

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **Bulletins**

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### Collection Total for March 8, 2026

Envelopes: \$2,480.00 (36)

Loose: \$51.00

**Total: \$2,531.00**

**CSMA: \$555.00 (3)**

**Easter Flower Memorials: \$5.00 (1)**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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**March Bulletins: For the Families of Sam & Mary Zwillig**

**March Missalette: In Memory of Janice Zuber**

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### PARISH EVENTS:

**Sunday, March 15 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, Stringtown Parish Center, 6:30am-12pm.**

**Monday, March 16 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.**

**Tuesday, March 17 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

**Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.**

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

OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm.

**Wednesday, March 18 – No Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.**

Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm.

**Thursday, March 19 – There will not be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin. There will also not be Mass at Holy Cross. Mass will be at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6pm in honor of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Table. All are welcome!**

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

**Friday, March 20 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Saturday, March 21 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting at Holy Cross Parish Center, 6-10:30pm.**

**Sunday, March 22 – Euchre at Holy Cross Parish Center, 2pm.**

**Monday, March 23 – Holy Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.**

### PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:

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

### LENTEN VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):



Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm,  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph-Olney

### CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

*If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM!* God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again- embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished- perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary- flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son- St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

### ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



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emotional support. Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph-Olney at 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

### HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices for Holy Week will be held Monday, March 16, Tuesday, March 24, Thursday, March 26, and Tuesday, March 31. All practices are at 6:30pm in the choir loft. All are welcome to join. You do not have to attend all the practices, just come when can!

### HELP NEEDED:

St. Joseph School and Parish are in need of full-time custodial/maintenance help while our staff is out on medical leave. The position starts immediately and could last through the summer. Please contact the school office (Josy Hart, Carol Potter, or Jeffrey Rosenberg) for more information. 618-395-3081

### KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:

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

### EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Euchre Tournament will be played on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2pm at Holy Cross Parish Center with \$3.00 entry fee per person. Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Free popcorn, soda/water available for purchase. If over 21, you may bring your favorite adult beverage. Everyone welcome. Be prompt, as the play on time.

### FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of March 15<sup>th</sup> -**

### CRS LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? 25% percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally. Please return filled Rice Bowls back to the church vestibule or to the Parish Office by Palm Sunday. **Catholic Relief Services - Advocate:** Our faith calls us to action. As millions of people around the world face hunger, conflict, poverty and natural disasters, YOU are needed. Join a movement of people working together to transform our world so that all our sisters and brothers can reach their God-given potential and thrive. To subscribe and receive advocacy updates, follow this link: <https://www.crs.org/join/join-campaigns>

### ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

**Wednesday, March 18** - Boosters Meeting, 5pm in MPR. **Thursday, March 19** - School Mass at 8:05, Feast of St. Joseph. **Friday, March 20** - Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th graders at 2:00pm.

### OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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**HOLY CROSS WINE TASTING:**

Join us for a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Holy Cross Parish Center from 6-10:30pm. \$10 admission will cover wine glass and all tastings. Food trucks available and live music by Dakota Danielle! Domestic beer available for purchase. Wineries will serve until 9pm.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ”  
(The Gospel of Life 84).

**VOCATION CORNER:**

This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.” (Matt 1:24). It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel’s Messiah. It’s the same grace that empowers us to accept God’s call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph’s yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don’t know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask St. Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a “doer of the word” (James 1:22).  
(The Word Among Us)

**KING’S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:**

King’s House has a Ladies’ Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If you would like to join, please contact King’s House at (618)-397-0584 to register. Let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.



**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Dalton Linder (Linda McWhirter’s son), Linda McWhirter



*Mass and St. Joseph Table Celebration  
March 19, 2026*

St. Joseph Stringtown would like to invite the Parishioners of St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and all Family Catechesis families to a celebration in honor of St. Joseph, our patron saint. We will start the celebration with Mass at 6:00pm in the church, followed by prayer and fellowship at the St. Joseph Table in the Stringtown Parish Center. If you are attending, you are invited to bring a dish for the table to be shared. Bread and drinks are provided, but you are welcome to bring salads, casseroles, soups, meat/cheese trays, spreads, jellies, jams and desserts of any kind, especially sweet breads.  
St. Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy Family. Let us take this time to gather and pray together to St. Joseph for his blessing on our parish families.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” Matthew 18:20

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Carolyn Zuber†”**  
**Monday, March 16, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**  
**Wednesday, March 18, NO MASS**  
**Thursday, March 19, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”**  
**Friday, March 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Saturday, March 21, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**  
**Sunday, March 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Dory & Dolly Keolker†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**03/15/2026**

