

# **ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN**

## **Bulletins**

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**Collection Total for March 1, 2026**

Envelopes: \$1,175.00 (37)

Loose: \$145.01

**Total: \$1,320.01**

**Building Fund: \$70.00 (2)**

**Easter Flower Memorials: \$90.00 (3)**

**Religious Education: \$210.00 (6)**

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 8 – Stringtown Community Club Senior Citizen Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center following 8am Mass.**

CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney.

High School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5:30pm.

**Monday, March 9 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.**

**Tuesday, March 10 – 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.

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

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

**Wednesday, March 11 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**

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

**Thursday, March 12 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.**

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

**Friday, March 13 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! St. Joseph-Stringtown,**

St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, and St.

Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Euchre at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.

**Saturday, March 14 – St. Joe School Bingo Bash at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center, Doors Open at 5. Bingo begins at 7.**

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

**Wednesday, March 18 – No 8am Mass at St. Joseph-Olney.**

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Joseph-Olney.

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

**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 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph-Stringtown** and March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph-Olney

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

What will it take for you to be courageous and carry your cross daily? Who do you need to forgive in your life? Do not miss this present moment to take an inward look. Begin with an Examining your Conscience using the 7 Deadly Sins of Pride: Envy: Sloth: Lust: Covetousness: Gluttony: Anger. Be assured that the Sacrament of Reconciliation cleanses and heals you of these Deadly (Mortal) sins. Choose to be courageous and let sin Die in YOU! Live a Life of Love that is of God - for God - about God - and in God! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

**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. **St. Raphael's**



**Ministry of Care Representatives:**

St. Joseph-Stringtown - Janette Kocher, Holy Cross-Wendelin - Sherry Geier, St. Joseph- Olney - Elaine Grimes, Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, Fr. Levi James

and Fr. Steven Beatty

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:**

Choir practices for Holy Week will be held on Thursday, March 12, 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!

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:**

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**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>:** How to Lent, St. Frances, and The Passion of the Christ in the Light of the Holy Shroud

**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:**

**March 11–12:** 8th Grade Field Trip to Memphis. Students will explore the city's rich religious heritage and pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement through a historical lens.

**Bingo Update:** Our tables are sold out! Thanks for the tremendous response to our Bingo/Auction night! Doors open at 5pm and Bingo begins at 7pm. If want to support, here are a few, simple ways: Donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull, donate a gift card for the Gift Card board, or volunteer to work. You can stop by the school office or contact Carol Potter.

**WINE PULL DONATIONS NEEDED:**



We are collecting unopened bottles of wine for the wine pull to benefit St. Joseph School at the Bingo Bash held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph-Stringtown. Donation boxes are located at each of our Tri-Parishes.

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

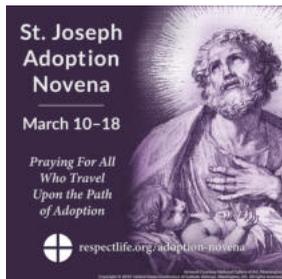
**Sunday, March 8:** Regional Free Throw Competition at Breese Mater Dei High School. **Thursday, March 12:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, March 19:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, March 29:** Regional Spelling Bee at O'Fallon KC Hall. **Sunday, March 29:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass.



**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:**



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**FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT:**

St. Isidore Parish will hold a retreat on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am at St. Aloysius Hall. Talks, Mass, adoration, and confession offered. Lunch provided. No cost to attend, but a free will offering accepted. Sign up by emailing [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org).

**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.

**ST. THOMAS FAMILY LIFE CENTER BREAKFAST:**

St. Thomas will host a breakfast fundraiser for Newton Family Life Center. This weill be held this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm at St. Thomas Parish Center. It is for a free will donation. In addition to the breakfast, families can enjoy kids activities and a bake sale. This fundraiser will also mark the official launch of the Newton Family Life Center's Online Auction.



**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

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 8, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling†", "Judy Zuber†", "Joseph Schneider†"  
**Monday, March 9, 6:30pm** at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Fr. Roger Schoenhofen, OMI"  
**Tuesday, March 10, 5:00pm** at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
**Wednesday, March 11, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Thursday, March 12, 6:30pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
**Friday, March 13, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Saturday, March 14, 4:00pm** at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney  
**Sunday, March 15, 8:00am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**03/08/2026**

**Servers:**

Kaitlyn Ginder  
Haley Ginder  
Julian Seaman

**Lector:**

Kathy Kocher

**EMHC:**

Jenny Hancock  
Owen Kocher  
Gary Zwilling

**Gifts:**

Tom Kocher  
Family

**Ushers:**

Tom Kocher  
Elmer Ochs

**Greeters:**

Elmer & Mary  
Ochs

**Children's Liturgy:**

Donna & Natalie

**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

**St. Joseph Church  
Stringtown, Illinois**

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

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Mar. 9 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Mar. 10 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Mar. 11 8:05 am Dale Tibbs**  
**1:30 PM at Carle 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
Thu. Mar. 12 6:30 pm at Wendelin  
**Fri. Mar. 13 8:00 am For the Parish**  
**Sat. Mar. 14**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Tony Tredway**  
**Anothony Steber**  
**Living & Deceased members of**  
**Ephraim & Frances Hahn**  
**Sun. Mar. 15**  
**8:00 am Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs**  
**John Resor**  
**Carl & Una Kocher**  
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 1<sup>st</sup>

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$8,096 (110) Outreach: \$145

Guatemala: \$546 (28) Building Fund: \$115 (3)

Black and Indian Missions: \$95 (2)

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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 7<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Carl & Una Kocher, Frank Ginder**, and **Living & Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber**.
- 6:00 PM, middle school youth group meets at Olney.

#### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Fr. Ron Weber, Tony Steber**, and **Frank Ginder**.
- 8:00 am, CYM mass at Olney.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!
- 5:30 PM, high school youth group meets at Stringtown.

#### Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room at Olney. Reading, *Spiritual Life*.
- There will be no meeting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for OCIA. Next meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.
- 7:00 PM, Parish Council meets, St. Joseph, Olney.

#### Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

- Mass for **Dale Tibbs**.
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 1:30 PM, Mass at Carle 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

#### Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

- The Parish & Family Life Committee meets in the quilting room at 5:30 pm.

#### Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 PM, Stations at all Tri-Parish churches.

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

- Bingo Bash for St. Joseph School at the Stringtown Parish Center. Doors open at 5 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm.

#### St. Joseph School News

- **March 11–12:** 8th Grade Field Trip to Memphis. Students will explore the city's rich religious heritage and pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement through a historical lens.

**Bingo Update:** Our tables are sold out! Doors open at 5 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Thanks for the tremendous response to our Bingo/Auction night! If you cannot attend but want to support, here are a few, simple ways:

- Donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull
- Donate a gift card for the Gift Card board
- Volunteer to work

You can stop by the school office or contact Carol Potter.

#### CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Mar. 2: Melissa Erwin (#538)

Mar. 3: Katherine Brazil (#604)

Mar. 4: Tim Ridgely (#558)

Mar. 5: Doug & Robin Chamberlin (#409)

Mar. 6: Ed Kocher (#787)

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#### ~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **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>**.
- **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.
- **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. We just need one more to start this ministry on Saturdays. Please contact the parish office.

#### • Evening Vespers:

Vespers are Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

- March 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Stringtown
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Olney

#### • St. Raphael's Ministry of Care

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- The grief care group will meet on the first **Monday of every month at 5:30 pm** in the conference room at St. Joseph, Olney.

#### • Euchre has returned to Wendelin!

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#### ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Thursday, Mar. 12:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Friday, Mar. 13:** Fish Fry to benefit the Senior Citizens Center. Serving dinner at the Olney City Park Community Building from 5-7 pm. Carry outs are available. All are welcome!
- **Thursday, Mar. 19:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Sunday, Mar. 29:** Landree Nelson, Quinn Trout and Ray Zuber are scheduled to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee at O'Fallon K of C Hall.
- **Sunday, Mar. 29:** Knight led Rosary before the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney.
- **Baby Crib Charity Drive** for WIC has baby cribs in the Tri-Parishes. Critical needed items, are new born diapers, baby wipes, onesies, baby clothing, and any generous donated items for 0-5 ages.

## Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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### Third Sunday of Lent Weekly Prayers:

For Maribel-whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl-and for all parents striving to feed their children with nutritious food. May their families have healthy and hunger-free futures.

For members of our own community who are hungry and do not know where their next meal will come from, that we may encounter them in their need.

### The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2026

This weekend our parish has an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and elderly, educate children, reach out to youth, train lay ministers and catechists and so much more. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the envelopes available in your pew or bring your card next week. Your contribution will touch the lives of thousands of people throughout southern Illinois; on behalf of each of them, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

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### **Gaudeamus – Let Us Rejoice!** **Seminarian Gala**

Saturday, April 11 at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Hts., IL

To register for this event please visit <http://www.diobelle.org/> or for more information please contact Mary Fleming at [mfleming@diobelle.org](mailto:mfleming@diobelle.org). There are flyers posted on the bulletin boards as well.

## St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third 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:

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](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

School Office..... 618-395-3081

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FAX..... 618-395-8500

**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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### **LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:**

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### **FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>:** How to Lent, St. Frances, and The Passion of the Christ in the Light of the Holy Shroud

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

**March 11–12:** 8th Grade Field Trip to Memphis. Students will explore the city's rich religious heritage and pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement through a historical lens. **Bingo Update:** Our tables are sold out! Thanks for the tremendous response to our Bingo/Auction night! Doors open at 5pm and Bingo begins at 7pm. If you want to support, here are a few, simple ways:

Donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull, donate a gift card for the Gift Card board, or volunteer to work. You can stop by the school office or contact Carol Potter.

### **WINE PULL DONATIONS NEEDED:**



We are collecting unopened bottles of wine for the wine pull to benefit St. Joseph School at the Bingo Bash held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph-Stringtown.

