

# TRI-PARISH

HOLY CROSS-WENDELIN † ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY † ST. JOSEPH-STRINGTOWN

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# TRI PARISH NEWS

## ST. JOSEPH, OLNEY

### Mass times

Wed. & Fri 8:00 am  
Sat. 5:00 pm  
Sun. 8:00 am

## HOLY CROSS, WENDELIN

### Mass times

Thurs. 6:30 pm  
Sat. 4:00 pm  
Sun. 10:00 am

## ST. JOSEPH, STRINGTOWN

### Mass times

Mon. 6:30 pm  
Sun. 8:00 am



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**ST. JOSEPH  
OLNEY**



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**HOLY CROSS  
WENDELIN**



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**ST. JOSEPH  
STRINGTOWN**

## ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

### St. Joseph, Olney

Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

### Holy Cross, Wendelin

Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass  
time at 6:30 pm.

### St. Joseph, Stringtown

Prayer service & adoration every  
Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**WORLD MISSION ROSARY**

## Pray the Rosary with Us

This October, the Pontifical Mission Societies invite you to join us for a special rosary as we observe World Mission Month. Each day in October, we will gather via livestream to pray the World Mission Rosary at 3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Archbishop Sheen designed the World Mission Rosary so that every Catholic — no matter where they lived — could hold up the whole world in prayer. Every day of October, join us to do exactly that.

For more information [PONTIFICALMISSIONS.ORG/WMS-2026](https://PONTIFICALMISSIONS.ORG/WMS-2026)

**FIND THE LIVESTREAM HERE** ➔

On **Sunday, October 18**, the Church celebrates **World Mission Sunday** which invites all of us to respond to Christ's call to be missionary disciples. This year, we mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, 2026. The theme "One in Christ, United in Mission" speaks eloquently, beautifully, and powerfully of the unfading, ongoing work of divine love living and effective in our humble acts of sharing God-given gifts in faith. The spirit of the Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, who was Director of the Pontifical Mission Society in the United States from 1950 to 1966, continues to inspire the holy work of propagating faith in this country and around the world. The funds collected during World Mission Sunday help our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV spearhead the work of evangelization of the Gospel of mercy and compassion around the world. It further helps us become beacons of hope, fanning the flame of the Good News, unity in Christ, and peace in one service of the Kingdom of God on earth. For these reasons, I ask that you generously support this special collection. Together we can continue to write the next chapter of the Church's missionary story.

**Peace, Most Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB**

## AROUND OUR PARISHES

### Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 3-4th

- Confirmation Commitment Weekend: Confirmandi should bring their confirmation preparation covenant papers to mass.

### Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross: Our Focus this month will be Sacrifice of Praise.

### Saturday & Sunday Oct. 10-11<sup>th</sup>

- At all masses and at all the parishes, 2nd grade students may receive a chalice as a part of the Kitchen Table Catechesis.

### Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9 am, donut and coffee social after the 8 am mass in Olney.
- 9 am, CYM mass and meeting at Holy Cross.
- 5:30 pm, Youth Group meets at Stringtown.

### Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day

- No school and no mass.
- Priests at Convocation until 10/15.

### Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

- Happy Birthday to Fr. Steven!! We are so thankful for all that you do for our parishes!!
- Prayer Service at 8 am, no mass.
- 6:30 pm, CYM bible study at HC.

### Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

- 2:30 pm, courtyard band concert
- Set up for the Smorg. begins

### Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 pm, CYM bonfire at Stringtown.

### Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

- 10 am- 2 pm, Annual St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

### Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

- 6 pm, Family Life Center may be coming to the Olney Community!! Informational meeting at the Olney Community Building at the City Park. If you are interested in Family Life coming to Olney please attend.

### Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

- The proceeds raised for Kristen Kennedy will be given to the family at 10:00 am Mass in Wendelin, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. Following mass there will be a carry-in meal and basket raffle. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Thank you for your support!
- 5:30 pm, Youth Group at HC.

### Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 pm, Mass with Bishop Godfrey at St. Joseph, Olney. All are welcome for the mass and those who were asked to stay for the workshop to follow please do so.

### Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 pm, CYM pickleball tournament at Olney.

### Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

- Family Catechesis All Saints Trunk or Treat. Mass at 6:30 pm followed by trunk or treat beginning at 7 pm. Come dressed as your favorite saint!

### Sisters in Christ

"Friendship in the Lord"

Tuesdays: Stringtown 10:00 am

Olney 5:00 pm

Wednesdays: Wendelin 5:30 pm

### Family Catechesis

Our Focus this month will be Sacrifice of Praise. Why do we call the Mass a "Sacrifice"? We know Jesus died once for all, so what are we bringing to the altar every Sunday? Come to our family presentation, "The Sacrifice of Praise," on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross, 6:30 pm.

**Welcome.**  
There is **More to Life**

### Something New is Coming this Lent!

#### Welcome Retreat 2027

Are you looking for a way to quiet the noise, recharge your spiritual life, and find real community? Join us for the upcoming Welcome Retreat arriving in Lent 2027. This transformative Saturday & Sunday experience is designed to help you deepen your relationship with Christ and build lasting connections with fellow parishioners. Please note that this program features separate weekends for women and men to foster open, meaningful sharing among peers. Exact dates will be announced soon! For questions, more details, or early interest, please contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate (618-263-7106 / [CTrimblePA@gmail.com](mailto:CTrimblePA@gmail.com)) or Fr. Levi James (618-240-3638 / [levijamesiu@gmail.com](mailto:levijamesiu@gmail.com)).

## St. Joseph School News

**This October**, St. Joseph School is uniting daily to pray a decade of the Rosary as a school family. This special month of prayer will culminate on All Souls' Day, when 5th-8th graders gather at the cemetery to pray a full Rosary for our dearly departed.

**Friday, October 2-** bring your pets and gather for a Pet Blessing in the grassy lot north of the school at 2:30pm in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day.

**Monday, October 12-** No School, Columbus Day

**Tuesday, October 13-** School picture day

**Friday, October 16-** Courtyard Band concert at 2:30pm

**October 21-23-** 8th grade visits Camp Ondessonk

**October 22-** 11:50 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 23-** No School

**October 28-** 1:50 Dismissal

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you." - Hosea 10:12 ESV



OCTOBER  
10 & 11

2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE  
BLESSING CUP

The Blessing Cup  
will be given at  
the end of Mass.

The Blessing Cup  
is to be used  
whenever someone  
in your family is  
celebrating a  
special day.

# DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday  
October 11<sup>th</sup>  
after 8:00 am mass**

Enjoy donuts and coffee on  
Sunday morning with your  
families and fellow parishioners

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**St. Joseph, Olney  
Multipurpose Room**

# 16TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS **Harvest Picnic**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

4:00 PM-7:30 PM

FOOD - GAMES - LIVE MUSIC- RAFFLES

10% OF PROCEEDS GO TO THE NEWTON FAMILY LIFE CENTER!

4PM-SOLD OUT: KC STYLE CHICKEN MEAL

4PM-7:30PM: KIDS AND TEENS GAMES BY CYO

7PM: BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING

4PM-7PM: LIVE MUSIC BY A LITTLE SOCO

**GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE ITEM!!!**

**MODEL XUV845M JOHN DEERE GATOR**

**OR \$15,000 CASH**



**2nd prize: \$1000**

**3rd prize: \$500**

**drawing @ 7:15pm**

**tickets: \$20 each or 6 for \$100**

**Need not be present to win.**

**To enter raffle by mail, please send check payable to St. Thomas Church and include name, address, phone and number of tickets.**

**ADDRESS: 404 W JOURDAN ST, NEWTON, IL 62448**

**St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord & Bazaar - Sunday October 18, 2026 - Worker Schedule**

Please join us for our annual Smorgasbord event! HELP NEEDED!

