

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for April 12, 2026

Envelopes: \$950.00 (26)
Loose: \$65.00
Total: \$5,168.00

Building Fund: \$80.00 (3)

Religious Education: \$60.00 (2)

CSMA: \$100.00 (1)

Holy Land: \$25.00 (1)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

April Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

April Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus

Council #1352

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, April 19 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown with Bake Sale Following 8am Mass.

Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Following 8am Mass to Honor Those Newly Confirmed.

Young Adults Gathering Cancelled!

Monday, April 20 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

VBS Volunteer Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 5:30pm. All who would like to help are invited to join us!

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

Thursday April 24 – Brother’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Saturday, April 25 – Middle School Youth Group at Saint Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Sunday, April 26 – First Communion Practice at Holy Cross-Wendelin Following 10am Mass.

High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Tuesday, April 28 – Bibles and Brews, TBD.

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.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

If the tomb was full then our lives would be empty but because the tomb was empty our lives are full and with purpose. I heard this recently and found it very fitting with the Gospel reading from Luke.

The well-known story of the Walk of Emmaus references the empty tomb and our Lord being made present in the Breaking of the Bread. It is interesting to reflect on how just a few weeks ago our Lord walked the Via Dolorosa (the Way of Suffering) and today he walks on the Road to Emmaus. This walk was not one of suffering but *redemption-restoration-resurrection-our* Resurrection of life in Him! The tomb is empty, and we are Full with Purpose because we have Jesus-truly present- Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-in the breaking of the Bread that occurs at every Mass. Do you recognize Jesus on the road you walk? Does he walk with you? Begin this day walking a more robust and purposeful life- a Eucharistic Life! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:



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. Contact Caroline Trimble for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tri- Parish VBS "Rainforest Falls" Exploring the Nature of God - Pre-K to 5th grade
May 26-29 from 5:30-7:30pm - Holy Cross-Wendelin

If you would like to help with the Tri-Parish VBS

Join us for a Team meeting Monday, April 20 5:30pm at Holy Cross. More information to follow soon about registering!

CYM BAKE SALE:



There will be a bake sale held on Sunday, April 19th following 8am Mass. Please note this is the last bake sale benefiting those attending Mission Trip this summer. Please support our youth and families!

2026 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET:

The 2026 Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Stringtown Parish Center, starting at 6 pm and lasting until ?, with the theme, “Don’t Worry, Bee Happy.” The committee would like to invite members and their guests to **respond by April 26** by texting/calling Mona at 618-843-6662. Menu is chicken strips, potatoes, salads and desserts. We are asking members with the last name starting with A-M to bring a salad, while members with the last name starting with N-Z to bring a dessert. We have invited Jeff Fleming, a humorist and local attorney, to be our guest speaker on “Laughing is the Best Medicine.” We will be having a meeting. Also, Delaney will lead the installation of 2026-2027 officers. A Photo Booth will be available to take pictures at. Games and door prizes will be available.

KUHL CARD SHOWER AND OPEN HOUSE:

Vic and Darlene Kuhl will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary and Vic’s 93rd birthday with an open house on April 19th 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.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of April 15 – Saint Mark the Evangelist, Lectio: Mark, Via Lucis.**

2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th. **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. **Raffles** - Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. There are still several places available to contact if you are interested in helping. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on May 3rd. **All raffle donations should be turned in by this date.** If you are interested in helping contact businesses or need to setup a different time for drop off of the raffle prizes, please contact Jenny Hancock (618-843-6625) **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30th at the Stringtown Parish Center. **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. Thank you! **Quilt & Craft Raffle** – Items are still needed for the quilt and craft raffle. **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)

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

April 22- Bike or Walk to school for Earth Day;
April 23- Early dismissal at 1:50pm

Sunday, April 26: Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8am Mass. **Congratulations Lauren French,** 4th place winner at the State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington! **Knight of the Month:** Angel Padilla - Scholarship Chairman

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

VOCATION CORNER:

"Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents' example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for

the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions." Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Linda McWhirter

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Holy Cross-Wendelin

Koltyn Hinterscher- St. Pope John Paul II
Korbyn Hinterscher- St. Carlo Acutis
Nicole Kuhl-St. Monica
Diesel Myers- St. Christopher
Aubrey Patridge-St. Cecilia
Beau Stevens- St. Philip Neri
Cora Warfel-St. Anne
Adrienne Weidner-St. Veronica
Braden Weidner- St. Hubert of Liege

