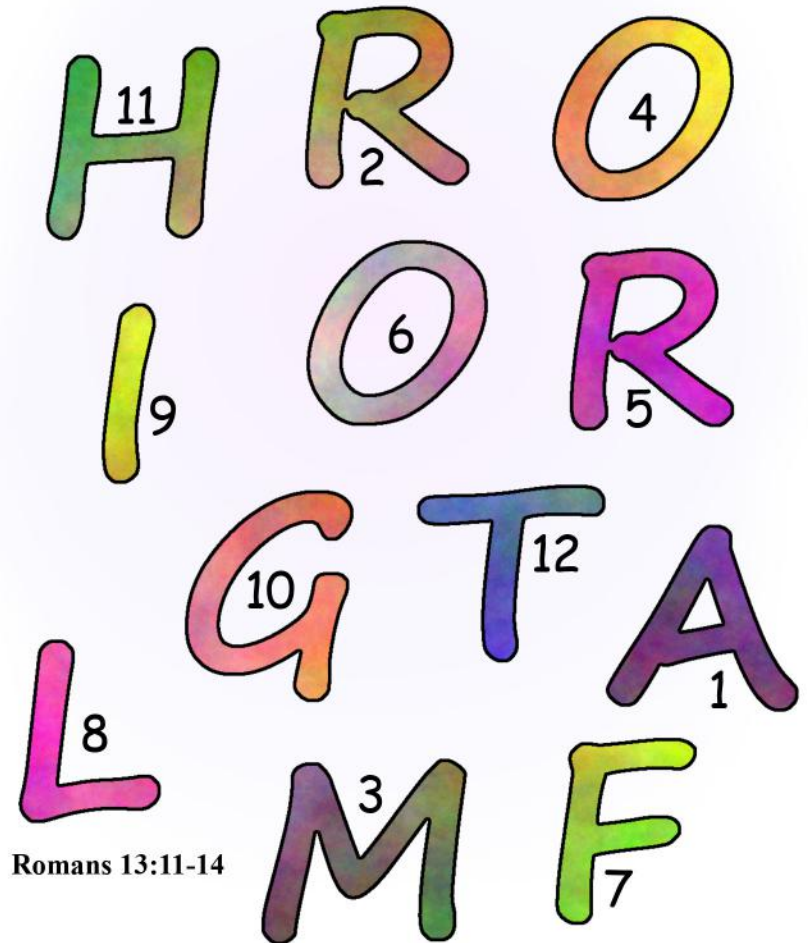


Answer to puzzle on front page: armor of light
Answer to Fill in the Blanks: Be ready!

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent
November 30th, 2025

Sort the letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom



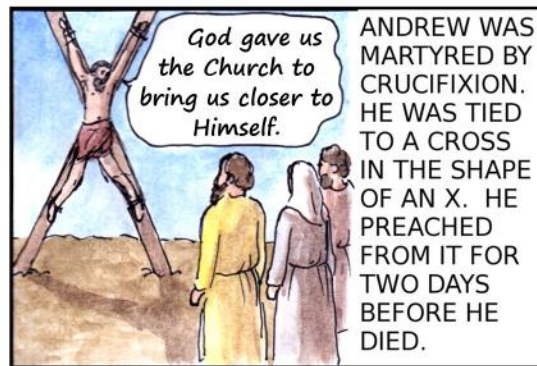
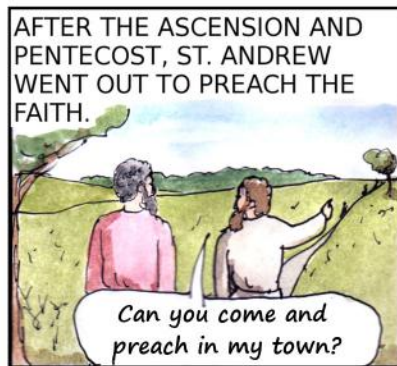
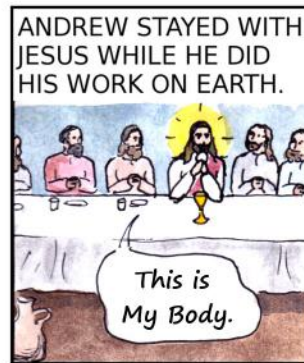
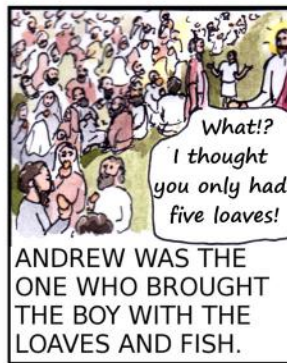
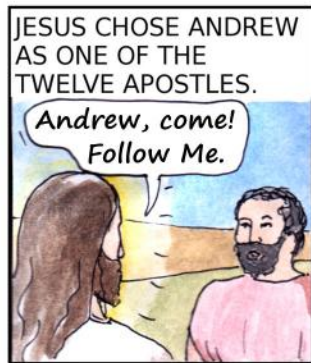
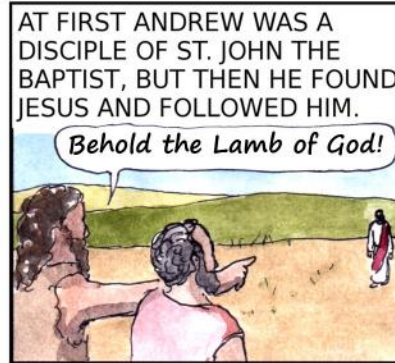
Romans 13:11-14

In today's second reading
Saint Paul tells the Romans to throw off the
works of darkness and put on the

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SAINT ANDREW

NOVEMBER 30



WE DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW EXCEPT THAT HE WAS A FAITHFUL APOSTLE OF JESUS AND ONE OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH. HE BEGAN AS A POOR FISHERMAN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS STORY THAT JESUS CALLS US ALL TO BE SAINTS, NO MATTER WHERE WE'RE FROM.

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Fill in the Blanks: The Lord is Coming!



Use the words in the list at the bottom to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Matthew 24:37-44 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah

the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two will be out in the field; one will be , and one will be left.

Two women will be

at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

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