

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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Holy Cross Ministries January-March 2026		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Servers	Servers	Servers
Sat. January 3 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sun. February 1 - Cora Warfel, Ellee Bare, Stella Warfel	Sun. March 1 - Lane Smithenry, Cora & Stella Warfel
Sun. January 4 - Alex Street, Brooke & Braden Weidner	Sat. February 7 - CVM	Sat. March 7 - Caleb and Kelby Iffert, Ellee Bare
Sat. January 10 - Levi Rudolphi, Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart	Sun. February 8 - Lane Smithenry, Alex Street, Ian Kessler	Sun. March 8 - Alex Street, Brooke & Braden Weidner
Sun. January 11 - Lane Smithenry, Cora & Stella Warfel	Sat. February 14 - Levi Rudolphi, Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart	Sat. March 14 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sat. January 17 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sun. February 15 - Ellee Bare, Brooke & Braden Weidner	Sun. March 15 - Ian Kessler, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower
Sun. January 18 - Ian Kessler, Brooke & Braden Weidner	Sat. February 21 - Mattux Hart, Caleb & Kelby Iffert	Sat. March 21 - Levi Rudolphi, Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart
Sat. January 24 - Levi Rudolphi, Mattux Hart, Ellee Bare (St. Joseph School)	Sun. February 22 - Bailey Kistner, Alex & Nora Street	Sun. March 22 - Bailey Kistner, Alex & Nora Street
Sun. January 25 - Bailey Kistner, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	Sat. February 28 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sat. March 28 - Caleb and Kelby Iffert, Mattux Hart
Sat. January 31 - Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard		Sun. March 29 - Lane Smithenry, Chloe & Ethan Deckard
Open/Lock/Greet	Open/Lock/Greet	Open/Lock/Greet
Sat. - Dave & Tammy Rudolphi	Sat. - Keith & Pam Blank	Sat. - Derek & Kasey Iffert
Sun. - Brent & Sharon Edwards	Sun. - Danny & Lori Quinn	Sun. - Henry & Sandi Kessler
Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. - Tammy Rudolphi, Emma Tinder, Lynn Weidner, Josy Hart	Sat. - Jeannie Nix, Kathy Kuenstler, Kristy Weidner, Sherry Geier	Sat. - Celia Rudolphi, Bev Weidner, Josy Hart, Tammy Rudolphi
Sun. - Phyllis Eggers, Diane Shackmann, Paul Kocher, Travis Weber	Sun. - Ginny Zwilling, Martha Deimel, Ellen Weber, Kristi Sandschafer	Sun. - Breanne Jones, Missy Buerster, Jason Warfel, Marcia Street
Please note (4) EMHC are being scheduled. One will need to take communion to choir.		
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
Sat. - Victoria Rudolphi	Sat. - Maria Rudolphi	Sat. - Jennifer Rudolphi
Sun. - Robin Deckard	Sun. - James Kistner	Sun. - Amy Heuerman
Money Counters	Money Counters	Money Counters
Gerald & Diane Shackmann	Herb & Martha Deimel	Henry & Sandi Kessler
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Sat. - Michael Kuenstler, Daniel Baker, James Rudolphi, Hank Weidner	Sat. - Mark Rudolphi, Kelly Geier, Carl Weidner, Tim Weidner	Sat. - Dave Rudolphi, Michael Kuenstler, James Rudolphi, Derek Iffert
Sun. - Paul Lybarger, Ben Niebrugge, Brent Edwards, Aaron Eggers	Sun. - Danny Quinn, Austin Zwilling, Herb Deimel, Michael Kistner	Sun. - Jordan Jones, Tony Buerster, Henry Kessler, Gary D. Fehrenbacher
CRMH Communion:	CRMH Communion:	CRMH Communion:
January 11 - Maria Rudolphi	February 8 - Diane Herdes	March 8 - Ellen Weber
January 18 - Marge Kessler	February 15 - Sheryl Klingler	March 15 - Martha Deimel
		March 29 - Lynn Weidner
Children's Liturgy of the Word:	Children's Liturgy of the Word:	Children's Liturgy of the Word:
January 4 - Marcia & Nora Street	February 1 - Stephanie Geier & Kinley Workman	March 1 - Robin & Karly Deckard
January 11 - Anna Land & Audrey Smith	February 8 - Marcia Street & Clara Weidner	March 8 - Kaila & Bailey Kistner
January 18 - Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare	February 15 - Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber	March 15 - Gracey Himelick & Clara Weidner
January 25 - Kaila & Bailey Kistner	February 22 - Melissa Weidner & Brooke Weidner	March 22 - Alli Kirts & Nora Street
		March 29 - Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare
If you cannot attend as scheduled, you are responsible for your own replacement.		