St. Joseph-Stringtown

Haley Ginder-St. Gianna Beretta Molla
Gavin Kuentler- St. Isidore the Laborer
Julian Seaman- St. Sebastian
Sadie Seiler- St. Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph Olney

Yzabella Biyok- St. Philip Neri
Camden Blank- St. Phocas
Brilyn Brinkley- St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Hazel Durmas-St. Rose of Lima
Lauren French- St. Therese of Lisieux
Riley Kraus- St. Therese of Lisieux
Kylah Matthews- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Landree Nelson- St. Catherine of Siena
Laney Peavler- St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Peyton Peavler- St. Michael the Archangel
Makai Steele- St. Michael the Archangel
Jett Thomas- St. Francis de Sales
Quinn Trout- St. Patrick
Lucca Trupiano- St. Padre Pio
Hayden Womack- St. Joseph

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, "Jean & Norman Zwilling†", "Norman Kocher†", "Bill & Catherine Zwilling Family, Nadine Zwilling†"

Monday, April 20, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Tuesday, April 21, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 22, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, April 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, April 25, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney

Sunday, April 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

"Joseph Schneider†" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

04/19/2026

Servers:

CYM

Lector:

CYM

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

CYM

Ushers:

CYM

Greeters:

CYM

Children's Liturgy:

Anita & Anna

04/26/2026

Servers:

Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Kerigan Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Gary Zwilling
Owen Kocher
Janette Kocher

Gifts:

David Muhs
Family

Ushers:

Ian Kocher
Austin Kuentler

Greeters:

Seaman Family

Children's Liturgy:

Joselyn & Mallory

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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Apr. 20 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Apr. 21 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Apr. 22 8:05 am Harold Foerster
Thu. Apr. 23 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Apr. 24 8:00 am For the Parish

Sat. Apr. 25
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Maren Zuber
Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn
Norman & Jean Zwilling

Sun. Apr. 26
8:00 am Deacon Jack Shuster
Donald Kocher
Dale Tibbs
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 12th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8,471 (118) Easter: \$1,186 (16)
Loose: \$215 Guatemala: \$205 (9)
Good Friday/Holy Land: \$85 (3)

Let Us Pray For: Sandy Fehrenbacher, Sue Dickerson, 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.

Congratulations to newly baptized **Tillie, Eleanor, and Reece Wingert**, children of Joshua & Samantha (Blakney) Wingert.

Happy Birthday to **Raymond Steber** who celebrates his 92nd birthday on April 20th!

Happy Birthday to **Jean Steber** who celebrates her 94th birthday on April 24th!

Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Thomas Zuber**. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, April 18th

- 11:00 am, Confirmation for the Tri-Parish at St. Joseph, Olney. Confirmandee listed on the back of the bulletin.

Sunday, April 19th

- Mass for **Don & Julie Blank, Carl & Una Kocher, and Rod Kelley**.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 8:00 am, CYM mass and meeting at Stringtown. Bake sale to follow outside the church following mass.
- Young Adults gathering cancelled for today.
- **Vic and Darlene Kuhl** will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary and Vic's 93rd birthday with an open house on April 19th 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.

Monday, April 20th

- A VBS Volunteer Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20th at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House at 5:30pm. All who would like to help are invited to join us! VBS dates will be May 26-29th - please save the date!

Tuesday, April 21st

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, April 22nd

- Mass for **Harold Foerster**.
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Saturday, April 25th

- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group meets at Olney.

Sunday, April 26th

- 10:00 am, first communion practice for Holy Cross after 10 am mass.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross.

St. Joseph School News

- April 22- Bike or Walk to school for Earth Day
- April 23- Early dismissal at 1:50pm
- We collected **\$1,669.01** for our **Rice Bowl** collection for Catholic Relief Services. 25% of that total will be sent to our local Good Samaritan. Thank you to all who participated in this Lenten almsgiving project.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

• **A Celebration of Women** **Monday, May 4th at 5:30 PM**

Tickets can now be purchased at the parish office. This event will take place in the church followed by a catered meal in the cafeteria. Tickets will also be available after masses on **April 25-26**. Join us to celebrate all the generations of women in our parish. All are welcome!

We would love to see any **photos** you have of your families. Maybe you've attended the mother/daughter banquets in the past. Send us photos to be displayed at the event.

