ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

Bulletins

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Collection Total for May 4, 2025

Envelopes: $1,879.00 (30)
Loose: $37.00
Total: $1,916.00

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
Building Fund: $60.00 (2)
Religious Education Fund: $188.00 (6)
Easter Flowers: $40.00 (1)
Seminarian Education: $405.00 (10)
Easter Offering: $145.00 (4)
Cemetery: $275.00 (3)
Catholic Home Missions Appeal: $4.00 (1)

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May Bulletins: Olney Knights of Columbus
May Missalettes: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber Wedding Anniversary
Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule. Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is $100 to sponsor missalettes.

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PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 11 – May Crowning at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Monday, May 12– Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.
Tuesday, May 13– ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. *No Sister's in Christ this week.*
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.
Wednesday, May 14 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, May 15 – Adoration at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Saturday, May 17 – Noodle Day at St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.
First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.
Sunday, May 18 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.
Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.
Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7:00-11:30am.

2025 GRADUATES:

Please submit names of graduates, school, degree, special honors, and a photo if you wish to Ashley by May 18th. These can be texted, called in, or emailed. Please be certain that you get a reply, as sometimes the email goes to spam if you select that route. Thank you!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

My sheep hear My voice!

Do you hear the voice of the Shepherd or the voice of the world? Can you differentiate the two voices? The voice of the Shepherd is loving and gracious - and the voice becomes more apparent when you spend time listening to Him. When you listen, be still, and trust that in Him you are being transformed by His love and graciousness. The voice of the Shepherd brings about joy, peace, and love! There is a surge of graces that envelop you when you rest inside the arms of the Shepherd! The voice of the world inundates you with noise and confusion; and your life with things that you crave and become addicted to. Your mind is filled with thoughts, comparisons, and judgments that leave you empty and despondent. Oh, you might feel that you are thriving- life of the party - everybody wants you - but at the end of the day which turns to weeks, months, and years – all of that is over and done. There is no idle time with the voice of the world, there is a constant throttle to have more - do more - brag more - gossip more- and by all of that- hurt others.
The sheep who hear the voice of the Shepherd follow Him - and you were made to be HIS sheep! You are LOVED by HIM! The Shepherd wants to bring you to everlasting life in the Kingdom where peace and love abound! The voice of the world will only bring darkness and death! A Life of Love awaits - Listen to the Shepherd's voice and follow Him! Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Our summer book is "Love Like a Saint," by Elizabeth M. Kelly. The book will be available Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and on Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. & MRS. SLIFER:

On behalf of your parish family, we extend congratulations to Adam & Clarissa (Sager) Slifer who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Your wedding will be remembered as the beginning of many joyous moments in your life together, the moment two people's lives become one; where love between a man and a woman is joined, by the Holy Church, in Sacrament. ***Almighty Father, we ask you to bless Adam and Clarissa with love, happiness and guidance during their married life. Amen!***

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone that supported the CYM bake sales and quilt raffle. We are so appreciative of all the support we have received to help our fundraising efforts for our mission trip! A special thank you to Ann Bryan for donating the quilt and Debbie Workman for quilting it.

HELP NEEDED TODAY:

Please stay and help set in tables **following mass today** in the Parish Center for Noodle Day! Thank you!

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting the annual Senior Citizen Breakfast on Sunday, June 22nd after 8:00am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by June 8th to Anne Crites at 618-838-3935.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, May 14- Honors Ceremony after Mass; 1:50 Dismissal
Friday, May 16- 3rd Grade Business Expo; 5th-8th Spring Band Concert at 3pm in gym
Saturday, May 17- 2nd Graders receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.
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. **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at the Parish Center. A donation sheet for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date will be available in the back of church. If you unable to contribute physically but would like to help financially toward the purchase of eggs and flour, there will be a donation jar in the back as well. **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. Please have all donations dropped off or

contact Janice by Monday, July 14th. **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).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds & Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds. Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders. **When:** June 8-11 [Sunday-Wednesday evenings] **Where:** Holy Cross-Wendelin **Time:** 5:30pm -7:30pm (Sunday-Tuesday) 5:30pm-8:00pm (Wednesday) Register online at the parish website. Join the "TRUE NORTH" VBS Team for a Kick-off meeting on **May 14 at 6:45pm, at Holy Cross Parish House.** If you are interested in helping with VBS, please plan to attend, and if you have questions, contact Ashley or Caroline. Contribution envelopes are still available in the vestibules of the parishes.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:
Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B.

