

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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| | <u>Holy Cross Ministries 2025</u> | |
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| APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
| <u>Servers</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Servers</u> |
| Sat. April 5 - Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi | Sat. May 3 - Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi | Sun. June 1 - Stella Warfel, Nora & Alex Street |
| Sun. April 6 - Lane Smithenry, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert | Sun. May 4 - CYM | Sat. June 7 - Ian Kessler, Levi & Noah Rudolphi |
| Sat. April 12 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner | Sat. May 10 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner | Sun. June 8 - Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner |
| Sun. April 13 - Cora Warfel, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower | Sun. May 11 - Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner | Sat. June 14 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner |
| Sat. April 19 - Ian Kessler, Levi & Noah Rudolphi | Sat. May 17 - Ian Kessler, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower | Sun. June 15 - Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard |
| Sun. April 20 - Stella Warfel, Brooke & Braden Weidner | Sun. May 18 - Stella Warfel, Nora & Alex Street | Sat. June 21 - Mattux Hart, Ellee Nettleton, & Ian Kessler |
| Sat. April 26 - Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard | Sat. May 24 - Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard | Sun. June 22 - Alex Street, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower |
| Sun. April 27 - Lane Smithenry, Nora & Alex Street | Sun. May 25 - Ellee Nettleton, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert | Sat. June 28 - Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi |
| | Sat. May 31 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner | Sun. June 29 - Cora Warfel, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert |
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| <u>Open/Lock/Greet</u> | <u>Open/Lock/Greet</u> | <u>Open/Lock/Greet</u> |
| Sat. - Rusty & Tonya Hall | Sat. - Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler | Sat. - Pam & Keith Blank |
| Sun. - Eric & Kristi Sandschafer | Sun. - Cindy Blank | Sun. - Jason Warfel |
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| <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> |
| Sat. - Celia Rudolphi, Lynn Weidner, Tammy Rudolphi, Kristy Weidner | Sat. - Jeannie Nix, Beverly Weidner, Sherry Geier, Christine Hall | Sat. - Kathy Kuenstler, Dave Rauch, Emma Rudolphi, Josy Hart |
| Sun. - Phyllis Eggers, Breanne Buerster, Ginny Zwilling, Penni Kuenstler | Sun. - Kim Smithenry, Diane Schackmann, Missy Buerster, Marcia Street | Sun. - Martha Deimel, Travis Weber, Jason Warfel, Ellen Weber |
| Please note (4) EMHC are now being scheduled. One will need to take communion to choir. | | |
| <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Lectors</u> |
| Sat. - Victoria Rudolphi | Sat. - Maria Rudolphi | Sat. - Jennifer Rudolphi |
| Sun. - Tony Kuenstler | Sun. - Robin Deckard | Sun. - James Kistner |
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| <u>Money Counters</u> | <u>Money Counters</u> | <u>Money Counters</u> |
| Dave & Michelle Rauch | Mark & Jeannie Nix | Herb & Martha Deimel |
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| <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
| Sat. - Dave Rudolphi, Mark Rudolphi, Dave Rauch, Carl Weidner | Sat. - Toby Hall, Michael Kuenstler, Kelly Geier, Daniel Baker | Sat. - James Rudolphi, Tim Weidner, Hank Weidner, Maria Rudolphi |
| Sun. - Eric & Victor Sandschafer, Aaron Eggers, Austin Zwilling | Sun. - Dusty Smithenry, Shad & Ben Street, Danny Quinn | Sun. - Kevin Blank, Gary D. Fehrenbacher, Michael Kistner, Jim Rauch |
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| *Please Find A Substitute If You Cannot Attend As Scheduled* | | |

FAREWELL

FOR FR. FELIX

Please join us for
a farewell dinner
and celebration
for Fr. Felix



There will be a basket in the vestibules of the parishes to
offer a card of thanks and prayers for Fr. Felix.

JUNE 29 | 10:00 AM

St. Lawrence Church

1006 Collins Ave., Lawrenceville, IL 62439

Congratulations Fr. Felix
on your Jubilee!!

Meat and drinks will be
provided. Please bring your
favorite covered dish to share.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Stringtown Picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

11 AM - 6 PM

RAFFLES, BASKET PULL, BINGO, KIDS GAMES, INFLATABLES, BEER GARDEN,
LIVE BANDS, ICE CREAM, PORKBURGERS, BRATS, & MUCH MORE!!!
(RAFFLE DRAWINGS AT 6 PM. FOOD STAND, BEER GARDEN, & ENTERTAINMENT 11-7 PM)

ALL YOU CAN EAT SMORGASBORD

BEEF, HAM, HOMEMADE NOODLES, & MUCH MORE! (CARRYOUT AVAILABLE)

11 AM - 2 PM

ADULTS: \$13 KIDS (5-10): \$5 KIDS (4 & UNDER): FREE

Stringtown Parish Center

6342 N. STRINGTOWN RD., OLNEY, IL 63450

GPS - 6342 COUNTY RD 1700 E



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

WENDELIN, ILLINOIS

Annual Parish **PICNIC**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

10am – 10pm

5782 Ingraham Lane Newton, IL 62448

10AM MASS



CHICKEN DINNER

in Parish Hall until 4pm

Dinner Ticket Sales

Begin 10:45 a.m. – End 3:45 p.m.