- **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.

• **New Resources for Children!**

Children's missalettes are now available for children ages 5-12 to pick up at the entrances. Please return after each mass.

Mass bags are also available and recommended for ages 0-4. These bags include toys and books. These can be found in the vestibule on the book shelf. Please return the bag and its contents after each mass. These are also available to purchase in the parish office if interested.

- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Monday, April 20th to make any changes for the May and June schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries. We are currently in need for Saturday ushers and 1 more Saturday Children's Liturgy Leader.

- **For the month of May**, we will be **praying the rosary** before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass with the exception of the last Sunday which will be led by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am. We need volunteers to lead so, please sign up on the sheet next to the bulletins on the table in the vestibule. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Tri- Parish VBS

"Rainforest Falls"

Exploring the Nature of God

Pre-K to 5th grade

May 26-29 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Holy Cross Wendelin

If you would like to help with the Tri-Parish VBS Join us for a Team meeting Monday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross. More information to follow soon about registering!

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

“It is only through your prayers, kindness and generosity that our diocesan ministries can continue providing services to our parishes, schools and the needy among us throughout the 28 southernmost counties of Illinois. Please support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today!” -Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB

Thank you to the **55** households that have already pledged **\$8,916.25** to support this mission.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- April 13: Tom & Susan Murray (#606)
- April 14: Robbie Ginder (#186)
- April 15: Cody Mart (#035)
- April 16: Dan Kuenstler (#494)
- April 17: Paul Weber (#066)

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sunday, April 26:** Knight led rosary before the 8 am mass at Olney.
- **Congratulations** Lauren French, 4th place winner at the State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington!
- **Knight of the Month:** Angel Padilla - Scholarship Chairman.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which generously supports ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese each year. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Confirmation Candidates

St. Joseph Olney

- Yzabella Biyok- St. Philip Neri
- Camden Blank- St. Phocas
- Brilyn Brinkley- St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Hazel Durmas- St. Rose of Lima
- Lauren French- St. Therese of Lisieux
- Riley Kraus- St. Therese of Lisieux
- Kylah Matthews- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Landree Nelson- St. Catherine of Siena
- Laney Peavler- St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Peyton Peavler- St. Michael the Archangel
- Makai Steele- St. Michael the Archangel
- Jett Thomas- St. Francis de Sales
- Quinn Trout- St. Patrick
- Lucca Trupiano- St. Padre Pio
- Hayden Womack- St. Joseph

Holy Cross Wendelin

- Koltyn Hinterscher- St. Pope John Paul II
- Korbyn Hinterscher- St. Carlo Acutis
- Nicole Kuhl- St. Monica
- Diesel Myers- St. Christopher
- Aubrey Patridge- St. Cecilia
- Beau Stevens- St. Philip Neri
- Cora Warfel- St. Anne
- Adrienne Weidner- St. Veronica
- Braden Weidner- St. Hubert of Liege

St. Joseph Stringtown

- Haley Ginder- St. Gianna Beretta Molla
- Gavin Kuenstler- St. Isidore the Laborer
- Julian Seaman- St. Sebastian
- Sadie Seiler- St. Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
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~ **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

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

School Office 618-395-3081

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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*).

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†Eucharistic Celebrations†

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Tuesday, April 21, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, April 22, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Jack, Lavera, & Larry Bryan†"
Friday, April 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, April 25, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Melvin & Helen Rudolphi† and Louis & Lelia Volk†", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, April 26, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Marvin & Catherine Bahl† and All Deceased Members of the Raymond Kuenstler Family†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

April Bulletins and Missalettes: For Harold Rauch & 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, April 12, 2026 (55) Envelope Collection: \$1,789.00, Loose: \$180.00 – Total: \$1,969.00, (13) Building: \$695.00,

APRIL LITURGICAL MINISTERS SATURDAY SUNDAY Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet: EMHC: EMHC: Lectors: Lectors: Money Counters: Ushers: Ushers: Mass Servers: Children's Liturgy of the Word: CRMH Communion:

(1) Cemetery: \$25.00, (6) Easter: \$220.00, (2) Holy Land/Good Friday: \$75.00, (1) CSMA: \$300.00 HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE: As of Wednesday, April 15th – \$299,098.57 has been received from 419 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher



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continue to serve you in love. Help them always be confident in your plans for them. We pray they will always turn to You in prayer for their every need and worry. We also ask that you continue to bless their family and all the lives they touch with the example of their love and faithfulness to you. Amen." Happy 70th Anniversary, Vic & Darlene on behalf of your parish family!