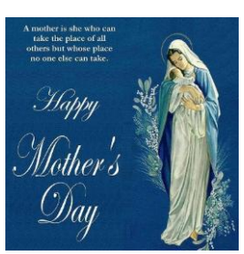
OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, May 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, May 25:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Olney Knights of Columbus $250. Scholarship winners:** Mckenna Snider, Claire Uhl, and Luke Seiler. Congratulations! **The Knights wish to thank St. Joseph School students and staff for the awesome 24,372 Baby Wipe Sheets donated to the Richland /Jasper Women, Infants and Children Olney Clinic!** Winning classes received mini candy bars and all students and staff an ice cream bar.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:
Hope in the Lord – Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS:
Starting on Thursday, May 8, at 5:30pm. This will be every Thursday evening prior to Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:
This weekend, simply take a bottle provided to us and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its life-saving ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting this local ministry that provides FREE services and education to our community. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Ralph McIntire



"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For All Mothers, Living & Deceased" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, May 12, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Tuesday, May 13, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, May 14, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, May 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, May 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, May 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, May 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For First Communicants" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

05/11/2025
Servers:
Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Nathaniel Zwilling
Lector:
Beth Kocher
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Owen Kocher
Gifts:
Ray Schneider
Family
Ushers:
David Muhs
Lester Zuber
Greeters:
Caden Kocher

Children's Liturgy:
Jenny & Kylie

05/18/2025
Servers:
Kerigan Kocher
Hallie Ochs
Ian Kocher
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs
Gifts:
First Communicants
Ushers:
Werner Kocher
Mallory Kocher
Greeters:
Jean Kocher
Family

Children's Liturgy:
No Children's Liturgy!

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

Sunday, May 11th, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

✞ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✞

Mon. May 12	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. May 13	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. May 14	**8:05 am**	***Alvin Zuber***
Thu. May 15	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. May 16	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. May 17

4:00 PM	at Wendelin
5:00 PM	***First Communion, Olney***

Sun. May 18

8:00 am	***For First Communion recipients***
8:00 am	at Stringtown -*First Communion*
10:00 am	at Wendelin -*First Communion*
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR MAY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR May 4th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $9,570 (110) Outreach: $211
Easter: $290 (4) Guatemala: $426 (23)
Easter Flowers: $200 (1) CSMA: $300 (1)
Good Friday: $25 (1) Home Missions: $25 (1)
Seminarian Edu: $705 (19)

Let Us Pray For: Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Keith Kocher, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

Happy Birthday to *James Hemrich* who celebrates his 96th birthday on May 10th!
Happy Birthday to *Carl Frohning* who celebrates his 94th birthday on May 15th!

Deepest sympathy to the family of *Richard A. Miller*. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

Deepest sympathy to the family of *Douglas Keith Hosselton*. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, May 10th

- Mass for Delbert & Cleone Gumble and Jim & Mary Steber.
- Middle School Youth Group in Olney after 5 pm Mass.
- Come and join your fellow parishioners for desserts after the 5 PM mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The Knights of Columbus will be serving cherry delight, pies, and cookies. Don't miss these yummy treats and fellowship!!

Sunday, May 11th – Mother's Day

- Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers who have taught us valuable lessons about life, love, and happiness. To all the dedicated mothers who work hard to provide for their families…Thank you, and Happy Mother's Day!
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass.
- Come and treat your mother with some donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. All are welcome! Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!

