

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for January 4, 2026

Envelopes: \$941.00	(27)
Loose: \$61.00	
Total: \$1,002.00	

Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)**Solemnity of Mary: \$395.00 (12)****First Offering: \$100.00 (17)****Religious Education: \$105.00 (5)**Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

January Bulletins: For the Parish**January Missalettes: In Memory of Norman Kocher**

**Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!

PARISH EVENTS:**Sunday, January 11 – CYM Mass and Meeting at St. Joseph-Stringtown.****Donut Sunday Following 8am Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.****Monday, January 12 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.****Tuesday, January 13 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

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

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The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:

If you weren't able to get your photo taken, you can drop a photo by the parish office, send to our parish email sjtoestringtown@hotmail.com, or text to Ashley.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who were able to come out and supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive on Sunday, January 4th. It was a very successful blood drive. There were 50 prospective donors signed in with 50 productive units of blood being collected. We appreciate everyone's help in supporting the Stringtown Community Blood Drive. Congratulations to Mike Zwilling and Lora Kocher winners of Sunday's gift cards. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful drive, including all the donors, volunteers, those who donated food items, and the American Red Cross staff! The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 6:30am-12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your January 2nd appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment.

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjawPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZjYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOpjTwRwms6nqeklovP2Rg0wskVK-KjO5ZfywazM_aem_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A

2026 CALENDARS:

Special thanks to **Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes** for once again so generously providing the 2026 calendars, which are now available in the

vestibule. We appreciate your support and generosity!

MINISTER'S LIST JANUARY-MARCH:

Now available! Thanks to those that serve these ministries! If you are interested in serving a ministry and do not already, please contact Ashley. We can provide training, if necessary. Thank you!

DONUT SUNDAY TODAY:

Donut Sunday will be held TODAY Sunday, January 11th following Mass. Come join us for fellowship and a yummy treat!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Sister's in Christ will resume January 20th with pickup of the new book.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION:

It's the giving season! A **qualified charitable distribution** (QCD) allows people over age 70½ to donate to charities - like our parish and school - directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions. The tax savings can be very significant. For additional information, please contact your financial representative or tax preparer.

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Kocher

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Linda McWhirter, Jim & Norma

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Louis & Leila Volk†", "Elmer & Elfreida Zwilling†"

Monday, January 12, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

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

Wednesday, January 14, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney; 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor

Thursday, January 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

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

Saturday, January 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber†, Paul Zuber†"
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

01/11/2026

Servers:

CYM

Lector:

CYM

EMHC:

Jenny Hancock
Joselyn Kocher
Owen Kocher

Gifts:

CYM

Ushers:

CYM

Greeters:

CYM

Children's Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie

01/18/2026

Servers:

Kerigan Kocher
Levi Weidner
Brady Ochs

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

David Muhs
Family

Ushers:

Jack & Jared Weidner

Greeters:

Ralph & Sue McIntire

Children's Liturgy:

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St. Joseph Church

Stringtown, Illinois

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*The Baptism of the Lord
+ Eucharistic Celebrations +*

Mon. Jan. 12 6:30 PM at Stringtown

Tue. Jan. 13 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

Wed. Jan. 14 8:05 am Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher

1:30 PM at Carle 3rd Floor

Thu. Jan. 15 6:30 pm at Wendelin

Fri. Jan. 16 8:00 am For the Parish

Sat. Jan. 17
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM *Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn
Tony & Alice Schneider
John & Tony Tredway*

Sun. Jan. 18
8:00 am *Carl & Una Kocher
Bodenberg & Mahota Families
Linda Gumble*
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dale & Mary Jane Tibbs

Missallettes: Mike & Lori Uhl

OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 4th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$5,503 (71) Outreach: \$189

Guatemala: \$241 (11) First Offering: \$220 (29)

Solemnity of Mary: \$436 (18)

Let Us Pray For: Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, 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.

Thank you to Mike Uhl and Ryan Fehrenbacher for their time and talent for updating the wiring for consistent streaming.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, January 10th

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher, Carl & Una Kocher, and Kenneth Buckels.**

Sunday, January 11th

- Mass for **John Bower, Gary Stoltz, and Deacon Jack Shuster.**

- 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!

Monday, January 12th

- Finance council meets at noon in the conference room.

Tuesday, January 13th

- 8:00 am, The 8th graders will be trained for **Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion** in the church. If any parishioners would like to be trained or to come for a refresher course, please feel welcome to attend as well.
- 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: The Communion of Saints: The Mother of God, Saints, & Angels.