THANK YOU: The family of Janet Kistner would like to thank Fr. Levi, Fr. Steven, and the choir for the beautiful Mass that helped celebrate Janet's life. Thank you to the parishioners and funeral committee who provided and helped with the funeral dinner. It was greatly appreciated. We are grateful to all of you for the prayers, cards, flowers, and gifts. Your kindness, generosity, and compassion have touched our hearts.

SAVE THE DATE: Tri- Parish VBS "Rainforest Falls" Exploring the Nature of God Pre-K to 5th grade May 26-29 from 5:30-7:30pm Holy Cross-Wendelin If you would like to help with the Tri-Parish VBS Join us for a Team meeting Monday, April 20 5:30pm at Holy Cross. More information to follow soon about registering!

CYM QUILT RAFFLE: CYM will be selling quilt raffle tickets to support their mission trip. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am Mass. The quilt was donated Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman.

PICNIC HEAD OF STANDS MEETING: This meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22nd at 7pm in the Parish House.

FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:

Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church. They are located in the vestibule/gathering space.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

If the tomb was full then our lives would be empty but because the tomb was empty our lives are full and with purpose. I heard this recently and found it very fitting with the Gospel reading from Luke. The well-known story of the Walk of Emmaus references the empty tomb and our Lord being made present in the Breaking of the Bread. It is interesting to reflect on how just a few weeks ago our Lord walked the Via Dolorosa (the Way of Suffering) and today he walks on the Road to Emmaus. This walk was not one of suffering but *redemption-restoration-resurrection-our* Resurrection of life in Him! The tomb is empty, and we are Full with Purpose because we have Jesus-truly present- Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-in the breaking of the Bread that occurs at every Mass. Do you recognize Jesus on the road you walk? Does he walk with you? Begin this day walking a more robust and purposeful life- a Eucharistic Life! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

April 22- Bike or Walk to school for Earth Day

April 23- Early dismissal at 1:50pm

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, April 26: Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8am Mass.

Congratulations Lauren French, 4th place winner at the State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington!

Knight of the Month: Angel Padilla - Scholarship Chairman

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome

from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

VOCATION CORNER:

"Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents' example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions." Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024

SPRING FARM BLESSING:

All are invited to join Fr. Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel. Those attending are

invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Holy Cross-Wendelin

Koltyn Hinterscher- St. Pope John Paul II

Korbyn Hinterscher- St. Carlo Acutis

Nicole Kuhl-St. Monica

Diesel Myers- St. Christopher

Aubrey Patridge-St. Cecilia

Beau Stevens- St. Philip Neri

Cora Warfel-St. Anne

Adrienne Weidner-St. Veronica

Braden Weidner- St. Hubert of Liege

St. Joseph-Stringtown

Haley Ginder-St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Gavin Kuenstler- St. Isidore the Laborer

Julian Seaman- St. Sebastian

Sadie Seiler- St. Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph Olney

Yzabella Biyok- St. Philip Neri

Camden Blank- St. Phocas

Brilyn Brinkley- St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Hazel Durmas-St. Rose of Lima

Lauren French- St. Therese of Lisieux

Riley Kraus- St. Therese of Lisieux

Kylah Matthews- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Landree Nelson- St. Catherine of Siena

Laney Peavler- St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Peyton Peavler- St. Michael the Archangel

Makai Steele- St. Michael the Archangel

Jett Thomas- St. Francis de Sales

Quinn Trout- St. Patrick

Lucca Trupiano- St. Padre Pio

Hayden Womack- St. Joseph

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O Sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.