Lunch served 11:00am - 1:30pm | Chance, Quilt, Games and Cash Raffle Announced at 2:00pm

Menu: Pork Loin, Chicken &amp; Noodles, Baked Beans, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Salad Bar &amp; Desserts

Price: \$12/Adult, \$8/Kids age 5-10, Ages 4 and under Free, Takeout Meals \$12

Serving line & seating in Cafeteria | Drive-thru/Pickup on Elliott Street by the Church Office | Elevator available at Circle Drive Entrance  
Bazaar & Games in Gymnasium**Smorg Committee: Lauren Tibbs @ 618-367-6268 or Lauren.tibbs3@gmail.com**

Raffle Ticket Sales: Jeffrey Rosenberg (618) 302-0391

**!! PLEASE CHECK FOR YOUR NAME ON THE LIST! IF YOU VOLUNTEERED****LAST YEAR, YOU ARE STILL IN THAT LISTED POSITION!****Contact Lauren Tibbs if you need to change your listed position or would like to volunteer!****IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST, ALL VOLUNTEERS  
WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT**

Print Date: 10-2-26

**FRIDAY: OCTOBER 16, 2026****Wash Buckets, Pans, Dishes & Silverware**

|         |               |                   |
|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| 4:30 PM | Deb Kuenstler | Elizabeth Amerman |
| 5:30 PM |               |                   |

**Set Up Tables & Chairs in Gym**

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| 4:30 PM | Steve Kuenstler Family |
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**Set Up Serving Line Tables, Dining Tables & Chairs, Salad Bar**

|         |              |             |
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| 4:30 PM | Lindsey Ochs | Kurt Ginder |
|         | Tyler Ochs   |             |

**Wipe down high chairs & Place in Cafeteria**

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| Friday 2:00 PM | SJS Students | SJS Students |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|

**Decorate Tables, Tablecloths and Place Salt & Pepper**

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| 5:30 PM | Kim Harrell |
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**SUNDAY: OCTOBER 18, 2026 | Note: All workers please show up to post 5 minutes prior to listed time.****Set up Grill (Outside) - Cook Pork Loin & Beans on Grill, Run Food to Serving Line. Managers: Brandon Michels & Logan Urfer**

|                     |          |                   |                   |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  | Ken Hake | Gene Fehrenbacher | Luke Kocher       |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Ken Hake | Sam Beyers        | Gene Fehrenbacher |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Ken Hake | Jim Volk          | Gene Fehrenbacher |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  | Ken Hake | Mike Potter       | Galen Slover      |
| 1:00 PM - Finish    | Ken Hake |                   |                   |

**Set up Outdoor Signs (Drive Thru, Parking, Street Signs, Etc.). Manager: Corey Steber**

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| 7:30 AM | Dan Hahn |
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**Cook Noodles (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber**

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| 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  | Elliot Brazil | Samantha Brazil |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Elliot Brazil | Samantha Brazil |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Tyler Fitch   |                 |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  | Christy Blank | Carter Blank    |

**Cook & Mash Potatoes (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber**

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| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  | Paula Kocher | Tim Kocher |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Nick         | Kocher     |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Paula Kocher | Tim Kocher |

**Cook Gravy (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber**

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| 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Cindy Peters |
| 11:00 AM - Finish  | Cindy Peters |

**Cook Corn (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber**

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| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  | Pam Runyon    | Lisa Cummins |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Janie Tompson |              |