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

**Sunday, March 8:** Regional Free Throw Competition at Breese Mater Dei High School.  
**Thursday, March 12:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.  
**Thursday, March 19:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.  
**Sunday, March 29:** Regional Spelling Bee at O'Fallon KC Hall. **Sunday, March 29:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. **Baby Crib Charity Drive continues.** Please drop off items in the gathering space.

### **PHOTO DIRECTORY:**

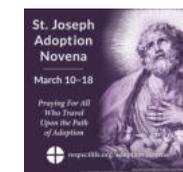
Please submit photos by sending to parish email [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com), dropping a photo by parish office, or texting to Ashley!

### **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>

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**



The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup>. This special day offers an opportunity to reflect on the beautiful gift of adoption and to seek St. Joseph's intercession for all those whose lives are touched by it. As we prepare for the Solemnity, we invite you to join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena, asking the Lord to bless and guide all who walk the path of adoption. Visit [respectlife.org/adoption-novena](http://respectlife.org/adoption-novena) for the novena, which begins March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **KING'S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:**

King's House has a Ladies' Quiet Retreat on March 20-22, 2026. Contact King's House at (618)-397-0584 to register. Let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with them.

### **SAINT ISIDORE SPRING BREAKFAST:**

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast is Sunday, March 15 from 7am-noon. The menu will include sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade bread and rolls. We will also have a country store with baked goods, raffle items, quilt chances, and mystery boxes. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **ST. THOMAS FAMILY LIFE CENTER BREAKFAST:**

St. Thomas will host a breakfast fundraiser for Newton Family Life Center. This will be held this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm at St. Thomas Parish Center. It is for a free will donation. In addition to the breakfast, families can enjoy kids activities and a bake sale. This fundraiser will also mark the official launch of the Newton Family Life Center's Online Auction.

### **Sunday, March 8, 2026**

#### **Third 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.



#### **Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.

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

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

# Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst  
 Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, Spirit, given, still, time,  
 difficulty, might, courage, God, "Christ died"

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
 March 8th, 2026

WATER PUZZLE

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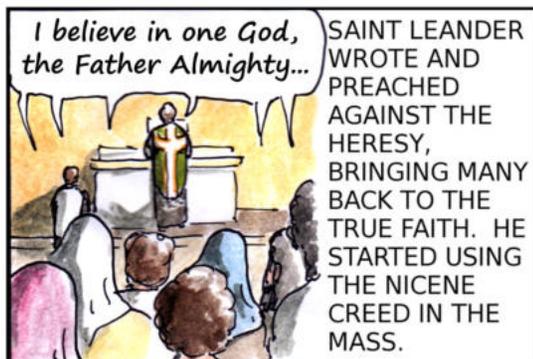
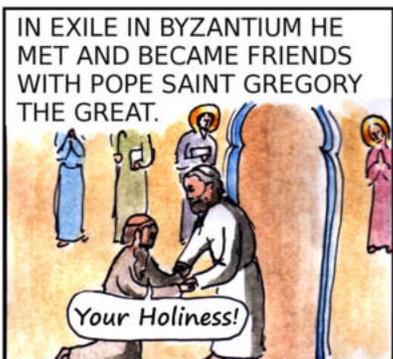
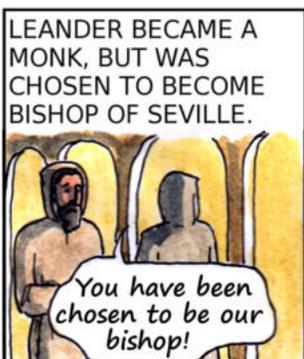
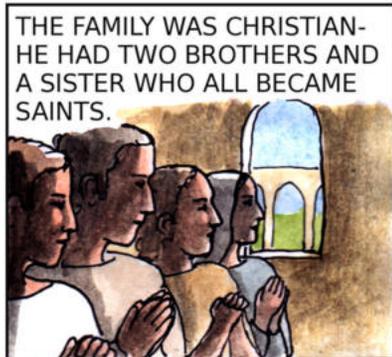
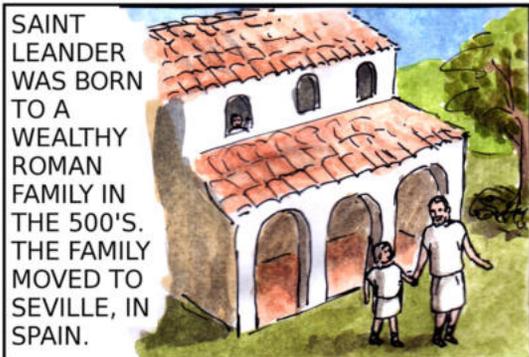
Jesus says that if we drink  
 His living water, we

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# Saint Leander of Seville

March 13



SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

## Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.  
Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,  
1.  the love of God has  
been poured into our 2.   
through the Holy 3.  who  
has been 4.  to us. For  
Christ, while we were 5.   
helpless, died at the appointed  
6.  for the ungodly. Indeed,  
only with 7.   
does one die for a just person, though  
perhaps for a good person one  
8.  even find  
9.  to die. But  
10.  proves his love for us in that...  
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS  
FOR US.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE	DIFFICULTY	HEARTS
GOD	TIME	GIVEN
SPIRIT	MIGHT	STILL
		BECAUSE