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Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier,

Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty

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Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

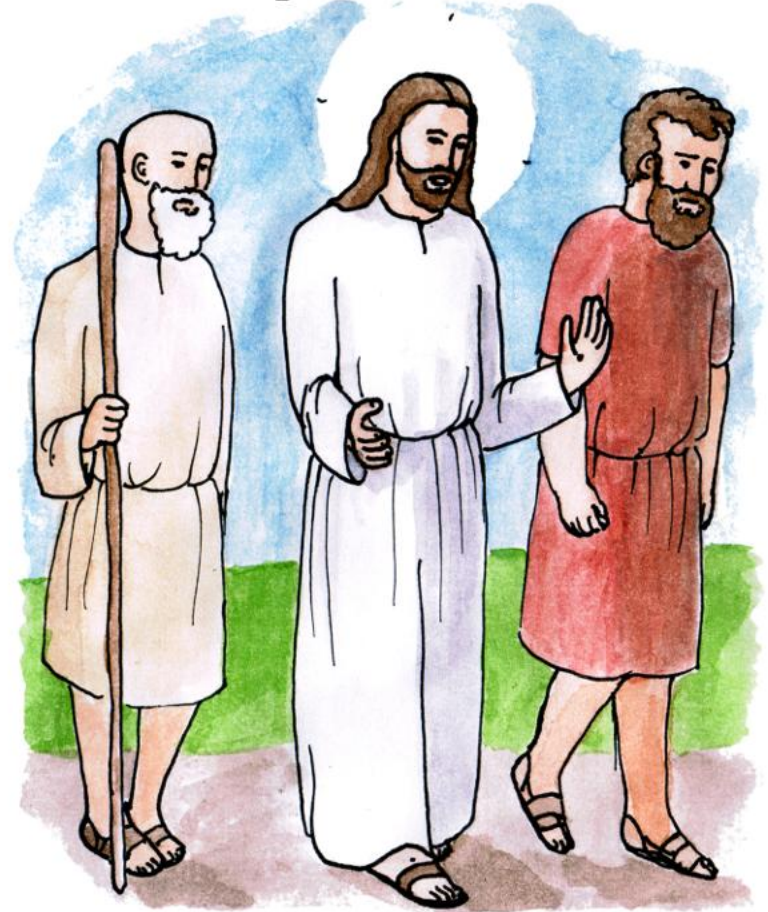
Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 2026



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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?

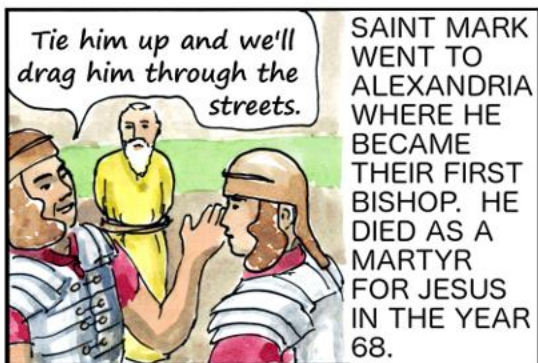
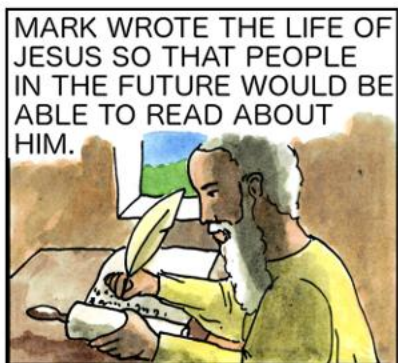
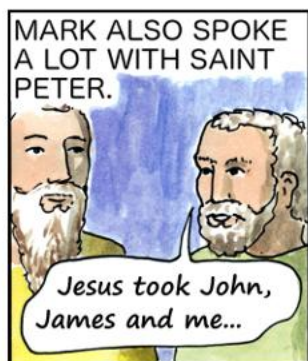
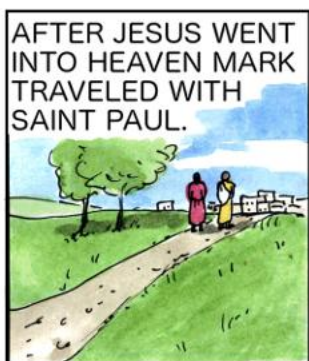
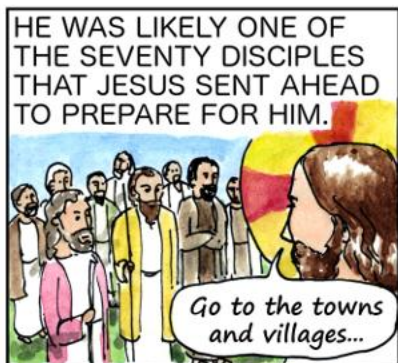
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Saint Mark

April 25



SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!

Picture Puzzle: The Road to Emmaus

How well do you know the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus? Figure out the order of the pictures and put the appropriate numbers in the corners.