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| <b><u>Bake Rolls (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves &amp; Emily Steber</u></b>                  |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM                                                                                | Courtney Smithenry  |                    |                          |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Keri Jones          |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Serving Line (Cafeteria) Managers: Marissa Graves &amp; Emily Steber</u></b>                 |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Lisa Deimel         | Jennifer Deimel    |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM                                                                                 | Ella Eimer          | Joey Fagin         |                          |
| <b><u>Extra Kitchen Help (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves &amp; Emily Steber</u></b>          |                     |                    |                          |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Brent Bower         |                    |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Andrea Thomas       |                    |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Lindsey Ochs        |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Salad Bar (Cafeteria). Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                         |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM                                                                                | Pam Runyon          | Lisa Cummins       |                          |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Betty Slover        |                    |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Lindsey Kapper      |                    |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Ladi Phillips       |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Make Coffee. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                                   |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM                                                                                | Fr. Bill            |                    |                          |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Alysa & Addi Botkin |                    |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Carla Gardner       |                    |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   |                     |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Pour Coffee/Tea &amp; Put Ice in Glasses. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>      |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Susan Zuber         | Sarah Fehrenbacher |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Mike Kapper         | Mallory Richardson |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Mike Kapper         |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Refill Drinks. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                                 |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | April Rudolphi      | Jane Blank         | **7th and 8th graders    |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Carlie VanBlaricum  | Sallie VanBlaricum |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Chesney Schuetz     | Ella Dunn          |                          |
| <b><u>Carry Food from Kitchen to Serving Lines. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>      |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 AM                                                                                | Lori Uhl            | Mike Uhl           |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM                                                                                 | Ashley Kuhn         | Adam Kuhn          |                          |
| <b><u>Serving Line - Utensils, Plates, Napkins, Etc. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b> |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Hannah Jensen       | Pam Hahn           |                          |
| 12:00 PM - Finish                                                                                  | Connor Richardson   | Kelly Richardson   |                          |
| <b><u>Door Holders/Greeters. Manager: Corey Steber</u></b>                                         |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM                                                                                | Keith Kocher        | Linda Kocher       |                          |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Mark Kuenstler      | Steve Runyon       |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Jeremiah Marshall   | Kolsyn Erwin       | Conor Buchner            |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Mary Jo McKinney    | Avery McKinney     |                          |
| <b><u>Cut Pies &amp; Cakes. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                          |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM                                                                                | Sadie Kocher        | Ezha Biyok         |                          |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM                                                                                | Trish Bookhout      | Katelyn Bookhout   |                          |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Lauren Womack       | Judy Zehner        |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Tyler Hemrich       | Casey Hemrich      |                          |
| <b><u>Pickup Trays &amp; Clear Tables. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>               |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 AM                                                                                | Ken Blank           | Haven Hemrich      | Haven Doll               |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Allyson Padilla     | Bennett Padilla    |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Sharon Behnke       |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Plate Scrapers. Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                                |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 pm                                                                                | Leo Thompson        | Daniel Scherer     | Mark Scherer             |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM                                                                                 | Angel Padilla       | AJ Padilla         |                          |
| 1:00 PM - Finish                                                                                   | Jeremiah Marshall   | Kolsyn Erwin       | Conor Buchner            |
| <b><u>Dishwashers &amp; Wash Cookware. Managers: Marissa Graves &amp; Emily Steber</u></b>         |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:30 AM - 11:30 am                                                                                | Emma Hefferman      |                    | *Need at least one adult |
| 11:30am - 12:30pm                                                                                  |                     |                    |                          |
| 12:30 PM - Finish                                                                                  | Sarah Kocher        |                    |                          |
| <b><u>Bankers</u></b>                                                                              |                     |                    |                          |
| 10:00am - 12:30pm                                                                                  | Bruce Peters        | Herman Zuber       |                          |
| 12:30 - Finish                                                                                     | Jacquelyn Seals     | Herman Zuber       |                          |

