

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, January 4, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parishes" 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Benard Kessler+"

6:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 5, Please NOTE there will NOT be 10am MASS at Holy Cross-Wendelin this weekend or 8am at St. Joseph-Olney. We will not ask a retired priest to travel across the state in case of inclement weather.

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, January 6, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, January 7, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

Thursday, January 9, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

Friday, January 10, NO MASS

Saturday, January 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Tom Buerster & Eric Dietrich+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 12, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Kim Smithenry" "Lowell & Hermina Buerster+"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 28, 2024

(57) Envelope Collection: \$1,941.00

Loose: \$412.00 Total: \$2,353.00

(1) Building Fund: \$25.00 (7) Rebuild: \$4,150.00

(2) Needy: \$25.00 (1) First Offering: \$5.00

(10) Christmas Offering: \$470.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, January

Table with 2 columns: SATURDAY and SUNDAY. Rows include: *JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS*, Open/Lock/Greet, EMHC, Lectors, Money Counters, and Ushers.

1 - \$254,386.90 has been received from 339 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Mary Beth Scherer, Don & Norie Staley, Josh Ross (Husband of Michelle (Frohning) Ross), Judy Brown, Gerry Carter, Zach Jansen (Husband of Abby Frohning), Franklin Geier

CRMH COMMUNION:

January 12 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

January 19 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

February 9 – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

February 16 – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. January 4 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

Sun. January 5 – NO MASS

Sat. January 11 – Mattux Hart, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert

Sun. January 12 – Stella Warfel, Brooke & Braden Weidner

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, January 4 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am

Tuesday, January 7 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

Wednesday, January 8 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am

Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm. Adult Topic: New Beginnings of Life in God Spiritual Plan Part 2, Kid Topic: CYM – Epiphany: Follow the Star

Monday, January 27– Blood Drive at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm

WEATHER UPDATES:

Masses are weather pending next week. Please make sure you are signed up to Flocknote for the latest weather-related updates. Text stjoeholycross to 84576.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

20+C+M+B+25 "We saw his Star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

The Star led the Magi to the greatest gift - Jesus! The Magi – 3 Kings - brought gifts that were intended for royalty - for a King.

How could 3 Kings from afar know that the one they sought was the prophesied one?

They looked to the Star that served as their guide and followed the True Light.

What might be your guiding Star this New Year?

What gifts do you bring to the King? Begin this New Year living a life that - reflects- illuminates - the Love of God!

The journey is set before you - go forth following the True Star.

Live this Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope."

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Amy (Sandschafer) Heuerman and Noah Heuerman on their marriage this past Saturday, December 28, 2024. On behalf of your parish family, we wish you a lifetime of happiness and love!

THANK YOU:

"Thanks for your prayers and cards that I received over the past few weeks. What a blessing from all of you. I am currently scheduled for surgery on January 8th where they will decide to replace the battery or the pacemaker. This decision will be made at the time of my surgery.

Looking forward to returning to the parishes of St. Joseph (Olney), St. Joseph (Stringtown), Holy Cross and St. Lawrence to continue the spreading the Good News of Jesus. Keep me in your prayers on the 8th and I look forward to seeing you soon."

God Bless, Father Daniel Jurek

If you would still like to send cards and well wishes to Fr. Daniel as he recovers from surgery, here is his address once again: Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests Attn: Fr. Daniel Jurek 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To Fred & Madonna Uebinger, Art & Terri Uebinger, Jane & Mark Wingert, and all family and friends on the death of Jerry Uebinger. Jerry died on December 27, 2024. A Celebration of Life visitation will be held from 12-4pm on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Wendelin. "May Jerry rest in the peace and love of our Lord."

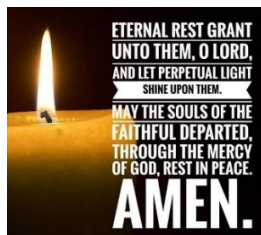
To Dalton & Emma (Rudolphi) Tinder on the death of Dalton's grandmother Patricia "Pat" Woodard. "May Pat rest in the peace and love of our Lord."

To Herb & Martha Deimel on the death of Herb's brother Howard Deimel. Howard died on December 6, 2024. "May Howard rest in the peace and love of our Lord."

To Stacy & Kelby Kessler, Joan & David Buerster Jeff & Diane Kocher, Tim & Paula Kocher, and all family and friends on the death of Judy Ann Kocher. Judy died on December 27, 2024. Services and burial were held at St. Joseph-Stringtown on Friday, January 3, 2025. **“May Judy rest in the peace and love of our Lord.”**

To Trudi Herdes, Calvin & Jessica Herdes, Valerie & Jeff Bunting, Alison & Jesse Harvey, Dennis & Diane Herdes, Ralph & Georgianna Weber and all family and friends of Donald Roy Herdes. Donald died on Saturday, December 28, 2024. Services were held Thursday with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. **“May Donald rest in the peace and love of our Lord.”**

Please remember keep these families in your prayers as it has been a hard season for many.



FRIDAY – ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY MASSES:

There will only be First Friday masses at Olney until further notice.

YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday's at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

A New Year and our groups resume with "World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen. *Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and stresses mankind's need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children.*

Join us for the study on: **January 14, Tuesday morning, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish

Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested. **January 15, Wednesday evening**, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). Remember to have your Saint and Word for the New Year. It's a Jubilee Year let us journey onward as Pilgrims of Hope! **Tuesday group also available at Holy Cross-Wendelin**, 6:30-7:30pm. If interested, contact Amy Heuerman at 217-240-1599.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

School resumes for students January 7.

2025 Benefit Calendars are here! The price is \$25. Total payout is \$8,425. Calendars are for sale at the school office, parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, January 9: 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm.
Thursday, January 16: 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm.
Sunday, January 26: Knight led Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney at 7:40am.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Living out Christmas in the New Year - How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One

way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com! *Copyright © 2024, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.* ****If you would like a paper copy of this Novena and do not have access to print, please reach out to Ashley via text/call on my cell phone. I would be happy to print you a copy.****

VOCATION CORNER:

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their "call" – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the "night", the stillness, to "see and hear" our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

THE MESSENGER:

Subscription prices are 2025 are \$40 for print edition, \$35 for digital edition, \$45 for both print and digital.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100
"May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers."

-Bishop Michael McGovern

Sunday, January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord
Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.



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