**Servers:**

Amity Zuber  
Emmitt Kocher  
Gus Kocher

**Lector:**

Beth Kocher

**EMHC:**

Gary Kocher  
Beth Kocher  
Ian Kocher

**Gifts:**

Jack Weidner Family

**Ushers:**

Gary Kocher  
Owen Kocher

**Greeters:**

Gary & Beth Kocher Family

**Children’s Liturgy:**

Jenny & Kylie

**03/22/2026**

**Servers:**

Roland Sager  
Silas Sager  
Hallie Ochs

**Lector:**

Kylie Kocher

**EMHC:**

Elmer Ochs  
Mary Ochs  
John Ochs

**Gifts:**

Elmer & Mary Ochs

**Ushers:**

Doug Kocher  
James Schneider

**Greeters:**

Mallory Kocher

**Children’s Liturgy:**

Laura, Dorothy, & Delana

**St. Joseph Church  
Stringtown, Illinois**

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

**Very Rev. Fr. Steven Beatty** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pastor**

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ [frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Mar. 16 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Mar. 17 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
Wed. Mar. 18 no mass  
**6:30 PM Evening Vespers**  
**Thu. Mar. 19 8:00 am For St. Joseph**  
6:00 PM at Stringtown  
**Fri. Mar. 20 8:00 am For the Parish**  
**Sat. Mar. 21**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Carolyn & Joe Moran**  
**Henry Weiler**  
**Linda Gumble**  
**Sun. Mar. 22**  
**8:00 am Kenny Ochs**  
**Albert, Clara, and Rose Ellen Hahn**  
**Charlotte Hough (healing)**  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

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**OUR MARCH SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Marie Beal

Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

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**OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$9,802 (112) Loose: \$240

Guatemala: \$150 (5) CSMA: \$3,885 pledged

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

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~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Tony Tredway, Anthony Steber, and Living & Deceased members of Ephraim & Frances Hahn Family.**
- **Bingo Bash!** Doors open at 5 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Thanks for the tremendous response to our Bingo/Auction night!

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs, John Resor, and Carl & Una Kocher.**
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: LJ The Holy Mass #2.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- No mass
- 6:30 PM, Evening Vespers at St. Joseph, Olney.

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 am, mass for the Feast of St. Joseph, Olney.
- 6:00 PM, mass and St. Joseph table celebration at Stringtown.

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 PM, Living Stations at St. Joseph, Olney.
- 6:30 PM, Stations at all Tri-Parish churches.

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 6-10:30 PM, Wine tasting at Holy Cross.
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group, Olney.

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group, Wendelin.

Throughout Lent we will be **praying the Rosary** before all of the weekend Masses. We will begin a half hour before each Mass.

**🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾**

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**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Mar. 9: Wayne Hahn (#165)

Mar. 10: Don Zwilling (#775)

Mar. 11: Michael Peavler (#707)

Mar. 12: Donna Martin (#323)

Mar. 13: Curtis Pampe (#150)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Holy Week:** There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for Holy Week ministries. Please sign up to help with the triduum masses if you are able to. There is also a sign-up sheet for Holy Thursday feet washing. If you'd like to be a part of this special event on Holy Thursday, please sign up for that as well. Thank you!
- **Rice Bowls:** When you are finished filling your Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services you can place them in the labeled tub in the church vestibule or drop them off at the parish office. You can also bring them to mass on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 8 am, where the school children will have a collection tub in front of the altar. Please have all Rice Bowls turned in by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.
- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office.

- **Choir practice** in the church every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Bruce Stout at 618-843-8100.

• **St. Raphael's Ministry of Care**

This ministry will focus on providing pastoral care through spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, those grieving and their caregivers, and families. Reminder to contact the St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representative or the parish office, if your loved one is sick, anticipating a surgery, recovering from surgery, relocating from home, or might need a pastoral visit.

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~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

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**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

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**The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

*Those who are kind to the needy honor Him*

On behalf of Father Godfrey Mullen, Diocesan Administrator, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – **in any amount** – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

**St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*



~ **St. Joseph Church** ~

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 Parish Office ..... 618-392-8181  
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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:**

- Thursday 8:00 am
- Friday 8:00 am
- Saturday 5:00 pm
- Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com)

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

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm**

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

- Josy Hart ..... Principal  
 Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal  
 Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager  
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**School Advisory Council:** Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuentler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).



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The **Grief Care Group** is a *once a month* gathering that is designed to be a place for listening, encouragement, and caring for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Group members will find a Gospel-focused place to process grief, share memories, and receive spiritual and emotional support. Join us on **Monday April 6, at St. Joseph Olney at 5:30pm.** Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

#### **HOLY CROSS WINE TASTING:**

Join us for a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Holy Cross Parish Center from 6-10:30pm. \$10 admission will cover wine glass and all tastings from Berryville Vineyards, Castle Finn Vineyard, Irene's Vineyard, and The Pour Vineyard. Food trucks available and live music by Dakota Danielle! Domestic beer available for purchase. Wineries will serve until 9pm.