Monday, May 12th

- Finance council meets at 12 noon in meeting room

Tuesday, May 13th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 3rd and 7th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday, May 14th

- Mass for Alvin Zuber.
- Honors mass recognizing St. Joseph School students and their accomplishments.
- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Saturday, May 17th

- 5 PM, First communion at St. Joseph, Olney. Photos will be taken at 4:30 in the church.
- May crowning of Mary by the First Communion children at the 5 PM mass, Olney.

Sunday, May 18th

- 8 am, First communion at St. Joseph, Stringtown. Photos will be taken at 9:00 am in the church.
- 10 am, First communion at Holy Cross. Photos will be taken at 11:00 am in the church.

St. Joseph School News

- **Wednesday, May 14**- Honors Ceremony after Mass; 1:50 Dismissal.
- **Friday, May 16**- 3rd Grade Business Expo; 5th-8th Spring Band Concert at 3pm in gym.
- **Saturday, May 17**- 2nd Graders receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The Parish and Family Life committee** will be sponsoring another community outreach project for the Memorial Day weekend, serving meals to our community's First Responders. Our goal is to provide meals to as many departments of the community as we have donations for including; Richland County Sheriff's department, Olney City Police, Carle Ambulance service, as well as our area fire departments. We will be delivering ham & cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies & drinks. If anyone from our Parish would like to make a monetary donation to help cover expenses or to provide a food item or baked goods for this service project, please contact the St. Joseph parish office or one of our committee members. Thank you.
- **Ladies Book Study**: A Tuesday evening Ladies Group will begin on May 20th. We will meet from 5:00-6:00 pm in Conference Room B. The book for the next 7 weeks will be "Love Like A Saint." The book and other items will be available and lots of joyous conversation. If you have questions, please reach out to Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.
- **Graduation List:** The list of 2025 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph preschool, 8th grade, high school, and colleges. We have the names of the preschoolers and the St. Joseph School 8th graders in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from high school or any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. The deadline to turn in names is Monday, May 19.
- **Annual Baby Bottle Project:** This weekend, the Parish and Family Life Committee is asking each family to take a baby bottle home and fill it with your extra pocket change or dollars from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Then bring your baby bottle back to church to be collected. The proceeds will be donated to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its prolife ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting pro-life efforts. Your change can change a life!
- **Kitchen Cabinets:** We have the lower kitchen cabinets which were removed from the rectory this fall available for purchase. If you are interested, stop by the school office to take a look.
- **Scoreboard Sealed Bids:**
  - Looking for a unique piece of St. Joseph sports history? Boosters is offering our old scoreboards for sale via sealed bid. Please Note: Wiring is not included. These scoreboards are being sold as-is. (Buyer is welcome to take down old wiring in the gym or purchase new wiring. They were in working condition when replaced after volleyball season).
  - Submit your sealed bid, labeled "Scoreboard" with your name and offer to: St. Joseph School Boosters, 520 E, Chestnut, Olney, IL 62450
  - Bid Closing Date: May 14, 2025
- **New security system for the parish entrance:** There is a new system in place by the parish office doors. These doors will no longer be unlocked throughout the day. To enter please press the call

button on the side of the door, say your name and the reason for your visit, and someone from the office will let you in. **These doors will be unlocked before masses.** We are very appreciative for this new security system that will keep our church and school buildings safer.

- **Thanks** to everyone who participated in our Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection. We were able to send a gift of $1317.09 to Catholic Relief Services and $440 to our local Good Samaritan.

Vacation Bible School [VBS]

True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"

Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds
Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds

When: June 8-11
Where: Holy Cross, Wendelin
Time: 5:30 pm -7:30 pm (Sunday-Tuesday)
5:30 pm-8:00 pm (Wednesday)

Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders.
Registrations are due by **May 28.**
Register online on the parish website.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- Thursday, May 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- Sunday, May 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8 AM Mass.
- **Olney Knights of Columbus $250 Scholarship winners:** Mckenna Snider, Claire Uhl, and Luke Seiler. Congratulations!
- The Knights wish to thank St. Joseph School students and staff for the awesome 24,372 Baby Wipe Sheets donated to the Richland /Jasper Women, Infants and Children Olney Clinic! Winning classes received mini candy bars and all students and staff an ice cream bar.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
May 5: Pauline Volk (#300)
May 6: Jill Slack (#132)
May 7: Billie Miller (#420)
May 8: Janice Zwilling (#025)
May 9: Donna Boehl (#130)

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Vocation Corner: May 11th

We celebrate and congratulate all our mothers today in their acceptance of one of the greatest vocations there is –Motherhood. Blessings on them all for all their sacrifices and their love. Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."(Mt9:38;Lk10:2).

