

# **HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN**

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**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**†Eucharistic Celebrations†**

**Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-**

**Wendelin "Jane Kocher† and Ernest & Dorothy**

**Kuhl†", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm at St.**

**Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, February 1, 10:00am at Holy Cross-**

**Wendelin "Alphonse & Frieda Weishaar†",**

**8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St.**

**Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-**

**Lawrenceville**

**Monday, February 2, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-**

**Stringtown**

**Tuesday, February 3, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-**

**Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, February 4, 8:05am at St. Joseph-**

**Olney**

**Thursday, February 5, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-**

**Wendelin "Ivan & Mary Weber†, Devin**

**Deisher†, and Paul & Dolores Niebrugge†"**

**Friday, February 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, February 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-**

**Wendelin "For The Parish", 4:00pm at Holy Cross-**

**Wendelin "Srs. Antoinette & Loretta Volk,**

**P.H.C.†" "Melvin & Helen Rudolphi†" "Louis &**

**Lelia Volk†", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, February 8, 10:00am at Holy Cross-**

**Wendelin "Richard Weidner and Elizabeth**

**Weidner†", "Leonard Kessler and Ralph and**

**Colette Bahl Family†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-**

**Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am**

**at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**February Bulletins and Missalettes:**  
**For All Deceased Members of Holy Cross**  
**Parish**

**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**

To schedule, contact Ashley. Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.

**\*FEBRUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS\***

**SATURDAY SUNDAY**

**Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:**

**Keith & Pam Blank Danny & Lori Quinn**

**EMHC: EMHC:**

**Jeannie Nix Ginny Zwilling**

**Kathy Kuenstler Martha Deimel**

**Kristy Weidner Ellen Weber**

**Sherry Geier Kristi Sandschafer**

**Lectors: Lectors:**

**Maria Rudolphi James Kistner**

**Money Counters:**

**\*Herb & Martha Deimel\***

**Ushers: Ushers:**

**Mark Rudolphi Danny Quinn**

**Kelly Geier Austin Zwilling**

**Carl Weidner Herb Deimel**

**Tim Weidner Michael Kistner**

**Mass Servers:**

**Sat. January 31 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard**

**Sun. February 1 – Ellee Bare, Cora & Stella**

**Warfel**

**Sat. February 7 – CYM**

**Sun. February 8 – Lane Smithenry, Alex Street,  
Ian Kessler**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

**February 1 – Stephanie Geier & Kinley  
Workman**

**February 8 – Marcia Street & Clara Weidner**

**February 15 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber**

**February 22 – Melissa Weidner & Brooke**

**Weidner**

**CRMH Communion:**

**February 8 – Diane Herdes**

**February 15 – Sheryl Klingler**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Saturday, January 24**

**ONLY, 2026 (25) Envelope Collection: \$909.00,**

**Loose: \$58.00 – Total: \$967.00, (2) Building:**

**\$110.00**

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**

**As of Wednesday, January 28 – \$297,198.57**

has been received from 412 donations – thank you!

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

 Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Lee Partridge, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher

**PARISH EVENTS:**

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**OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm.**

**Wednesday, February 4 – Sister's in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**

**Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 6:30pm.**

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

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

**Saturday, February 7 – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.**

**CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am.**

**Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) Country Cozy Dinner and Dance, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5-10pm.**

**Sunday, February 15 – Bingo Sponsored by Family Life Committee at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1-4pm.**

**Saturday, March 31 – Holy Cross Wine Tasting – Save the date!**

**WALKING IN PARISH CENTER:**

Parish Center will not be open Monday for walking but will be open Wednesday and Friday from 9-11am.



*with deepest sympathy*

on Sunday, January 4, 2026. ***Eternal rest unto Donna, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

† To Annette Kistner and family on the death of her father, Donald "Don" Joseph Ochs. Don died on January 18, 2026. ***Eternal rest unto Donald, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

† To Richard & Margaret Geier, Russell & Iris Geier, Darlene & Jerry Richardson, Mark & Bev Geier, Greg Geier, and Kelly & Sherry Geier and all family and friends of Wilmajean Geier. Wilmajean died on Thursday, January 29, 2026. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, February 1 from 2-4pm at Holy Cross and from 9-10am on Monday, February 2. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, February 2 at 10am at Holy Cross Church with interment following at Holy Cross Cemetery. ***Eternal rest unto Wilmajean, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