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

*If YOU do not die with Christ, you will not RISE with HIM!* God so loved the world that He gave HIS only begotten Son so that ALL who believe in HIM- Follow Him- Love Him- Serve Him- Know Him.... will have Everlasting Life. Are you living a life for eternity or the next best thing? Who are you following? Where are you in your Lenten journey? Have you begun and failed? If so-Begin Again-embrace these final weeks of Lent with more Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving- and allow your heart to be transformed! May that precious- unblemished-perfect Love that- Ran Red- on Calvary- flood your heart with sorrow for your sin and send you in haste to make amends. Journey onward carrying your cross with Love! God so loved the world that He gave HIS only Son- St. Joseph pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

#### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:**

Euchre Tournament will be played on Sunday, March 22nd - 2pm at Holy Cross Parish Center with \$3.00 entry fee per person. Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Free popcorn, soda/water available for purchase. If over 21, you may bring your favorite adult beverage. Everyone welcome. Be prompt, as the play on time.

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

**Wednesday, March 18** - Boosters Meeting, 5pm in MPR. **Thursday, March 19** - School Mass at 8:05, Feast of St. Joseph. **Friday, March 20** - Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th graders at 2:00pm.

#### **HELP NEEDED:**

St. Joseph School and Parish are in need of full-time custodial/maintenance help while our staff is out on medical leave. The position starts immediately and could last through the summer. Please contact the school office (Josy Hart, Carol Potter, or Jeffrey Rosenberg) for more information. 618-395-3081

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

**Friday, March 20:** Fish Fry Night to benefit Fall Kids Mall, serving from 5-7PM at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome, carry-outs available. **Sunday, March 29:** Regional K of C Spelling Bee at O'Fallon KC Hall. Good Luck Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson & Ray Zuber! **Sunday, March 29:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. Volunteer Knight Ministry followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. **Baby Crib donations** for the Olney Knights Charity Drive are being accepted in the cribs until Palm Sunday. The perfect Lenten alms giving would be baby items for the Women, Infants and Children in Richland and Jasper County! **Congratulations** to all the St. Joe School students in the Breese Regional Free Throw Competition Lauren French-1<sup>st</sup> Place and advance to the State Competition in Bloomington, April 12th. 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bryndle

Scheutz, Ethan Kocher, Kadence Kocher, Emmitt Kocher, and Masen Hatten. 2<sup>nd</sup> place qualifies for state if the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner chooses not to participate. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Vella Kuenstler, Connor Buchner, and Breeann Ochs. 4<sup>th</sup> place-Jackson Prosser. **2026 Knights of Columbus Scholarship:** The Knights of Columbus are proud to support our youth through this program. We are awarding four \$250.00 scholarships to High School Senior applicants to be chosen by committee. To qualify, the applicant or parent must be a current member of the Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352 3rd Degree. Applicants must be received by Friday, April 3rd, 2026. Return by mail to the K of C, P.O. Box 172 Olney, IL 62450. Applications can be found in the back of church.

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

Please return filled Rice Bowls back to the church vestibule or to the Parish Office by Palm Sunday.

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

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matt 1:24). It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask St. Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "doer of the word" (James 1:22). (The Word Among Us)

#### **Sunday, March 15, 2026**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.



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**Mass Schedule:** Thursdays 6:30pm with  
**Adoration** at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday  
10:00am

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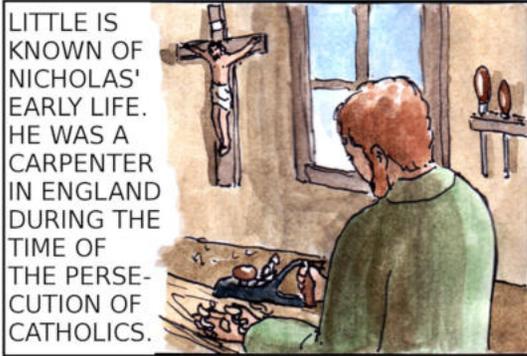
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**Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry**

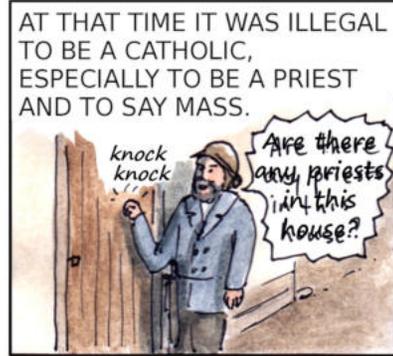


# Saint Nicholas Owen

March 22



LITTLE IS KNOWN OF NICHOLAS' EARLY LIFE. HE WAS A CARPENTER IN ENGLAND DURING THE TIME OF THE PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS.



