

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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<u>Holy Cross Ministries 2025</u>		
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<u>Servers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Sat. July 5 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sat. August 2 - Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	Sat. September 6 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. July 6 - Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner	Sun. August 3 - Ellee Nettleton, Nora & Alex Street	Sun. September 7 - Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower
Sat. July 12 - Ian Kessler, Levi & Noah Rudolphi	Sat. August 9 - Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi	Sat. September 13 - Ian Kessler, Levi & Noah Rudolphi
Sun. July 13 - Cora Warfel, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	Sun. August 10 - Lane Smithenry, Alex Street, Stella Warfel	Sun. September 14 - Ellee Nettleton, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert
Sat. July 19 - Mattux Hart, Ellee Nettleton, Cora Warfel	Sat. August 16 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sat. September 20 - Mattux Hart, Ethan & Chloe Deckard
Sun. July 20 - Alex Street, Ethan & Chloe Deckard	Sun. August 17 - Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard	Sun. September 21 - Brooke & Braden Weidner, Cora Warfel
Sat. July 26 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sat. August 23 - Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	Sat. September 27 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. July 27 - Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower	Sun. August 24 - Alex Street, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower	Sun. September 28 - Lane Smithenry, Nora & Alex Street
	Sat. August 30 - Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi	
	Sun. August 31 - Ellee Nettleton, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
<u>Open/Lock/Greet</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet</u>
Sat. - Dave & Tammy Rudolphi	Sat. - Tony & Penni Kuenstler	Sat. - Kelly & Sherry Geier
Sun. - Danny & Lori Quinn	Sun. - Holly Nettleton	Sun. - Gregg & Milissa Weber
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Sat. - Tammy Rudolphi, Celia Rudolphi, Jeannie Nix, Kristy Weidner	Sat. - Beverly Weidner, Lynn Weidner, Christine Hall, Emma Tinder	Sat. - Sherry Geier, Josy Hart, Dave Rauch, Kathy Kuenstler
Sun. - Diane Schackmann, Ginny Zwilling, Paul Kocher, Kim Smithenry	Sun. - Phyllis Eggers, Jason Warfel, Sandi Kessler, Missy Buerster	Sun. - Ellen Weber, Martha Deimel, Travis Weber, Marcia Street
Please note (4) EMHC are now being scheduled. One will need to take communion to choir.		
<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Sat. - Maria Rudolphi	Sat. - Victoria Rudolphi	Sat. - Jennifer Rudolphi
Sun. - Marcia Street	Sun. - Melissa Weidner	Sun. - Ginny Zwilling
<u>Money Counters</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>
Gerald & Diane Schackmann	Henry & Sandi Kessler	Gregg & Milissa Weber
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat. - Dave Rudolphi, Carl Weidner, Mark Rudolphi, Michael Kuenstler	Sat. - Toby Hall, Hank Weidner, Daniel Baker, James Rudolphi	Sat. - Kelly Geier, Tim Weidner, Michael Kuenstler, Mark Rudolphi
Sun. - Austin Zwilling, Danny Quinn, Ben Niebrugge, Dusty Smithenry	Sun. - Aaron Eggers, Shad & Ben Street, Henry Kessler	Sun. - Gregg Weber, Eric & Victor Sandschafer, Kevin Blank
Please Find A Substitute If You Cannot Attend As Scheduled		

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

Monday, September 1st

Labor day, parish offices closed

Friday, September 5th

First Friday mass 8 am, Olney.

Saturday, September 6th

- First Saturday mass 9 am, Holy Cross.
- Carlo Acutis Canonization Lock-in for High Schoolers at Holy Cross. Starts with 4 pm mass, ends Sunday morning.

Friday, September 12th

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross- Wendelin Parish Center. 1:30-5:30 pm.

Saturday, September 13th- 14th

Red plates will be given out at all masses for all first graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.

Saturday, September 13th

Middle school youth group following the 4 pm mass at Holy Cross.

Sunday, September 14th

- High school youth group at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Stringtown.
- Holy Cross Feast Day/Dedication Ceremony, 10 am Mass followed by meal at 11 am (Please RSVP). Dedication at 1 pm.

Tuesday, September 16th

First Parish Council meeting for Olney at 7 pm in conference room.

September 20th - 21st

Catechesis mass at all parishes.

Children present in weekend mass will come forward to give a special blessing to catechists.

Sunday, September 21st

- CYM mass, 8 am at St. Joseph Stringtown.
- Anniversary Brunch following the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney.
- Young Adults Gathering TBD

Saturday, September 27th

Middle school youth group following the 5 pm mass at Olney.