We express our deepest sympathy and prayers to Norma Kessler and all family and friends of Donna M. (Bahl) Rennier. Donna died

on Sunday, January 4, 2026. ***Eternal rest unto Donna, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

**faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”**

† To Vic and Darlene Kuhl, Gary Kuhl, and all family and friends of Dana M. (Kuhl) Bell. Dana died on January 23, 2026. **“Eternal rest unto Dana, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”**

#### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all volunteers who helped with putting up Christmas trees and manger in church to make Christmas possible and volunteers that helped take all down. It's highly appreciated!

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*How Great is our Lord!* He offers us the only way to live and that is found in the Beatitudes. These words are intended to be the “attitudes” of our life. Our Lord knows we are not always going to be jovial because life is not always like that. There will be trials-sickness- hurts- loss- but Our Lord always offers a blessed way. So, Blessed be the poor in spirit-those who mourn-the meek-the hungry-the merciful-clean of heart-the peacemakers-those persecuted-the insulted: Great is the reward! Live a life of Beatitudes- a Life of Love and let the blessings flow. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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

February drawing will be held the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Half of the proceeds go to MC4C. If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please sign up in the vestibule or contact a Ladies Altar Sodality Member or the Parish Office.

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

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of February 1<sup>st</sup>: The Presentation, The Martyrs: Littlest Saints, Martyrs and Monastics**

#### **BINGO:**

Bingo sponsored by Family Life Committee will be held on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided for donation.

#### **MC4C COUNTRY COZY DINNER & DANCE:**

Married Catholics for Christ (& Engaged Couples Country Cozy Dinner and Dance will be held at Holy Cross Parish Center on February 7, 2026 from 5-10pm. Wear your flannel and come to celebrate the comfort and warmth of marriage. Registration is \$40 per couple. **Please return money and registration slip in the collection by January 31.** Childcare will be provided in the Parish House basement by the CYM. Finger foods will be offered for the children. Childcare will be \$10 per family if utilizing this service. If you have questions, please contact Sandi Kessler at (618)-676-5080.

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

**Saturday, February 7** - Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival from 5-7pm. Join us for a wonderful meal in the cafeteria and fun and games in the gym to benefit St. Joseph School sports, music, and school programs!

**Saturday, March 14** - Bingo Bash/Auction Night at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center (Very few tables left! \$280 per table or \$35 per person)

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

**Monday, February 2:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition. St. Joseph School grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> PE Classes. **Monday, February 9:** Olney Council Spelling Bee, SJS grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, a fun 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes.

#### **EUCHRE:**

28 players braved the weather. 1<sup>st</sup> place: Seth Meinhart. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tie – Marcus Pilman, Ryan St. Clair. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tie – Dave Kocher, Bryce Hance. Hope to see everyone back on March 13<sup>th</sup>!

#### **PHOTO DIRECTORY:**

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

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying “THANK YOU” to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God’s call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.” Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

#### **THE MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:**

**Next weekend!** Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope, by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) or by calling 618-722-5045. The cost is \$40 for printed, \$35 for digital, and \$45 for both. **Make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

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

King's House at the Shrine has a Ladies' Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If any of you would like to join, please contact King's House at (618)-397-0584 to register. They are requiring a deposit of \$50 to hold your room. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.



**Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**  
**5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448**  
**Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)**

**Parish E-mail: [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com)**  
**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**

**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**  
**Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632**  
**E-mail: [frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)**  
**\*\*Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**  
**Fr. Levi: 618-240-3638, [levi.jamessiu@gmail.com](mailto:levi.jamessiu@gmail.com)**  
**\*\*Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**  
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**\*\*Ashley Hinterscher – Administrative Assistant**  
**Ashley: 618-843-1892, [creholycross@gmail.com](mailto:creholycross@gmail.com)**  
**\*\*Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**  
**Tyler: 507-530-2911; [ttimm@stjoeolney.com](mailto:ttimm@stjoeolney.com)**  
**Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry**