AT THAT TIME IT WAS ILLEGAL TO BE A CATHOLIC, ESPECIALLY TO BE A PRIEST AND TO SAY MASS.

knock knock  
Are there any priests in this house?!



NICHOLAS BUILT SECRET HIDING PLACES FOR THE JESUIT PRIESTS TO STAY IN.

Just behind this bookshelf...



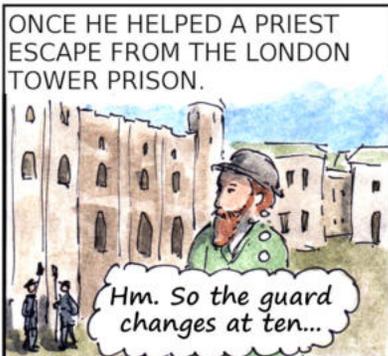
Good morning!

HE DID REGULAR WORK DURING THE DAY SO THAT NOBODY WOULD SUSPECT HIM.



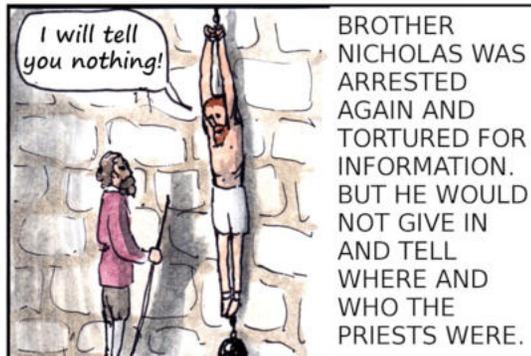
HE SECRETLY BECAME A JESUIT BROTHER.

I would like to become a Jesuit.



ONCE HE HELPED A PRIEST ESCAPE FROM THE LONDON TOWER PRISON.

Hm. So the guard changes at ten...



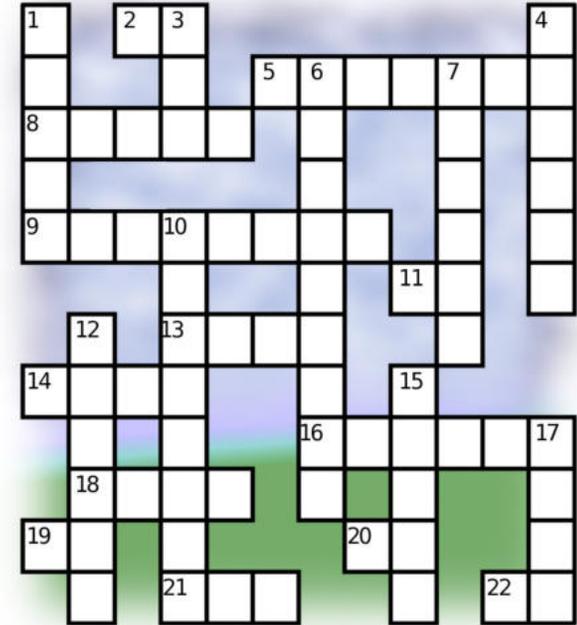
I will tell you nothing!

BROTHER NICHOLAS WAS ARRESTED AGAIN AND TORTURED FOR INFORMATION. BUT HE WOULD NOT GIVE IN AND TELL WHERE AND WHO THE PRIESTS WERE.

SAINT NICHOLAS REFUSED TO BETRAY THE PRIESTS AND DIED FROM THE TORTURES. HERE IS A MAN WHO USED HIS SKILLS AND CLEVERNESS TO WORK FOR GOD AND PROTECT HIS PRIESTS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD WANTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BUILD AND PROTECT THE CHURCH.

# The Lord is my Shepherd...

OVERFLOWS IN  
SHEPHERD OF  
WATERS HE  
BEFORE OIL  
TABLE SAKE  
STAFF SOUL  
WANT PATHS  
LORD VALLEY  
SET ANOINT  
ME COURAGE  
NO PASTURES



The \_\_\_\_\_ (18A) is my \_\_\_\_\_, (9A)  
I shall not \_\_\_\_\_ (14A)

In verdant \_\_\_\_\_ (10D) he gives me repose;  
beside restful \_\_\_\_\_ (16A) he leads me;  
he refreshes my \_\_\_\_\_ (13A)

\_\_\_\_ (22A) guides \_\_\_\_ (19A) in right \_\_\_\_\_ (1D)  
for his name's \_\_\_\_\_ (17D)

Even though I walk in the dark \_\_\_\_\_ (12D)  
I fear \_\_\_\_ (2A) evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your \_\_\_\_\_ (15D)  
that give me \_\_\_\_\_ (5A)

You \_\_\_\_\_ (21A) the \_\_\_\_\_ (8A)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4D) me

\_\_\_\_ (11A) the sight \_\_\_\_ (20A) my foes;  
you \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) my head with \_\_\_\_\_; (3D)  
my cup \_\_\_\_\_ (6D)