Sunday, September 28th

High school youth group at 5:30 at Holy Cross (Praise and worship after)

AROUND OUR PARISHES



Big and Beautiful Mums

\$17 EACH OR \$32 FOR TWO

AVAILABLE IN: YELLOW BURGUNDY ORANGE
NEW THIS YEAR! TRI-COLOR (\$20)

ORDERS DUE BY: FRIDAY, SEPT. 5TH
PICKUP IS: FRIDAY, SEPT. 12TH

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SJS.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

MUM FUNDRAISER

Help support St. Joseph School by purchasing some big and beautiful mums for fall!! Contact any student or the school office to order.



Following in the Footsteps of the Saints Library

The weather is cooler, and there is nothing like a great book and a warm drink! 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.

Book Suggestions: For Kids: Teresa of Avila Interior Castle (even shaped like a castle) and the When we go to Mass (even shaped like a church). For Adults: My Sisters the Saints or This Present Paradise.



Sisters in Christ

Our New Book is, "The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

St. Therese said, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

If you are interested in joining, contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate at ctrimblepa@gmail.com.

Olney: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
Wendelin: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Stringtown: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

*Olney group will not meet on Tuesday, September 9th.

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



Young Adults Bible Study
Meets every Monday at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross in Wendelin.

Brothers in Christ
Meets every Thursday after mass at Holy Cross in Wendelin around 7pm.

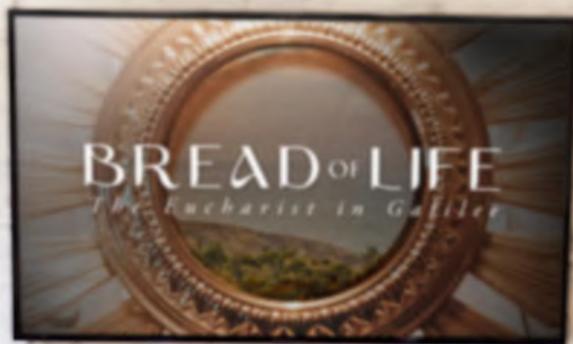


St. Joseph School News

- Sep. 1: No School, Labor Day
- Sep. 5: Mum orders due
- Sep. 12: Mum pickup at the City Park
- Sep. 17: 11:50 dismissal
- Sep. 22-26: Iowa testing week
- Sep. 25-26: Book Fair
- Sep. 25: 1:50 dismissal
- Sep. 26: Courtyard band concert

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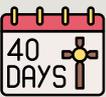
Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier! Discover small group Bible studies, inspiring children's shows, sacramental preparation resources, family-friendly movies, and more! There is something for every member of the family and your Catholic community to help them grow closer to Jesus Christ and his Church.



Register for a free **Formed** account at signup.formed.org Use Zip Code: 62448

Family Catechesis Schedule of Events

“Following in the Footsteps of Saints”

<p>2025 August</p>  <p>27 Wed. Opening Mass Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Families: You will receive the Family Tote with Family Catechesis Saint Binder, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items, and Special Blessing for the year.</p>	<p>September</p>  <p>3 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: Parent meeting, youth activity, Saint presentation and Birthday party for Mary with The Word of Life Workbook, and other “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items. Sacrament Meeting for: Reconciliation/Confirmation</p> <p>13-14- Red Plate Blessing for 1st graders</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder for updates.</p>	<p>October</p>  <p>1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend 11-12 Cup Blessing for 2nd graders 30-All Saint-Family Rosary-Trunk n’ Treat after Mass</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>
<p>November</p>  <p>5 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: All Saint Maze and special Saint presentations, with bonfire and s/mores. Gift of Love information and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>8-9 Candle Blessing for 3rd graders 29-30 -Gift of Love Mass Weekend</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>December</p>  <p>3 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations, Advent party, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>7 -Advent tradition of “Evensong” at Holy Cross 8 & 11- First Reconciliation</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year</p> 
<p>2026 January</p>  <p>7 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: Saint presentations, Three Kings and 12th Night Dinner Party and “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>February</p>  <p>4 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>7-M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance at Holy Cross</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>March</p>  <p>4 Wed. Ash Wednesday 15- Divine Mercy Book begins</p> <p>19 -Families: St. Joseph Table tradition with Mass and Dinner at St. Joseph Stringtown Saint presentations and “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>April</p>  <p>1 Wed. Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Adults: Presentation Youth: Activity Saint presentations and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>5 -Easter 12 -Divine Mercy Sunday (17,18,19)Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.</p>	<p>May</p>  <p>3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning 2-3 First Communion 6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center</p> <p>Families: Final Saint presentations, catered meal, and year end video presentation, and “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints” items.</p> <p>*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder</p>	<p>“Let us become saints so that after having been together on earth, we may be together in Heaven.”</p> <p>St. Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</p>



The Saint Presentation of Bl. Carlo Acutis was offered by Clinton Rauch.