Holy Cross-Wendelin Christmas Flower Memorials - 2025

- In Memory of Sharon Correll by Ryan & Kim Correll
- In Memory of Ronald Hemrich, Wayne Newton, Don & Ruby Hall, JV, Florine, William, Marj, and George Weidner, Jason Paul and Caide Weidner, Kim Steber Black, and Tony Steber by Judy Hemrich
- In Memory of Jason Weidner, my brother by Valerie Weidner
- In Memory of Isaac & Reese Kessler, Pete & Ada Blank, Ray Ferguson, and Ralph & Mae Blank by Keith & Pam Blank
- In Memory of Deceased Family Members of Joseph & Agnes Hinterscher, Deceased Family Members of Earl & Helen Dennis, and Hudson Fox by Delbert & Anne Hinterscher
- In Memory of Raymond & Bernadine Kuenstler, Herman & Alfrieda Kuenstler, Marvin & Cathy Bahl, Richard Weidner, and Herbert & Ron Gumbel by Robert & Kathy Kuenstler
- In Memory of Kendall Klingler, Ferd & Stella Westerndorf, Henry & Henrietta Deimel, Alfie Will, Tim Lidy, and Sam & Hermena Medernach by Herb & Martha Deimel
- In Memory of Ronald Hemrich, Don & Ruby Hall, Christine Robinson, and Troy Huddleston by Rusty & Tonya Hall
- In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Jerome & Janet Kistner Family by Jerome & Janet Kistner
- In Memory of Kay Frohning by Dan Frohning
- In Memory of Charles, Evelyn, & Patty McCreery, Herbert Niemerg, Beatrice Niemerg, and Al Uebinger by Brad & Cathy Rudolphi
- In Memory of Jerry Kessler and Joe Bierman by Marge Kessler
- In Memory of David Stark and Jane Kocher by Rose Stark
- In Memory of George & Georgianna Buerster, Leroy Klingler, CJ & Eva Herdes, and Wib Blank & Virginia Blank by Clint & Sara Bergbower
- In Memory of Caide Makoi Weidner by Myron & Rhonda Weidner
- In Memory of JV, Florine, Willliam, George, Marj, Jason, and Caide Weidner by Henry & Lynn Weidner
- In Memory of Florine Weidner by George & Melissa Weidner
- In Memory of Gerald & Linda Blank and Tony Steber by Cindy Blank
- In Memory of Harold Rauch and Fred Kessler by the Jim Rauch Family
- In Memory of Herman & Laura Bangert and Joan Bangert by Majorie Fulk
- In Memory of Herman & Joan Rudolphi and Larry Shew by Dave & Tammy Rudolphi
- In Memory of Leo Volk by Eric & Kristi Sandschafer

- In Memory of Margie Weidner, JV & Florine Weidner, Jack & Peggy Scott, and George Weidner by Harold & Bev Weidner
- In Memory of Gerald & Linda Blank, Royal & Emma Weidner, Lisa & Nathan Weidner, and Donald, Kenneth, & Derek Weidner by Greg & Barb Amerman
- In Memory of my brother, Jason Weidner, godfather, Ronald Hemrich, and my grandparents by Adam Weidner
 - In Memory of Larry Prosser and Arthur Kuhl by Aaron & Phyllis Eggers
 - In Memory of Burnell & Mackie Phillips and Albert & Geneva Zuber by Greg & Marilyn Phillips
- In Memory of Mary & Delbert Nix, Barbara & Arthur Rauch, and Don Geier by Mark & Jeannie Nix
- In Memory of Carl & Judy Kessler and Scott Kessler by Robert & Stephanie Ochs
- In Memory of Jerry Mix and Paul & Mary Kessler by Henry & Sandi Kessler
- In Memory of Kenneth & Pauline Kistner, Jim, MaryAnn & Chris Kistner, Joseph & Eunice Schackmann, and LeRoy Schackmann and Julie Schackmann by Gerald & Diane Schackmann
- In Memory of All Deceased Weidner Family: JV & Florine, Jason, Margie, William, George, and Caide Weidner, WF & Naomi Muhs, Bud Muhs, Father David Braun, Joy Mason, Ronald Hemrich, & Wayne Newton by Dale & Shelby Weidner
- In Memory of Lowell & Hermina Buerster, Carol Ochs, and Sharon Correll by Tony & Missy Buerster
- In Memory of Gerald Geier, Steve & Terry Geier, Wayne Stark, and Kimberly Stark by Kelly & Sherry Geier
- In Memory of Kevin W. Frohning by Rosemary Frohning, Kelley & Kaitlin and Calvin, Jessica, and Sawyer Herdes
 - In Memory of Gerald & Linda Blank by Cheryl Colwell
 - In Memory of Tom Buerster, Eric Dietrich, and Tom, Louis, Alphonse, & Frieda Weishaar by Martha Buerster
- In Memory of Rachel Rudolphi and John & Jeanette Kuhl by Kenneth & Therese Rudolphi
- In Memory of Tom & Betty Coan and Tom Coan Jr. by Charlie & Mary Beth Coan
- In Memory of Albert & Irene Weber and Donald Herdes by Ralph & Georgianna Weber
- In Memory of JV & Florine Weidner, Caide Weidner, and William, George, & Marj Weidner by Sue Travous
- Other generous donations: Dave & Joan Buerster, Neal & Lisa Weber, Danny & Lori Quinn, Joe & Mary Correll, Maurice & Lynn Will, Janet Hewerdine, Noah & Amy Heuerman, Ben & Gail Niebrugge, Kristy & Carl Weidner, Derek & Kasey Iffert, Theresa Smith, and Todd & Sherry Shamhart.