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| <b><u>Sell Raffle Tickets</u></b>                                                                                                              |                           |                     |
| 10:00am - Finish                                                                                                                               | Riley Doll                | Carol Potter        |
| <b><u>Sell Lunch Tickets (Gymnasium) Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                                                             |                           |                     |
| 10:00am - 12:15pm                                                                                                                              | Brad Doll                 | Larry Volk          |
| 12:15pm - 1:30pm                                                                                                                               | Mike Uhl                  | Lori Uhl            |
| <b><u>Take/Sell Lunch Tickets (Cafeteria) Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                                                        |                           |                     |
| 10:00am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Fr. Bill                  | Annette Moseby      |
| 12:00pm - 1:30pm                                                                                                                               | Regina Shuster            | Elaine Grimes       |
| <b><u>Sell 50/50 Tickets</u></b>                                                                                                               |                           |                     |
| 10:00am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Amanda Nelson             |                     |
| 12:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                               | Martin Dunn               | Melissa Dunn        |
| <b><u>Package Meals for Homebound &amp; To-Go Orders for Drive-Thru/Pickup *report to MPR. Managers: Brandon Michels &amp; Logan Urfer</u></b> |                           |                     |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Kim Weber                 | Angi Tomlin         |
| 12:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                               | Kim Weber                 | Angi Tomlin         |
| <b><u>Deliver Food to the Homebound *report to MPR. Managers: Brandon Michels &amp; Logan Urfer</u></b>                                        |                           |                     |
| 10:45am - Finish                                                                                                                               | Carl & Donna Roark        | Heather Colwell     |
| <b><u>Sell Lunch Tickets: Drive-Thru/Pickup Line *report to MPR. Managers: Brandon Michels &amp; Logan Urfer</u></b>                           |                           |                     |
| 10:30am - 12:15pm                                                                                                                              | Tom & Julie Hearring      |                     |
| 12:15pm - 1:30pm                                                                                                                               | Janet Jones               |                     |
| <b><u>Ticket Runner: Take Orders at Drive-Thru/Pickup to Cars *report to MPR. Managers: Brandon Michels &amp; Logan Urfer</u></b>              |                           |                     |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Paige Steber              | Hillary Steber      |
| 12:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                               | Tommy Oilar               | Chelsey Oilar       |
| <b><u>Food Runners: Take Meals to cars in Drive-Thru *report to MPR Managers: Brandon Michels &amp; Logan Urfer</u></b>                        |                           |                     |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Alvin Kocher              | Austin Kocher       |
| 12:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                               | Karen Scherer             |                     |
| <b><u>Drive-Thru Extra Help: *report to MPR Managers: Brandon Michels &amp; Logan Urfer</u></b>                                                |                           |                     |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Megan Brinkley            |                     |
| 12:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                               | Claire Steber             |                     |
| <b><u>Take out Trash. Managers: Corey Steber</u></b>                                                                                           |                           |                     |
| 10:45am - 12:30pm                                                                                                                              | Levi Hefferman            | Rich Siil           |
| 12:30pm - Finish                                                                                                                               | Matt Zuber                |                     |
| <b><u>Kitchen Cleanup (Counters, Walls, Mop Floors, Trash, Etc.). Managers: Marissa Graves &amp; Emily Steber</u></b>                          |                           |                     |
| 2:00pm- Finish                                                                                                                                 |                           |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                | Jill Eagleson             | Stephen Eagleson    |
| <b><u>Dining Room Cleanup (Counters, Walls, Mop Floors, Trash, Etc.). Managers: Leah Myers &amp; Beth Davis</u></b>                            |                           |                     |
| 2:30pm - Finish                                                                                                                                | Bridgett Jensen           | John McKinney       |
|                                                                                                                                                | Leon Stallard             | Kye Stallard        |
| <b><u>Tear Down Signs &amp; Put Trash Cans Away. Managers: Corey Steber</u></b>                                                                |                           |                     |
| 2:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                                |                           |                     |
| <b><u>Tear Down Tables &amp; Chairs in Gym. Managers: Corey Steber</u></b>                                                                     |                           |                     |
| 2:30pm - Finish                                                                                                                                | Larry & DeAnn Dorn Family |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                | Steve Kuenstler Family    |                     |
| <b><u>BAZAAR &amp; GAME WORKERS: IN GYMNASIUM</u></b>                                                                                          |                           |                     |
| <b><u>Chance Stand: Managers: Lisa Anderson / Briannne Kuenstler</u></b>                                                                       |                           |                     |
| 9am Setup                                                                                                                                      | Lisa Anderson             | Brianne Kuenstler   |
| 11:00am - 12:15pm                                                                                                                              | Deb Kuenstler             | Karen Williams      |
| 12:15pm - 1:30pm                                                                                                                               | Becky Steber              | Kenna Steber        |
| <b><u>Cake Stand: Manager Stacey Steber</u></b>                                                                                                |                           |                     |
| 11:00am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Stacey Steber             | Valerie Rodriguez   |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm                                                                                                                               | Betty Chamberlin          | Mary Morris         |
| 1:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                                | Vicki Stuckey             | Rita Adams          |
| <b><u>Quilt Raffle</u></b>                                                                                                                     |                           |                     |
| 11:00am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Ron Steber                | Courtney Smithhenry |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm                                                                                                                               | Sandy Fehrenbacher        | Maggie Elliott      |
| 1:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                                | Norma Dirks               | Chelsea Rude        |
| <b><u>Country Kitchen: Manager Mischelle Doll</u></b>                                                                                          |                           |                     |
| 11:00am - 12:00pm                                                                                                                              | Mischelle Doll            | Karen Dehlinger     |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm                                                                                                                               | Jane Kocher               | Dawn Kocher         |
| 1:00pm - Finish                                                                                                                                |                           |                     |