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Feb. 2	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 3	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
<b>Wed. Feb. 4</b>	<b>8:05 am</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
Thu. Feb. 5	6:30 pm	at Wendelin
<b>Fri. Feb. 6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>First Friday</b>
<b>Sat. Feb. 7</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>	
9:00 am		at Wendelin
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
<b>5:00 PM</b>		<i>Lawrence &amp; Dorothy Fehrenbacher Charlotte Hough Living &amp; Deceased members of Hermina &amp; Frances Zuber</i>
<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Jim &amp; Mary Steber Frank Ginder Ken, Marcella, &amp; Janet Ochs</i>
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

#### **OUR FEBRUARY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Bob & Joan Uhl  
Missalettes: Peavler Trucking

**OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$9,375 (59) Loose: \$142  
Guatemala: \$40 (1) First Offering: \$20 (3)  
Building Fund: \$190 (6)

**Let Us Pray For:** Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, 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.

**Happy Birthday** to **Pat Ritter** who celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 6<sup>th</sup>!!

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family of **Dannette M. Craig**. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

#### **~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~**

#### **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Mass for **Carolyn & Joe Moran, Henry Weiler, and Maren Zuber**.
- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> for a special blessing. A tradition of the Presentation of the Lord.

#### **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Mass for **Tony Steber, Wilbert & Virginia Blank, and Living and Deceased Gus & Frances Weiler Family**.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> for a special blessing. A tradition of the Presentation of the Lord.

#### **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Parish office in Olney will be closed this week. Casey will be gone Monday through Friday.

#### **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: Sacraments of Initiation.

#### **Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis meets at Holy Cross.

#### **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – First Friday**

- 8:00 am mass followed by communion delivery.
- 9:00 am, mass at Holy Cross.
- 5:00 PM, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.
- 5:00-7 PM, Booster's Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph, Olney. Food will be served in the cafeteria.

#### **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 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!

**Thank you** to all who helped shovel snow and clear the sidewalks and parking lots this past week. Big thanks to Carl Sager, Steve Kuenstler, Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Drew Bunting and Doll's for all of your help. We appreciate you!

#### **St. Joseph School News**

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#### **PARISH NEWS ~**

- **St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.** Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school! Tables: \$280 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve your table. If you cannot attend but want to help, reach out to Carol Potter at [cpotter@stjoeolney.com](mailto:cpotter@stjoeolney.com).
- **Church Directory:** Please submit photos if you were unable to schedule a date for a photo. Please send to Fr. Levi at [levi.jamessiu@gmail.com](mailto:levi.jamessiu@gmail.com) or drop off a photo to the parish office.
- **We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. To begin we will need volunteers to help lead the class. It is a very simple gospel lesson and the materials are all provided. Please contact Casey at the parish office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

#### **~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**

- **Monday, Feb. 2nd:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition for St. Joseph School grades 3rd through 8th PE Classes.
- **Monday, Feb. 9th:** Olney Council Spelling Bee. St. Joseph School grades 6th, 7th, & 8th. Also, a Fun 5th Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes
- **The First of 6 Friday Night Fish Fry's will begin February 20<sup>th</sup>.** Fish will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Community Building in the Olney City Park. All are welcome!!

#### **Journey Onward Ye Sojourners** Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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#### **Decolores Weekends:**

Men's Weekend: March 12-15; Lay Leader: Gene Niemerg. Call or text him at 217-240-4365  
Women's Weekend: March 19-22; Lay Leader: Pat Thompson. Call or text her at 217-246-2150  
Or email Effingham  
DeColores: [effdecolores@gmail.com](mailto:effdecolores@gmail.com)

## **Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend Feb. 7-8, 2026**

*The Messenger* Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to *The Messenger* and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

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### ***A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land***

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com).

# **St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### **~ St. Joseph Church ~**

Website ..... [www.stjosephchurcholney.com](http://www.stjosephchurcholney.com)

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E-mail ..... [stjosephchurch\\_olney@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com)

Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee

Elliot Brazil ..... Trustee

### **~ Welcome ~**

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

#### **Join us for mass:**

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to [stjosephchurcholney.com](http://stjosephchurcholney.com)

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

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm**

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

### **~ St. Joseph School ~**

Josy Hart ..... Principal

Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager

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

E-mail ..... [office@stjoeolney.com](mailto:office@stjoeolney.com)

Website ..... [www.stjoeolney.com](http://www.stjoeolney.com)

FAX ..... 618-395-8500

**School Advisory Council:** Angel Padilla (Chairperson), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative), Holly Nettleton (Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative).