Wednesday, January 14th

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher.**
- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle on the 3rd Floor.

Sunday, January 18th

- 6:00 PM, Young Adult Gathering. Topic and location TBD.

The family of Frank Ginder would like to express their thanks to Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Valerie Rodriguez, Masen Hatten and Grant McClain for the lovely funeral Mass. Also, many thanks to the funeral dinner committee for the meal after the service, and to the Parish for all of the prayers and visits during Frank's illness.
-The family of Frank Ginder

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PARISH NEWS ~

- **Please turn in any remaining 2026 Benefit Calendars by Monday, January 26th!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. This first drawing for 2026 will be January 28th. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.
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- **Meals for Moms** would like to welcome *Isla Mae Zuber*, born on Dec 15, 2025 at 5:03pm (eastern). Daughter of Lexie (Erwin) and Tyler Zuber. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal and dessert to this family, or other families who welcome little ones, please contact Laura Matthews at 618-924-5901 or lmatthews@stjoeolney.com.
- **The Parish and Family Life Committee** has left over "Christmas Nail" ornaments. If you did not get one for your family, please feel free to pick one up at the back of church.

- **Sisters in Christ** will resume on January 20th at 5:00 pm in the conference room at Olney.
- **February 7th at 5:00 PM**, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

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Sister Parish Trip to Guatemala

A group reservation has been made for 30 seats for the **sister parish trip to Guatemala** for June 2026. If still interested contact Shelly Sands at Missions International (618) 654-9254. Deadline to commit is February 1, 2026.

Annual Wine Tasting!

Please join us for an evening of fun and relaxation on Saturday, January 31st at the Newton Knights of Columbus for their Annual Wine Tasting event. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets are \$15. There will be door prizes and a live auction. Great tastes, great company, and a great time await!!

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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee

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~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com

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

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 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 ~

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Carol Potter Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle Office Manager

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LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

Thank you to Ben & Gail Niebrugge for donating a homemade shutter snowman and a box of candy for both drawings this past weekend. Kelly and Sherry Geier won the drawing on Saturday and Chris Warfel won on Sunday. Total collected was \$300 and \$150 of that was donated to Children's Liturgy of the Word. February drawing will be held the weekend of the 14th-15th. Half of the proceeds will go to MC4C. If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office.

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After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin

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Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

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Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671

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 Smithenry

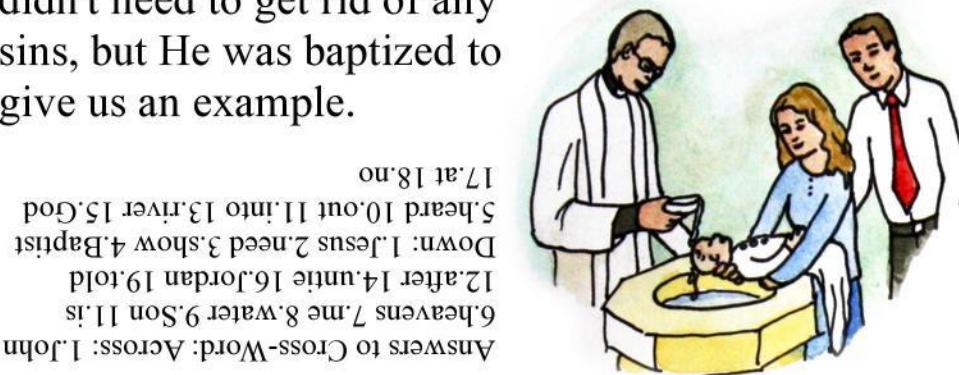
A Bit About... Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