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| <b><u>Announce Cash Raffle/ Chance Stand/ Quilt Raffle</u></b>         |            |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:00 PM                                                                | Riley Doll | Mike Uhl |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                        |            |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b><u>Smorg Games: Manager Lauren Tibbs</u></b>                        |            |          |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>2nd &amp; 3rd Grade Families please sign up via Sign-Up Genius.</b> |            |          |  |  |  |  |  |

**2026 ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ANNUAL SMORGASBORD AND BAZAAR**

DATE: Sunday October 18, 2026

Adults: \$12.00      Take out: \$12.00  
Children (ages 5-10): \$8.00  
Children under 4: FREE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

We are requesting that each family donate at least two items for the smorgasbord and two or more items for the Bazaar. Listed below are the items needed for the Smorgasbord. Please indicate the number of items you will bring in the space provided and circle each kind then put this filled out sheet into the regular offering at any Mass by **October 11th**.

| <u><b>Number</b></u> | <u><b>Type of Dish: (please circle)</b></u>                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ SALAD BAR      | <b>Pasta Salad (preferred)</b> , Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, Commercially Canned Peaches or Pears                                                                  |
| _____ DESSERTS       | Pecan, Cherry, Apple, Blackberry, Pumpkin, Raisin, Peach, Raspberry, Blueberry, Lemon, Any Cream                                                                             |
| Pies.                | OR Cherry Delight, Cheese Cake                                                                                                                                               |
| _____ CAKES          | ON DISPOSABLE PLATES OR IN BOXES<br>Cakes for Smorg _____ OR Cakes for Cake Stand _____                                                                                      |
| _____ MONEY          | Cash donations are also appreciated. Please put these in a plain envelope with your name and mark the envelope "Smorgasbord" and drop into the regular offering at any Mass. |

**DROP OFF Times for Smorg items:**

Friday 10/16/26 4:00PM -7:00PM · Saturday 10/17/26 4:30PM - 6:30PM · Sunday 10/18/26 7:00AM - 8:00AM

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL DISHES AND PICK THEM UP AFTER THE SMORGASBORD ON THE TABLE NEAR THE RESTROOMS.

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**WORKERS**

WE NEED YOUR HELP THE DAY OF THE SMORGASBORD/BAZAAR!

**THE WORK LIST WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK!**

**PLEASE CHECK THE LIST FOR YOUR ASSIGNED DUTIES OR JOBS IN NEED OF MORE HELP!**

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**FOR THE BAZAAR**

**PLEASE drop off items for BAZAAR by Saturday evening Oct. 17, 2026**

Please bring two or more items for one or more booths.

COUNTRY STORE:      Baked goods, cookies, breads, noodles, produce, sweet rolls, jellies, candies, etc.  
All canned items need to have a 2 piece lid seal. (No paraffin etc.)