Total amount collected for Christmas Flower Memorials
was \$2,385.00.

Thank you for your generous donations for Christmas flowers
in memory of our loved ones.

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



ST. JOSEPH
OLNEY



HOLY CROSS
WENDELIN



ST. JOSEPH
STRINGTOWN

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Sunday, February 1st

- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass for a special blessing.

Monday Feb. 2nd - Friday Feb. 6th

- Parish office is closed in Olney.

Wednesday, February 4th

- 6:30 pm, Family Catechesis meets at Holy Cross. Adult presentation and youth CYM activity.

Saturday, February 7th

- 5:00 pm, Married Catholics for Christ & Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner and Dance. CYM child care provided. Catered meal by Ochs Smoked Meat. RSVP to Sandi Kessler at 618-676-5080.

- 5-7 pm, Booster's Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival at St. Joseph School.

Sunday, February 8th

- Donut and coffee social after the 8 am mass in Olney.

Wednesday, February 18th

- Ash Wednesday: please bring in any old palms before Ash Wednesday to be burned for this year's ashes.

Sunday, February 22nd

- Rite of Election of OCIA at St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville.

Thursday, February 26th

- 8:00 am, Confirmation retreat at Stringtown.
- 6:30 pm, PreK program at St. Joseph School in the gym.





LENT 2026

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain salvation.

 1st Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026	 Palm Sunday March 29, 2026
 2nd Sunday of Lent March 01, 2026	 Maundy Thursday April 02, 2026
 3rd Sunday of Lent March 08, 2026	 Good Friday April 03, 2026
 Laetere Sunday March 15, 2026	 Holy Saturday April 04, 2026
 5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026	 Easter Sunday April 05, 2026

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ will resume and continue through the month of April. The book we will be reading is, *Introduction to the Spiritual Life*.

Tuesdays 10:00 am - Stringtown

Tuesdays 5:00 pm - Olney

Wednesdays 5:30 pm - Holy Cross

Following in the Footsteps of the Saints Library



Be sure to check out the library and take home a book to read! The libraries are located in the vestibules of the tri-parishes.



The Knights of Columbus
Council 1352, will be hosting Friday fish fry's beginning February 20th. A meal will be served from 5-7 pm at the Olney City Park Community Building. All are welcome!

ADORATION

There must always be at least 2 people in the church

St. Joseph, Stringtown
Prayer service & adoration every
Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Holy Cross, Wendelin
Thursdays at 5:30 pm until mass
time at 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph, Olney
Every Tuesday from 12-3 pm

Contact Us

Parish Offices

St. Joseph, Olney
618-392-8181

Holy Cross, Wendelin
618-752-5671

St. Joseph, Stringtown
618-754-3676

School office: 618-395-3081



St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction
Saturday, March 14th
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.



St. Joseph School News

Feb. 5: Middle School Band Festival
Feb. 7: Booster's Past Dinner & PTO Carnival
Feb. 11: Early Dismissal at 11:50 am
P/T conferences 1-7 pm
Feb. 12-13: No School
Feb. 18: 5 pm, ROE Spelling Bee at OCC
Feb. 21: Middle School Youth Group
Feb. 26: Confirmation retreat at Stringtown.
Early Dismissal at 1:50 pm.
Preschool Program at 6:30 pm.