St. Joseph Church

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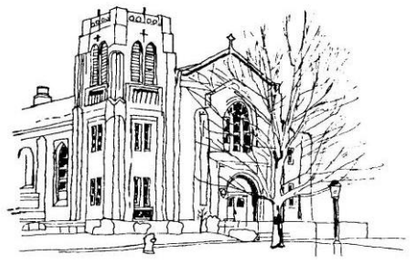
Sunday, May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter



~ 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 8:00 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.

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. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ Sacraments ~

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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Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal
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Kristen Eagleson……...Financial Manager

School Board: Angel Padilla *(Chairperson),* Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher *(St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative),* Holly Nettleton *(Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative)*

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, May 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "JV & Florine Weidner Family, Living & Deceased" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 11, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For All Mothers, Living & Deceased" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, May 12, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, May 13, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 14, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Don Geier+"

Friday, May 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Herman & Joan Rudolphi+" "Robert N. & Bernadette Kocher+, Judy Ann Kocher+" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 18, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the First Communicants" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**;** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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May Bulletins: In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Ochs and Hinterscher Families

May Missalettes: For the Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:

Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley**. Price to sponsor for a month is $100 for bulletins and $100 for missalettes.**

MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Jeannie Nix	Kim Smithenry
Bev Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Sherry Geier	Missy Buerster
Christine Hall	Marcia Street
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
Money Counters:	
*Mark & Jeannie Nix *	
Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Toby Hall	Dusty Smithenry
Michael Kuenstler	Shad Street
Kelly Geier	Ben Street
Daniel Baker	Danny Quinn

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. May 4, 2025

(65) Envelope Collection: $2,215.00
Loose: $312.00 **Total: $2,527.00** (33) Building Fund: $1,700.00 (1) Rebuild: $100.00, (1) VBS: $50.00, (20) Seminarian Education: $580.00, (1) Catholic Communication: $10.00, (3) CSMA: $750.00, (1) Cemetery: $50.00, (2) Catholic Home Misson: $25.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, May 7th – $**272,548.57** has been received from 384 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Franklin Geier, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Carl Kessler

CRMH COMMUNION:

May 11 – Martha Deimel (217)-663-8275
May 18 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506
June 8 – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900
June 15 – Ellen Weber (618)-771-7752
June 29 – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. May 10 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. May 11 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner
Sat. May 17 – Ian Kessler, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower
Sun. May 18 – Stella Warfel, Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, May 10 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, following 5pm Mass.
Monday, May 12–Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.
Tuesday, May 13 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church.
Wednesday, May 14 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Picnic Committee Meeting, 6:30pm in Parish House.
VBS Planning Meeting, 6:45pm in Parish House.
Thursday, May 15 – Adoration at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.
Saturday, May 17 – First Communion at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm. Pictures will begin at 4:30pm.
Sunday, May 18 – **First Communion at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8am and Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am. Pictures will be at Stringtown and Holy Cross following Mass.**
Monday, May 19 – American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30pm.

CARD SHOWER:

Card shower for Wilmajean Geier's 100th birthday on May 22. Drop off cards or mail to: Wakefield Mill & Elevator, 7371 N Wakefield Rd, Newton, IL 62448. ***Happy 100th Birthday, Wilmajean!***

2025 GRADUATES:

Please submit names of graduates, school, degree, special honors, and a photo if you wish to Ashley by May 18th. These can be texted, called in, or emailed. Please be certain that you get a reply, as sometimes the email goes to spam if you select that route. Thank you!