CAKE STAND:      Need a variety of cakes (Bundt, cupcakes, or decorated, all flavors, all kinds welcome)! This stand will allow people to purchase a chance to win. **PLEASE PUT CAKES ON DISPOSABLE PLATES OR IN CAKE BOXES.**

CHANCE STAND:      We need a variety of items for this stand; value of item should be \$35+

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**DETACH AND TAKE HOME AS A REMINDER**

I promise to bring the following items to the smorgasbord:

Salads: \_\_\_\_\_ Pies/Cakes: \_\_\_\_\_

Money: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Staples: \_\_\_\_\_

Cake stand: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any questions, please contact: Rebecca Cummins (618-839-4997) or [smorg@stjoelney.com](mailto:smorg@stjoelney.com)  
Questions for Country Store: Mischelle Doll (618-843-4925), and for Chance Stand: Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610).

# FAMILY CATECHESIS

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST & LIVING THE VIRTUES



Our upcoming year will concentrate on more depth and faith formation for our families. There will be presentations on the Mass, opportunities for Adoration, Confession, Praise & Worship, resources monthly and much more..

Join us for  
Family Catechesis first Wednesday of the month.  
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Register online at the parish website.  
or contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I among them."* Matt. 18:20

# Family Catechesis Schedule

## Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues

1st Wed. of the month [Sept-Dec]  
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Holy Cross

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August                            | Family Catechesis<br>Registration                                                                                                                                                       |
| September<br>VIRTUE: Prayer       | Wednesday 2, Welcome to our Home<br>Youth: Child Safety & Parents: Year's Agenda in the Parish Center<br>- Presentation in Church<br>Sat/Sun ~12/13- 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Red Plate    |
| October<br>VIRTUE: Peace          | Wednesday 7, Sacrifice of Praise<br>Adoration, Presentation & Activity in Church<br>Sat/Sun ~10/11- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Blessing Cup<br>Thursday 29 Trunk or Treat Holy Cross 6:30 pm |
| November<br>VIRTUE: Thankfulness  | Wednesday 4, Liturgy of the Word with Explanatory Mass<br>Presentation & Activity in Church<br>Sat/Sun ~14/15- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Candle Sunday 29 Gift of Love                      |
| December<br>VIRTUE: Hope          | Wednesday 2, Liturgy of the Eucharist with Explanatory Mass<br>Presentation & Activity in Church                                                                                        |
| Sacraments<br>Meetings afterwards | Confirmation Check-in's and Family Meetings<br>Reconciliation Check-in's and Family Meetings                                                                                            |

# Family Catechesis Schedule

## Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues

1st Wed. of the month [Jan- May]  
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Holy Cross

January

VIRTUE: Love

Wednesday 6, God Dwells Among us  
Epiphany-12th Night Dinner & Musical presentations in Parish Center

February

VIRTUE: Honesty

Wednesday 3, Encountering Christ in Lent  
Family: Family Retreat in Parish Center  
Wednesday 10, Ash Wednesday

March

VIRTUE: Obedience

Wednesday 3, Scriptural Stations  
Presentation & Activity in Church  
Friday 19 St. Joseph Table Stringtown  
Thursday 25- Saturday 27 Holy Week      Easter Sunday 28

April

VIRTUE: Mercy

Wednesday 7, Symbols, Senses and Actions  
Presentation & Activity in Church  
Confirmation April 9 St. Joseph Stringtown

May

VIRTUE: Humility

Wednesday 5, Go in Peace-Dismissal  
Presentation & Ice Cream Party in Parish Center  
Sunday 2, May Crowning & First Communion

Sacraments

Meetings afterwards

Confirmation Check-in's and Family meetings  
Eucharist Check-in's and Family meetings

# Tri-Parish CYM - October Newsletter

## High School CYM September Schedule

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass w/ Breakfast After (9am)  
October 11<sup>th</sup> - CYM Mass & Meeting at Holy Cross (9am)  
October 11<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group at Stringtown (5:30pm)  
October 14<sup>th</sup> - Small Group at Holy Cross (6:30pm)  
October 17<sup>th</sup> - CYM Bonfire (Stringtown)  
October 25<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group at Holy Cross (5:30pm)