**Collection Total for January 25, 2026**

Envelopes: \$0  
Loose: \$0  
**Total: \$0**

**No collection was taken as Mass was cancelled last Sunday.**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**February Bulletins and Missalettes: In Memory of Herman & Ethel Zwilling**

\*\*Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!

**PARISH EVENTS:**

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

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, February 4** – Sister's in Christ, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 6:30pm.

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

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

**Saturday, February 7** – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) Country Cozy Dinner and Dance, Holy Cross Parish Center, 5-10pm.

**Sunday, February 15** – Bingo Sponsored by Family Life Committee at Holy Cross Parish Center, 1-4pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:**

Congratulations to Alayna Grace Kocher, daughter of Seth & Allison (Herman) Kocher, who was baptized today, Sunday, February 1, 2026. Godparents are Colby Steber and Madison Hawkins. *"Lord, surround Alayna with goodness, lead her in your light each day; help her walk the path you've chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep her from all harm and bless her always with your grace and love."*

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

We express our deepest sympathy and prayers to all family and friends of Donna M. (Bahl) Rennier. Donna died on Sunday, January 4. *"Eternal rest unto Donna, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

† To all family and friends of Donald "Don" Joseph Ochs. Don died on January 18, 2026. *"Eternal rest unto Donald, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

**MINISTER LIST TYPO:**

Please note if you are scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> on the Minister's List it is a typo, as February 25<sup>th</sup> does not fall on a Sunday. Just skip over that week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**BAPTISM:**

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 [stjoestringtown@hotmail.com](mailto:stjoestringtown@hotmail.com), or text to Ashley.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

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=IwY2xjawPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZJYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOjpTWRwms6nqeklovP2Rg0wskVK-Kj05Zfywa-zAem\\_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC&fbclid=IwY2xjawPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZJYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHv7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOjpTWRwms6nqeklovP2Rg0wskVK-Kj05Zfywa-zAem_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A)

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*How Great is our Lord!* He offers us the only way to live and that is found in the Beatitudes. These words are intended to be the "attitudes" of our life. Our Lord knows we are not always going to be jovial because life is not always like that. There will be trials-sickness- hurts- loss- but Our Lord always offers a blessed way. So, Blessed be the poor in spirit-those who mourn-the meek-the hungry-the merciful-clean of heart-the peacemakers-those persecuted-the insulted: Great is the reward! Live a life of Beatitudes- a Life of Love and let the blessings flow. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**MC4C COUNTRY COZY DINNER & DANCE:**

Married Catholics for Christ & Engaged Couples Country Cozy Dinner and Dance will be held at Holy Cross Parish Center on February 7, 2026 from 5-10pm. Wear your flannel and come to celebrate the comfort and warmth of marriage. Registration

is \$40 per couple. Please return money and registration slip in the collection by January 31. Childcare will be provided in the Parish House basement by the CYM. Finger foods will be offered for the children. Childcare will be \$10 per family if utilizing this service. If you have questions, please contact Sandi Kessler at (618)-676-5080.

**BINGO:**

Bingo sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life Committee will be held Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Public is welcome. Doors will open at 12pm. Games will be 4 for \$1.00. Refreshments provided by donation.

**EUCHRE:**

28 players braved the weather. 1<sup>st</sup> place: Seth Meinhart. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tie – Marcus Pilman, Ryan St. Clair. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tie – Dave Kocher, Bryce Hance. Hope to see everyone back on March 13<sup>th</sup>!

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

**Saturday, February 7** - Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival from 5-7pm. Join us for a wonderful meal in the cafeteria and fun and games in the gym to benefit St. Joseph School sports, music, and school programs!

**Saturday, March 14** - Bingo Bash/Auction Night at St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Center (Very few tables left! \$280 per table or \$35 per person)

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Monday, February 2:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition. St. Joseph School grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> PE Classes. **Monday, February 9:** Olney Council Spelling Bee, SJS grades 6<sup>th</sup> , 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, a fun 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of February 1<sup>st</sup>: The Presentation, The Martyrs: Littlest Saints, Martyrs and Monastics**

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:**

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com). Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

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

King's House at the Shrine has a Ladies' Quiet Retreat coming up on March 20-22, 2026. If any of you would like to join, please contact King's House at (618)-397-0584 to register. They are requiring a

deposit of \$50 to hold your room. You can let Lynn Weidner know if you want to travel with us.