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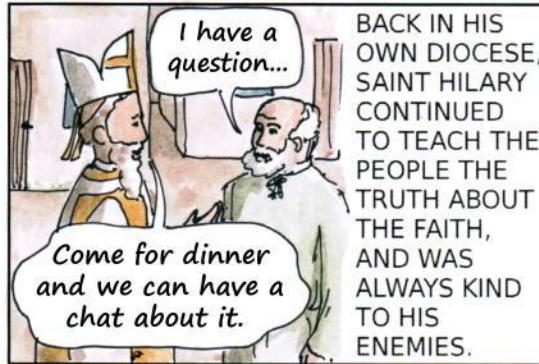
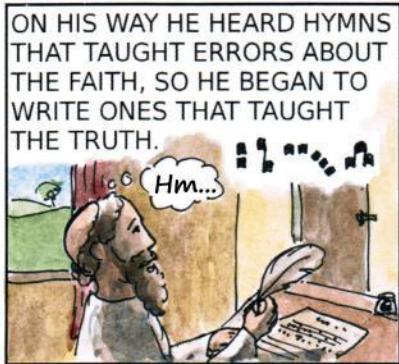
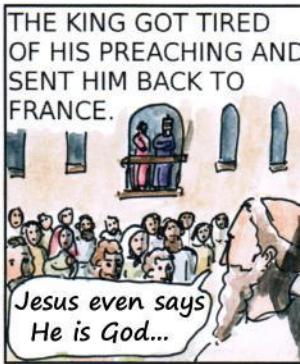
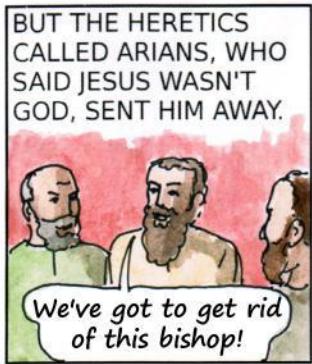
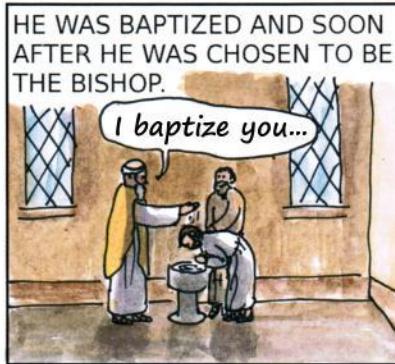
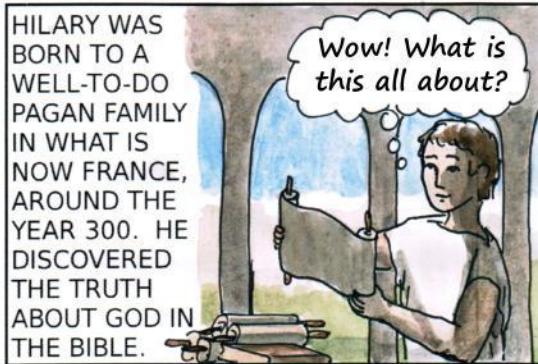
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday January 11th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist see
that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?
Connect the dots to find out!

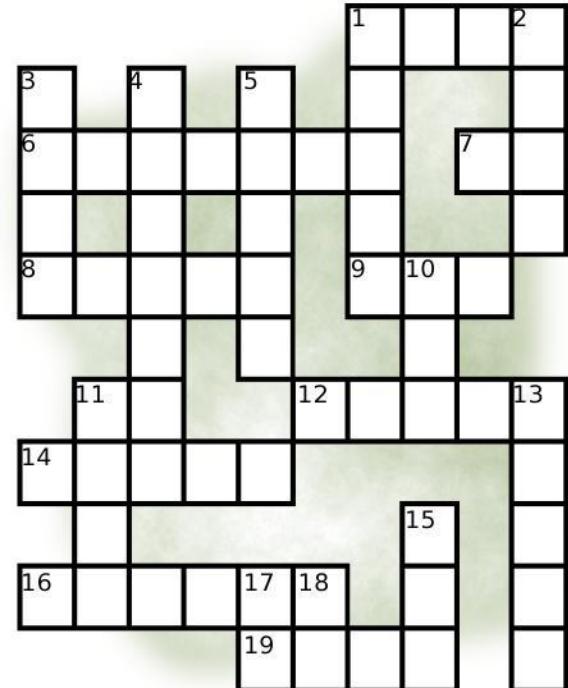
Saint Hilary of Poitiers

January 13



SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT.

Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

Across:

- What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
- The _____ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
- John said to Jesus, "You should baptize ____!"
- John baptized with _____.
- "This is my beloved _____ with whom I am well pleased."
- "This _____ my beloved Son..."
- Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
- Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to _____ His sandal!"
- What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
- Jesus _____ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

Down:

- Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
- John said, "I _____ to be baptized by you!"
- Jesus did this to _____ us how important baptism is.
- The John in this story is called John the _____.
- They _____ a voice from Heaven.
- John came _____ of the desert to preach and baptize.
- When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes _____ our soul.
- Jesus was baptized in a _____.
- The Heavens opened and the Spirit of _____ appeared.
- Jesus came from Galilee to John _____ the Jordan.
- Jesus had _____ sins even before He was baptized.