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone that supported the CYM bake sales and quilt raffle. We are so appreciative of all the support we have received to help our fundraising efforts for our mission trip! A special thank you to Ann Bryan for donating the quilt and Debbie Workman for quilting it.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to Ladies Altar Sodality for the beautiful reception following Confirmation! It was a wonderful celebration for our newly confirmed!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

My sheep hear My voice!

Do you hear the voice of the Shepherd or the voice of the world? Can you differentiate the two voices? The voice of the Shepherd is loving and gracious - and the voice becomes more apparent when you spend time listening to Him. When you listen, be still, and trust that in Him you are being transformed by His love and graciousness. The voice of the Shepherd brings about joy, peace, and

love! There is a surge of graces that envelop you when you rest inside the arms of the Shepherd! The voice of the world inundates you with noise and confusion; and your life with things that you crave and become addicted to. Your mind is filled with thoughts, comparisons, and judgments that leave you empty and despondent. Oh, you might feel that you are thriving- life of the party - everybody wants you - but at the end of the day which turns to weeks, months, and years – all of that is over and done. There is no idle time with the voice of the world, there is a constant throttle to have more - do more - brag more - gossip more- and by all of that- hurt others.
The sheep who hear the voice of the Shepherd follow Him - and you were made to be HIS sheep! You are LOVED by HIM! The Shepherd wants to bring you to everlasting life in the Kingdom where peace and love abound! The voice of the world will only bring darkness and death! A Life of Love awaits - Listen to the Shepherd's voice and follow Him! Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

BAPTISM:
To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC:
Picnic committee **is still looking** for a member to join their committee. Contact Mareah Rauch (618)-553-6839 or Chris Warfel (618)-843-3367 with questions. **Please prayerfully consider serving!** The picnic is the parish's biggest fundraiser each year and it takes a full committee to make it a success.

PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:
If you need to change your job for any reason at the picnic, please contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Christine Hall 618-544-2019, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305, or Kim Correll 618-676-5789 **by May 28**. After that you will need to find your own replacement.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"
Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds & Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds. Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders. **When:** June 8-11 [Sunday-Wednesday evenings] **Where:** Holy Cross-Wendelin **Time:** 5:30pm -7:30pm (Sunday-Tuesday) 5:30pm-8:00pm (Wednesday) Register online at the parish website.
Join the "TRUE NORTH" VBS Team for a Kick-off meeting on **May 14 at 6:45pm, at Holy Cross Parish House.** If you are interested in helping with VBS, please plan to attend, and if you have questions, contact Ashley or Caroline.
Contribution envelopes are still available in the vestibules of the parishes.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Our summer book is "Love Like a Saint," by Elizabeth M. Kelly. The book will be available Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and on Wednesday, May 21, at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Thursdays at 5:30pm. This will be every Thursday evening prior to Mass. Please text/call Ashley to secure a date for you to assist with Exposition.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Wednesday, May 14- Honors Ceremony after Mass; 1:50 Dismissal
Friday, May 16- 3rd Grade Business Expo; 5th-8th Spring Band Concert at 3pm in gym
Saturday, May 17- 2nd Graders receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:
Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, May 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, May 25: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Olney Knights of Columbus $250 Scholarship winners:** Mckenna Snider, Claire Uhl, and Luke Seiler. Congratulations! **The Knights wish to thank St. Joseph School students and staff for the awesome 24,372 Baby Wipe Sheets donated to the Richland /Jasper Women, Infants and Children Olney Clinic!** Winning classes received mini candy bars and all students and staff an ice cream bar.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:
$244 was donated to CYM to assist with Mission Trip from the May cake/craft drawing. On Saturday, Helen Donsbach won the hanging flower basket donated by James and Kaila Kistner & family. On Sunday, Missy Buerster won the hanging basket and chocolate chip cookies donated by Cindy Blank. Thanks to all that participated! Still weekends available to sponsor drawings for 2025. Sign-up sheet located in vestibule or by calling/texting Ashley.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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