

**December 3, 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Monday, December 4,** 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

**Tuesday, December 5,** 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, December 6,** 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

**Thursday, December 7, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For The Parish"**

6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

**Friday, December 8,** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

8:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Saturday, December 9, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Joan Rudolphi+"**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, December 10, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Floyd Carter+" "Kristi Sandschafer"**

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. November 26, 2023**

(62) Envelope Collection: \$1913.00 Loose \$359.00

**Total: \$2,154.00** (3) Building Fund: \$60.00 (21)

Christmas Flower Offering: \$925.00 (3) Catholic

Campaign for Human Development: \$65.00

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK**

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Tim Schnautz,

Doug Frichtl, Julia Weber, Harold Deimel, Carl

Klingler, Gary Kuhl

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to Martha (Buerster)

Kirts, Alli and Landon Kirts, Joe and Rose Buerster, and all family and friends of Jeffrey Kirts, who died on November 17, 2023. *May Jeff rest in the peace and love of the Lord.*

**\*DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS\***

**SATURDAY SUNDAY**

**Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:**

Dave & Tammy Brent & Sharon  
Rudolphi Edwards

**Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers:**

Breanne Buerster Kristi Sandschafer  
Christine Hall Diane Schackmann  
Lynn Weidner Sandi Kessler

**Lectors: Lectors:**

Jennifer Rudolphi Paul Kocher

**Money Counters:**

\*Keith & Pam Blank\*

**Ushers: Ushers:**

Dave Rudolphi Ben Niebrugge  
James Rudolphi Herb Deimel

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the Joan (Klingler) Rudolphi family and all relatives. Joan died on November 22, 2023 and was buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery. *May Joan rest in the peace and love of the Lord.*

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

Dec. 10 – Diane Herdes (618) 723-2506

Dec. 17 – Ellen Weber (618) 752-5225

Dec. 31 – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900

Jan. 14 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841

Jan. 21 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. Dec. 2** – Mattux Hart, Ian Kessler

**Sun. Dec. 3** – CYM

**Sat. Dec. 9** – Levi & Noah Rudolphi

**Sun. Dec. 10** – Karly Deckard, Braden Weidner

**THANK YOU:**

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the members of the Holy Cross Parish Choir who sang for the funeral of Jeff Kirts. Holy Cross will always be home to me as this is where I grew up and Jeff and I were married. It warms my heart that our daughter Alli has a special connection to Holy Cross Parish now as well. When I asked if

some members of the choir would consider singing at the funeral, I never imagined how many would show up. During our immense grief, the beautiful music of the choir was a source of comfort. Holy Cross Parish has always had the most talented choir and we can't thank them enough for their beautiful contribution to the service. Your kindness will forever be remembered.

Martha (Buerster) Kirts, Alli and Landon Kirts

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Saturday, December 2 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am, with Confession beginning at 8:15am**

**Sunday, December 3 – CYM Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am with Bake Sale Following Monday, December 4 – Holy Cross-Wendelin Blood Drive at Wakefield Fire Department, 1:30pm-5:30pm**

St. Joseph School First Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown – Open to Parishioners After, 6pm

**Tuesday, December 5** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am and Stringtown Study, 10am

**Wednesday, December 6 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm**

**Thursday, December 7 – Family Catechesis First Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin – Open to Parishioners After, 6pm**

**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm**

Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm

**Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm**

**Friday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am

Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 8:00am

**Sunday, December 10 – Family Catechesis Gifts of Love at ALL MASSES**

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*Be Watchful! Be Alert!* This is the first Sunday of Advent, and we must be watchful and alert to the signal graces of *Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace*. The season of Advent can offer the opportunity to spiritually renew and enjoy the simple things- especially this year. Let this season of Advent bring forth a renewal of *Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace* that is only found in Jesus. Begin and end your day in prayer, pick up an Advent devotional, sit in silence, smile, extend kindness to those that you ignore or cast judgment upon...Change your habits to a habit of Love! *Be Watchful! Be Alert!* Live a Life of Love and light one purple candle on your Advent wreath for **Hope!** Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:**

The True Meaning of Christmas by Michael Barber  
**Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin and Tuesday mornings at 10:00am after Rosary at St. Joseph-Stringtown.** If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST RESUMES:**

**Thursday, December 7 at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin** *"The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family."* St. John Paul II  
Come and join this 5 part study on "The Mission of the Family"

Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. *St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY:**

**Spend time with Jesus this Advent!** Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Olney on Tuesday afternoons from 12:00-3:00pm beginning in December. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to just stop in for a few minutes, most importantly, just come and *Adore our Lord.*

### **FAMILY CATECHESIS:**

#### **December 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas**

On December 6, at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, join us for a beautiful chant of Advent Vespers, a visit from St. Nicholas, music from the Holy Cross Choir, and more. Reminder there will be a Confirmation Check-In and a First Reconciliation Check-In and practice afterwards.