## Middle School CYM October Schedule

October 10<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group at Olney (6pm)  
October 24<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group at Olney (6pm)

## Middle & High School CYM Event

October 28<sup>th</sup> - CYM Halloween Pickleball Tournament (6:30pm)

## The past month in High School CYM

We started off our month with a retreat style lock-in with the theme being the Holy Spirit and how God transforms us, setting us on fire to make us bright lights for the world. There was plenty of fun, discussion, games, and time in prayer for those that attended! Then we had our first CYM Mass and meeting of the school year in Olney. At our meeting we selected our location and dates for Mission Trip next summer: Waterloo, IA - June 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. We met twice for youth group this month, first one being in Olney. We talked about confession, using a very mystical Saint in Padre Pio, to explain that even in the most seemingly extraordinary of circumstances and lives, for St. Padre Pio, it always came back to reconciliation. That ultimately being one of the many inconceivably incredible things offered to us in the sacraments: God filled with mercy, taking the burden of our sins away, offering us in return the greatest love, pardon, and peace. Our second youth group was at Holy Cross, our theme was mental health awareness. The lesson being that in all of life's storms, Christ is in the boat with us. He may not calm the storms immediately when we ask like He did in the Gospels, but He will always remain near us and be with us through it. Likewise, we can emulate Christ and be in the boats of those around us, offering peace and closeness through their own storms!

## The past month in Middle School CYM

We met twice for youth group this month. At the first one Fr. Steven joined us and talked about the importance of the ministries during Mass. Heavily going in on what it really means to lector and also be an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. At our second youth group, the kids split into two teams and came up with team names to compete for an ultimate prize through a list of team games. The score was neck & neck the whole time and was decided by a game of rock, paper, scissors! Ultimately, our lesson was what it means to be a good teammate, uplifting those around us, not just in sports, but the classroom, at home, and where ever else we are!

## Student Spotlight



## Emma Hefferman

**Home Parish:** St. Joseph, Olney

**School:** Richland County High School

**Year in School:** Senior

**Extracurriculars:** Golf, Soccer, Basketball, Olney FFA, Section 23 FFA, RCHS Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, RCHS Yearbook Auxiliary

**Favorite Color:** Navy Blue

**Favorite Food:** Crunchy Green Grapes

**Favorite Animal:** Highland Cow

**Favorite Sport:** Soccer to play, Football to watch

**Favorite Number:** 7

**Favorite Song:** Speaking Terms - Ella Langley

**Favorite CYM Memory:** The group conversation with the girls at this last mission trip. We really bonded and it truly made me realize I am called to teach the word of God to others and always be willing to listen to them when something is heavy on their heart.

**Plans after High School:** Attend University of Arkansas to dual major in Poultry Science & Ag Communications. With later plans to go to Law school to pursue becoming an agricultural lawyer.

## CYM Prayer Requests

October, the month of the Rosary, we ask for you to remember CYM during one of your Rosary's this month. With the intentions of continued guidance in our ministry!

## CYM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The last Sunday of last month we had our annual Pancake breakfast at Stringtown. Huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported CYM at the breakfast and with the basket raffle! We could simply not do what we do without your support! <3



## CYM Kids in Activities



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a part of  
our Flock!



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# New Resources For Children

## Children's Missalettes

These missalettes are recommended for ages 5-12 and are a great resource for helping our school age children follow along with the mass. It includes a description of the sanctuary and all the prayers during mass. These can be picked up at each mass by all of the entrances to the church. Please return them at the end of mass.

## Mass Bags

These bags are recommended for ages 0-4 and include religious toys and books. We currently have 3 bags available for children to use during mass. These can be found by the main entrance to church on the book shelf. Please return the bag and all of its contents at the end of mass. If you would like to purchase one of these for your family to keep, you can purchase one at the parish office for \$54.



# *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**

**OCIA**  
*Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults*

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MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

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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**

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Schools can receive a \$10,000 match for donations between February 1-March 31.