Adults: \$12.00

Children (6-12yrs): \$6.00

5yrs & Under: Eat Free!

LUNCH STAND FOOD ALSO AVAILABLE!

**Fun for the
whole family!**

► **Bingo**

► **Food**

► **Kids Games**

► **Inflatables**

► **Pedal Tractor Pulls**

► **Dunk Tank**

► **Live Music All Day**

► **Country Store**

► **Raffle**



Raffle Starts

at 6:30 PM

BEER GARDEN



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HOLY CROSS!

Church Grounds MUST be cleared by 10:00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEWTON COUNCIL 1704

NEWSLETTER
June 2025



NewtonILKnights



POPE LEO XIV



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Newton Knights of Columbus Council #1704 annual Officer Elections will be held at the
JUNE 10, 2025 8PM MEETING.

Nominations are currently being accepted. If you are a Brother Knight in good standing, you are encouraged to consider an officer position.

Recorder Position – Vacant

Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council.



Knights of Columbus®

MEETINGS

2nd TUESDAY

March-October 8PM

November-February 7PM



UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, June 10 @ 8 p.m.

From Homily of the
Holy Father Leo XIV

"The missionary spirit must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a haven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."

Pope Leo XIV



JUNE STAG

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
7:00 P.M. KC HALL

Meal by: TBD

All are Welcome!

BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH
NOON – 5:30 P.M.
NEWTON KC HALL



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51ST ANNUAL

Day of Prayer for Life



St. Francis Church, Teutopolis IL
Wednesday, June 18
Opening Mass 8:00am (with Exposition)
Prayer 9am-7pm
Closing Mass 7:30pm

Effingham Area Right to Life



JUNE BIRTHDAYS NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Virgil Kocher – June 1
Jason Meyer – June 1
Kenneth Mitchell – June 1
Brad Scott – June 1
Keith Blank – June 3
Maurice Ochs – June 4
Philip Ochs – June 4
William Weber – June 5
Leland Bahl – June 6
James Lidy – June 6
Josh Ochs – June 7
William Forhning – June 8
David Michl – June 9
Von Bradley Schutte – June 9
Eric Bergbower – June 10
Lawrence Dorn – June 10
Jim Brooks – June 12
Darren Frohning – June 12
Toby Hall – June 12
Mark Miller – June 12
Aaron Ochs – June 12
John Probst – June 12
Vernon Urfer – June 12
William Fritchley – June 13

Anthony Strutner – June 13
Scott Bergbower – June 14
Mike Phillips – June 14
Michael Bergbower – June 15
Frank Weber – June 15
Zachary Weber – June 15
Jacob Bierman – June 16
Robert Koester – June 16
Blake Coan – June 18
Melvin Ochs – June 18
Paul Will – June 18
Mark Bolander – June 19
Randal Hemrich – June 21
Tim Bower – June 22
Clayton Ochs – June 23
Rev. Allen Kemme – June 24
Kevin Dhom – June 26
Patrick Meinhart – June 26
Nicholas Geier – June 27
James Robins – June 27
Donald Antey – June 28
Allen Kistner – June 28
Leonard Meinhart – June 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS!



HOLY MASS
FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE PONTIFICATE OF POPE LEO XIV

HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

*Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 18 May 2025*

*Dear Brother Cardinals,
Brother Bishops and Priests,
Distinguished Authorities and Members of the Diplomatic Corps.
Greetings to the pilgrims who have come for the Jubilee of Confraternities!*

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. Saint Augustine wrote: Lord, “you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you” (*Confessions*, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were “like sheep without a shepherd” (*Mt* 9:36). Then, on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people, but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them “as a shepherd guards his flock” (*Jer* 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God’s hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today’s world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody.

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, *I come to you as a brother*, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God’s love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: these are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus.

We see this in today’s Gospel, which takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he received from the Father: to be a “fisher” of humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like him, “fishers of men”. Now, after the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the “waters” of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God’s embrace.

How can Peter carry out this task? The Gospel tells us that it is possible only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial. For this reason, when Jesus addresses Peter, the Gospel uses the Greek verb *agapáo*, which refers to the love that

God has for us, to the offering of himself without reserve and without calculation. Whereas the verb used in Peter's response describes the love of friendship that we have for one another.

Consequently, when Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (*Jn* 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, "Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same 'more', that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters."

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of "loving more" and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Jesus "is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, and has become the cornerstone" (*Acts* 4:11). Moreover, if the rock is Christ, Peter must shepherd the flock without ever yielding to the temptation to be an autocrat, lording it over those entrusted to him (cf. *1 Pet* 5:3). On the contrary, he is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are "living stones" (*1 Pet* 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of Saint Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour" (*Serm.* 359,9).

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for *a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.*

In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalises the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: *in the one Christ, we are one*. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion "were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?" (*Rerum Novarum*, 20).

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

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Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith



*Stringtown Study
The Four Terezas*

**TUESDAY
ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN
10:00AM**

*Sisters in Christ
The Devil in the Castle*

**WEDNESDAY
HOLY CROSS
5:30 PM**

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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH OR JUST
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO
WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE
STARTING SOON.

CONTACT
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



*Olney Study
The Eucharist*

**WEDNESDAY
ST. JOSEPH OLNEY
9:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

*Brother's in Christ
Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY
HOLY CROSS
7:00PM**

A great way to provide scholarship support for students attending a Catholic School and earn a tax credit for yourself.

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