I am Carlo Acutis, I was born May 3, 1991, in London, England and soon after my family moved to Milan, Italy. It is hard to explain, but even when I was young, I had a special love for God. I felt drawn to the Mass, and when I was around 7, I was going to daily Mass and Adoration.

What amazing parents when I think about it now, that they let me do this. My parents saw my love for God grow, and they too then started going to daily Mass. We went as a family; I loved going to Mass with my family! I even had other people in our community and parish community that soon started attending daily Mass and receiving Jesus daily. Oh, how I so love Jesus. Do you?

“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan.” Bl.Carlo

Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:

“*Following in the Footsteps of the Saints*” booklets,

Saint cards, Saint Relics, and various other resources.

A **Parish Library** was set up in each of our three parishes to further grow and deepen our own Catholic faith.

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It is an app you install on your SmartTV, phone, and computer.

Go to formed.org.

Enter Zip code: 62448, select: Tri-Parish Newton, IL

A selection of ideas for the month will be shared.

For August:



Family Catechesis T-Shirts

A short sleeved light gray t-shirt with our F.C. logo. order by September 3
The cost is \$15.00 for adults and kids.
If interested call the Holy Cross office.

Upcoming September Events

3: Parent Meeting, Youth Activity, Celebrate Mary’s Birthday along with Saint presentations, and more.

13-14: Red Plate Blessing for 1st graders

14: Holy Cross Parish Feast Day Celebration

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

August 2025



Our August Saints



Bl. Carlo Acutis

"The Apostle of the Eucharist"
He will be canonized September 7,
during the Papal Mass
St. Peter's Square Vatican City, this is
3:00 am our time, but you can still
watch the recording on Youtube,
EWTN and other social media outlets.



St. Monica

Honored for her unwavering faith and
perseverance in prayer.
Patron of Mothers, Marriages, and
children who have left the faith.
"There is no place that is far from God."
Feast Day August 27

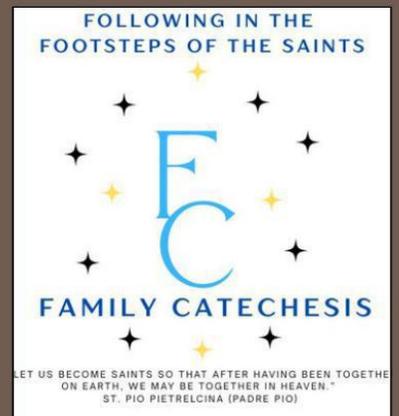


Our Lady of Knock

An apparition in Ireland in 1879,
where there was total silence. Mary
appeared with St Joseph, St John
the Evangelist, a lamb and a cross.
A testament of deep trust and love.
Feast Day August 21

Family Catechesis

This year, enhancing our existing Family Catechesis ministry, we are excited to announce the theme "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints." This special year-long effort, thanks to grant funding from the Catholic Extension Society, will give our families the chance to learn more about our heavenly sisters and brothers, the Saints, and continue to grow in their Catholic Faith. The various resources shared will help in teaching the faith to your children and live the Catholic faith life more profoundly in the home and in our world.





Holy Cross Church

FEAST DAY/DEDICATION CELEBRATION



SEPT 14 2025

MASS : 10:00AM

MEAL: 11:00AM

DEDICATION: 1:00PM

MENU: PORK LOIN
GARLIC GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST
HASHBROWN CASSEROLE
GREEN BEANS
TEA/LEMONADE
DESSERT

MEAL CATERED BY OCHS ST SMOKED MEATS

COOKIES AND DRINKS PROVIDED AFTER DEDICATION

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR CALL 618-752-5671 OR TEXT

CINDY BLANK AT 618-843-8018

RSVP BY SEPT. 1

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*

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

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED TO
WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS/FAMILIES.

MEETINGS WILL BE
STARTING SOON.

CONTACT
FR. STEVEN OR CAROLINE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

*Olney Study
The Eucharist*

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

*Brother's in Christ
Into the Breach*

**THURSDAY
HOLY CROSS
7:00PM**

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

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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.