#### **THE MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND:**

***The Messenger* Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8.** Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click **SUBSCRIBE** or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to ***The Messenger*** and make sure to include your **e-mail address** if digital subscription is selected.

#### **RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:**

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a conference on February 20-22. Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "Self-Deliverance, Spiritual Warfare, and the Military Mindset". Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$100 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.



#### **REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire



**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, February 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider† and George Ochs†" "Louis & Lelia Volk Family"**

**Monday, February 2, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Fr. Roger Schoenhofen, OMI"**

**Tuesday, February 3, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, February 4, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, February 5, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, February 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, February 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, February 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Barbara Ann Ochs†" "Donna Rennier†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**02/01/2026**

**Servers:**

Kaitlyn Ginder

Haley Ginder

Nathaniel Zwilling

**Lector:**

Natalie Zwilling

**EMHC:**

Gary Zwilling

Jenny Hancock

Janette Kocher

**Gifts:**

Chad & Jenny

Hancock Family

**Ushers:**

Byron Zwilling

Isaac Zwilling

**Greeters:**

Werner & Janette

Kocher

**Children's Liturgy:**

Laura, Dorothy, Delana

**02/08/2026**

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Amity Zuber

Julian Seaman

Gus Kocher

**Lector:**

Hank Ginder

**EMHC:**

Harold Boehl

Lisa Boehl

Jamie Kocher

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Ellen Steber

Family

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Alex Schneider

**Greeters:**

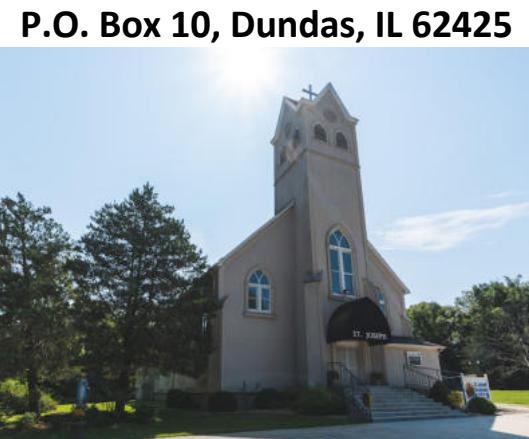
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# How to be Happy!

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes.  
Beatitude means happiness.  
Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important things in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!