Lent

Ash Wednesday



7:00 a.m. St. Lawrence Lawrenceville

8:05 a.m. St. Joseph Olney

1:30 p.m. 3rd floor Carle Hospital

6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Stringtown & Holy Cross Wendelin

Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross- St. Lawrence- Lawrenceville

St. Joseph Olney - St. Joseph Stringtown

Friday evenings 6:30 p.m.



Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Key Regulations:

Fasting (Ages 18-59)

Obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Means one full meal and two smaller meals (not equaling a full meal).

No snacking between meals.

Abstinence (Ages 14+):

Obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent.

Means refraining from eating meat (beef, pork, poultry).

Fish, eggs, milk products, and condiments are permitted.

Exemptions:

Those who are ill, pregnant, nursing, or elderly (over 59 for fasting) are generally excused.

Those in physically demanding jobs are also often exempt.

Broader Practices:

Beyond the Minimum: Catholics are encouraged to go beyond the basic rules through increased prayer (reading Scripture, attending Mass), almsgiving (charity), and other acts of self-discipline.

Spiritual Focus:

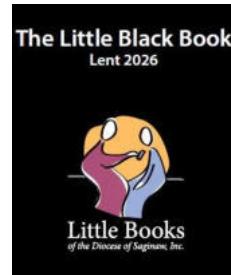
The goal is spiritual renewal, focusing on deeper intimacy with God, not just giving up food.

Duration:

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and concludes on the evening of Holy Thursday.



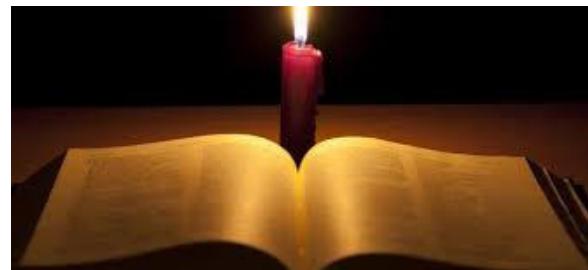
Lenten Resources



The Little Black Book
a Lenten daily devotional,
in the vestibule of the parish.

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 p.m. beginning after Ash Wednesday.



Evening Vespers, or Evening Prayer, is a Catholic liturgical service part of the Liturgy of the Hours that sanctifies the end of the day through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Typically held at dusk, its primary purpose is to offer an "evening sacrifice" to God, reflect on the day's events, thank Him for graces received, and seek forgiveness for sins.

February 25th Holy Cross Wendelin
March 4th St. Lawrence Lawrenceville
March 11th St. Joseph Stringtown
March 18th St. Joseph Olney



Augustine Institute
A Free Lenten Pilgrimage

Join Dr. Barber, Dr. Pitre,
and Dr. Adams on a Biblical
Lenten spirit filled journey.



Pray with The Tears of
Christ this Lent- Free

Sign up for daily
Lenten meditations
from St. John Henry
Newman.



Hallow FREE during Lent
Join Chris Pratt, Mark
Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie,
Sr. Miriam, Fr. Mike Schmitz,
and more alongside millions
of others.



Sunday, February 15, 2026

Holy Cross Parish Center in Wendelin, IL

1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

CASH Prizes

**4 games
for \$1.00**

**Refreshments provided by
the Ladies Altar Sodality
for donation**

**Public is WELCOME
Doors open at 12:00**

Sponsored by Family Life Committee

OLNEY
COUNCIL
#1352

Open to the public.
Dine in or carry out.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY Fridays during Lent

OLNEY CITY PARK

Community Building

Serving from
5:00 - 7:00 pm
(or until sold out)

Dinner: \$14
(Refills available)

Menu: Fried fish, hash brown patty, baked beans, corn, green beans, salad, and a beverage.
Dessert by donation.

Dates -Proceeds to Benefit:

February 20: Mentor Richland County

February 27: Richland County Hope

March 6: St. Joseph School

March 13: Senior Citizens Center

March 20: Fall Kids Mall

March 27: Olney Valor Quilters





NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

2026 LENTEN FRY-DAYS



February 20
CYO

Catholic Youth Organization



February 27

Columbian Home
“KC HALL”



March 6

Columbian Home
“KC HALL”



March 13
Shop with a Cop



March 20

Columbian Home
“KC HALL”



March 27
St. Thomas Church

All FRY-DAYS raise monies to benefit a local organization or charitable group.



DINE-IN or
CARRY OUT
4:30 – 7:00 PM
or until sold out
NEWTON KC HALL



HOLY CROSS
WENDELIN



\$10
Admission
(Includes Glass
& Tastings!)