**Live Your Catholic Faith** – Light the candles each week on your Advent wreath.

Pray the Advent prayers at meal time and live Advent.

Let Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be present before the presents!

#### **Family Prayer – Ave Maris Stella Prayer**

*Hail, you Star of Ocean! Portal of the sky, Ever Virgin Mother, Of the Lord most high.*

*O! by Gabriel's Ave, Uttered long ago, Eva's name reversing, Establish peace below.*

*Break the captive's fetters; Light on blindness pour; All our ills expelling, Every bliss implore.*

*Show yourself a mother; Offer him our sighs, Who for us Incarnate Did not you despise.*

*Virgin of all virgins! To your shelter take us;*

*Gentlest of the gentle! Chaste and gentle make us.*

*Still as on we journey, Help our weak endeavor, Till with you and Jesus We rejoice forever.*


*Through the highest heaven, To the Almighty*

*Three, Father, Son, and Spirit, One same glory be.*

**First Reconciliation:** December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Confirmation:** April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**First Eucharist:** April 27-28<sup>th</sup> at All Masses

 The season of giving is upon us and in remembrance of our parishioners who have lost a loved one this year, the Family Catechesis families are going to be giving a “Gift of Love”. Our hope is that this token of Love will bring comfort knowing that your loved one is remembered during this Advent and Christmas season. On Sunday, **December 10**, these **Gifts of Love** will be presented to the

family of: *Richard Weidner, Kevin Frohning, Linda Rudolphi, Hermena Medernach, Wayne Stark, Floyd Carter, Patricia Volk, Larry Bryan, Eva Herdes, Leonard Kessler, and Joan Rudolphi.* In this Season of Glad Tidings and what a JOY it is to SHARE GIFTS OF LOVE!

### **CYM YOUTH GROUP:**

CYM Youth Group gathering on Wednesdays at Holy Cross Rectory basement from 7-8:30pm. All high school youth invited. Questions? Please contact Tyler Timm.

### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or just want more information? We are always excited to welcome new members/families. For more information, contact Fr. Steven Beatty or Caroline Trimble.

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

**Mark your calendars:** March 9th - Bingo Bash - St. Joseph, Stringtown, Parish Center  
Table reservations begin January 3rd by calling the school office. If you want to donate an item to be auctioned, please contact Carol Potter, Lora Kocher, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren Tibbs, Megan Brinkley or Sara Peavler.

**First Reconciliation for our second graders:**  
Sunday, December 3rd at 1 pm (St. Joseph, Olney),  
Monday, December 4th, at 6 pm (St. Joseph, Stringtown) and Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm (Holy Cross, Wendelin). Please keep our children in your prayers.

**Reminder** - School mass the week of December 3rd will be Friday, December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), instead of Wednesday, December 6th.

**Friday, December 8th** - 5th - 8th Grade Band Concert 3 pm in the gymnasium

**Saturday, December 9th** - Santa Event - 5:45 - 7:30 pm

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Sun., Dec. 3:** Olney Council Members and Family Christmas Appreciation Dinner at St. Joe-Olney MPR, 5PM. Santa arrives after the meal. **Thurs., Dec. 14:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7pm. **Thurs., Dec. 21:** 4th Degree meeting, 7pm.

### **CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**

December drawings will be held both masses this weekend, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Proceeds will be donated to CYM. If anyone would be willing to donate to the cake/craft drawing for future months, please contact the parish office or a Ladies Altar Sodality member.

### **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:**

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate to set up an appointment.

### **REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED:**

Our area still needs representatives from Wendelin and Stringtown for Catholic Relief Services. If you want to serve your parish in this role, please contact Carol Potter (rep from St. Joseph, Olney) at school (618-395-3081).

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**

Holy Cross-Wendelin is sponsoring a blood drive this Monday, December 4, 2023 from 1:30-5:30pm at Wakefield Fire Department. Please help us make this drive a success!

**Friends of Newton Family Life Center** Provides loving, nonjudgmental, free support for persons in the community who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy decision. 301 S. Jackson Street, Newton, IL 62448 618-783-5433

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

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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.



**Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**

**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

**Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm**

**Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty, V.G. Pastor**

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**\*\*Reverend Felix Chukwuma Pastor**

**Fr. Felix's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ 618-671-0641**

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**\*\*Ashley Hinterscher Administrative Assistant**

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**Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-3pm**

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**Trustees Carl Will & Sherry Geier**

**Pastoral Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Heather Blank-Secretary; Cindy Blank, Gregg Weber, Sheryl Klingler, Pam Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tonya Hall, Tammy Rudolphi**