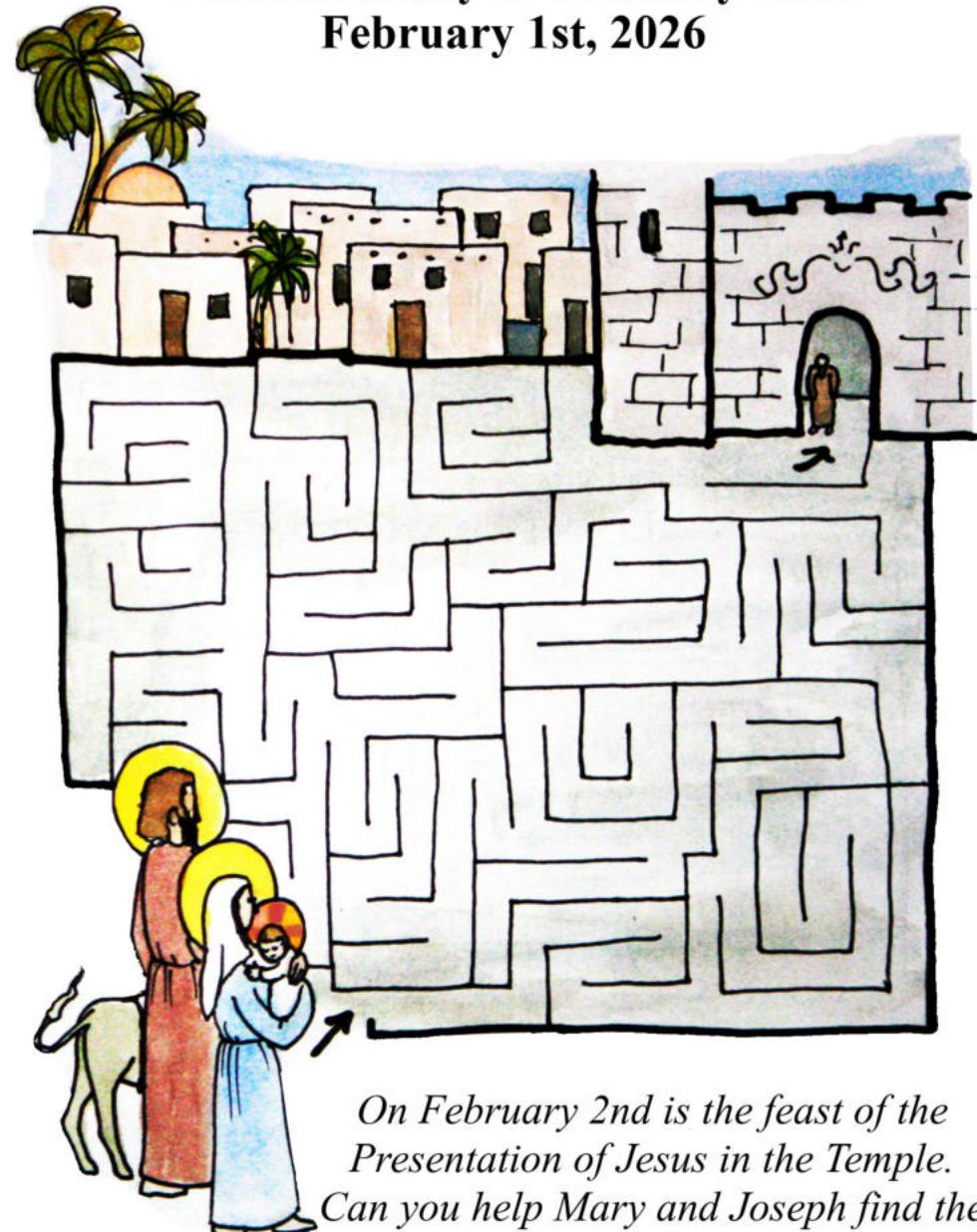


Answer to Beatitudes Word Find: Will be happy

[www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 1st, 2026



On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

# SAINT BLAISE

FEBRUARY 3

SAINT BLAISE WAS A BISHOP IN ARMENIA IN THE EARLY 300'S. WHEN PERSECUTION AROSE, HE WENT INTO THE WILDERNESS AND LIVED IN A CAVE.



ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SICK WILD ANIMALS WOULD COME TO HIM SO HE COULD HEAL THEM.



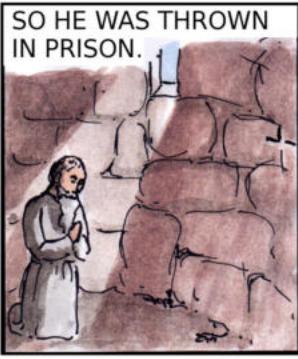
WHEN HUNTERS CAME AND FOUND BLAISE, THEY TOOK HIM TO THE GOVERNOR.



Hey! Look! There's a cross in there!



Your gods are made by men.  
BUT THE BISHOP WOULD NOT GIVE UP THE FAITH...



SO HE WAS THROWN IN PRISON.

WHILE IN PRISON, HE HEALED A BOY WHO HAD A FISH BONE STUCK IN HIS THROAT.



You can see him for five minutes.

Cough! Cough!



If that doesn't change him, nothing will!

BLAISE'S CAPTORS TORTURED HIM TO TRY TO GET HIM TO GIVE UP THE FAITH, BUT HE WOULD NOT. FINALLY HE WAS BEHEADED.

SAINT BLAISE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF PEOPLE WITH THROAT PROBLEMS, SO YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM IF YOU GET A SORE THROAT. SAINT BLAISE TEACHES US TO BE KIND TO WILD ANIMALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE TEACHES US TO NEVER GIVE UP OUR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN UNDER TORTURE.

## Beatitudes Word Find

GREAT W MERCY I  
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O O H B E C A U S E E S  
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R S A P M E R C I F U L  
I N S U L T H E A R T Y  
W E P C O M F O R T E D  
H S A T I S F I E D D Y  
O S P I R I T C L E A N

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED.

BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land.

Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY.

Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY

BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you