Wine Tasting

MARCH 21, 2026

HOLY CROSS PARISH CENTER
WENDELIN, IL

6:00 - 10:30 PM

BERRYVILLE VINEYARDS - CASTLE FINN VINEYARD
IRENE'S VINEYARD - THE POUR VINEYARD

*Food Trucks and Live Music by
Dakota Danielle!*

Domestic beer available for
purchase. Wineries will serve
until 9pm.

*No admittance to anyone under 21 years
of age.

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Family Catechesis Revised Schedule of Events

“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints”

March	April	May
<p>4 Wed: Stay at Home Family Night 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 6:30 p.m. Holy Cross Parish House</p> <p>19- Family Catechesis will be held at St. Joseph Stringtown for the feast day of St. Joseph. There will be Mass and Dinner with the “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation</p> <p>Youth: Activity</p> <p>Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>5 -Easter</p> <p>12 -Divine Mercy Sunday</p> <p>18-Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney</p> <p>26- First Communion Practice after Mass</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning</p> <p>2-3 First Communion</p> <p>6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: Final Saint presentations, meal, and year end presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p>





Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The Catholic Extension Grant contributed:
Lourdes Healing Water, St. Bernadette Holy Card,
Lenten materials, and St. Valentine gifts.

Let us continue to stay
“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints.”

Lenten Family Ideas

Key Activities and Traditions

- **Prayer:** Create a Lenten prayer space with a cross and candle. Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, or the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Attend Stations of the Cross.
- **Fasting:** Eat simple meatless meals on Fridays and have children help prepare them. Give up screens or candy as a family.
- **Almsgiving:** Use a "Sacrifice Jar" to fill with beans for every good deed, or fill a jar with coins for charity. Participate in "40 Bags in 40 Days" by donating one bag of items to charity each day.
- **Activities:** Make soft pretzels (symbolizing arms crossed in prayer). Read a Lenten devotional or children's book.
- **Visuals:** Use a Lenten calendar to track the 40 days. Make a Lenten Sacrifice paperchain.

Upcoming March Events

Holy Cross Wendelin

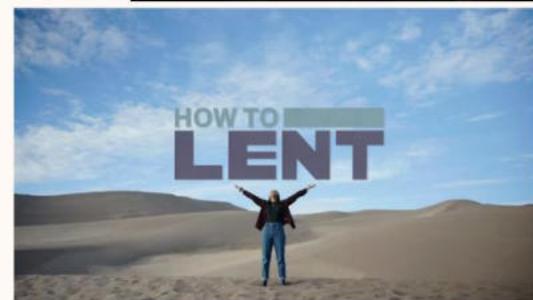
4 -Wed. Stay-at- Home Family Night

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February formed™



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

February 2026



Our February Saints



Our Lady of Lourdes, is a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary, honoring her 1858 apparitions to 14-year-old peasant girl St. Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto at Lourdes, France. Over 18 visits, Mary identified as the "Immaculate Conception," urging prayer and repentance, and directed Bernadette to a spring with lasting healing properties. While many seek cures for illnesses, the spiritual message focuses on repentance, faith, and prayer for the conversion of sinners.

St. Bernadette Soubirous, was a poor French girl from Lourdes, France, who, at age 14, experienced 18 visions of the Virgin Mary in a cave (Grotto of Massabielle) from February to July 1858, leading to the discovery of a miraculous spring and the famous Lourdes pilgrimage site; despite skepticism and hardship, she remained faithful, later joining the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, living a humble life, and dying at 35, eventually becoming a saint known for humility and faith in the face of illness. Bernadette's body is recognized by the Church as incorrupt.



"My Jesus, fill my heart with so much love that one day it will break just to be with you." St. Bernadette.

Saints, Eucharist and the Catholic Faith



Stringtown Study
The Four Teresas

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*

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.

Donate through Empower Illinois

<https://empowerillinois.org/>



Empower Illinois is the state's largest and most comprehensive Scholarship Granting Organization, expanding quality education options for low-income and working-class families through scholarships to private schools.

You can make a charitable investment in education through the tax credit scholarship program!

How it works:

- Donate to St. Joseph School's or St. Thomas School's scholarship fund through Empower Illinois.
 - Visit www.empowerillinois.org/donors
 - Find St. Joseph Grade School, Olney or St. Thomas-Newton in Region 5 on the website
- Earn a 75% Tax Credit back to offset your tax liability!
 - For more information, contact an Empower Illinois tax credit specialist at 312-392-0250

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