

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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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

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Saturday, May 2nd

- 5:00 pm, 1st Communion at St. Joseph, Olney.

Sunday, May 3rd

- 8:00 am, 1st Communion at St. Joseph, Stringtown.
- 10:00 am, 1st Communion at Holy Cross.
- 10:00 am, CYM mass and meeting at Holy Cross.
- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group end of year party at Holy Cross.

Monday, May 4th

- 5:30 pm, Parish and Family Life Banquet at Olney. Starting in the church with a prayer service. Meal to follow in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, May 6th

- 8:00 am, mass at Olney followed by Honor's awards ceremony.

Saturday, May 9th

- 6:00 pm, Middle School Youth Group end of year party at Olney.

Sunday, May 10th

- Happy Mother's Day! Blessings to all mothers past, present, and future.
- 9:00 am, Donuts and coffee in the MPR following the 8 am mass at Olney.

Wednesday, May 13th

- 8:15 am, Graduation mass at Olney.
- 7:00 pm, Graduation cememoy.

Saturday, May 16th

- 5:00 pm, PreK singing at mass, Olney.

Wednesday, May 20th

- Last Day of School for St. Joseph. Dismissal is at 10:50 am.

Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day

- 6:30 pm, masses at the Stringtown and Lawrenceville cemeteries.

Tuesday May 26 - Friday, May 29th

- Vacation Bible School for the Tri-Parish at Wendelin. Meeting Tuesday through Friday from 5:30-7:30pm every evening. For ages PreK through 5th grade. Registration is now open! Visit the parish website to sign up!

Sunday, May 31st

- Young Adults Gathering, TBD

The O.C. I. A. [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults] candidates began a journey as a group of men and women who spent the last six months gathering almost every Tuesday evening to discover, learn, and fall in love with the Catholic faith. Throughout these months of discovery, many were joined by their sponsors for inspiring presentations and enticing conversations. A significant highlight was the Rite of Election in February, which served as a "wonder and awe" moment, offering a true sense of what the greater Catholic Church looks and feels like.

At the Easter Vigil, these individuals who began this journey months ago left that night in the arms of their families-rejoicing! The joy and enthusiasm was and remains infectious to everyone who meets them.

Please continue to pray for and support the newest members of our parish:

Top Row: Luke Hahn, Jillian Peavler, Abby Garrison

Middle Row: Stephen Brach, Isaac Beal, Dalyn Brach

Bottom Row: Eli Brown, Kristen Kocher, Hilary Cecil



First Communion Candidates

St. Joseph, Olney

Holland Bible
Raylon Cowman
Holden Deimel
Chandler Foust
Owen Graves
Grace Jensen
Georgia Kapper
Jaxon Kocher
Kasen Kuentler
Garrett Lathrop
Easton Oilar
Graelyn Smithenry
Kaden Williams

Holy Cross, Wendelin

Rhett Geier
Eli Kennedy
Wyatt Klingler
Blair Land
Amelia Rauch
Carter Smith
Vera Mae Warfel
Colin Will
Ethan Phillips
Avrie Tinder



St. Joseph, Stringtown

Taylor Ginder
Case Runyon
Elijah Zwilling
Elliot Kirk

Pray that God will bless you with grace today and always.

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



Congratulations to our Tri-Parish Confirmation Class of 2026



St. Joseph School News

- May 1- Beckoning of Lovely Day and 10:50 dismissal
- May 6- Honors Mass and Science Fair
- May 8- Band Concert and 7/8 Grade Spring Dance
- May 13- Graduation Mass @ 8:15 and Graduation Ceremony @ 7 pm in Courtyard
- May 16- PreK sings at 5pm mass.
- May 19- Preschool Graduation
- May 20- Field Day and Last Day of School

"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." - Ephesians 6:2-3 ESV



BABY BOTTLE *Fundraiser*

MAY 10 - JUNE 21



<https://rebrand.ly/bbnew>

Give online or by check made payable to
Family Life Center.



DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday
May 10th
after 8:00 am mass**

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

**MAY
10**

**St. Joseph, Olney
Multipurpose Room**

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



In nearly 75 dioceses in the United States and its territories, funds from Catholic Home Missions are a lifeline for churches in rural areas where small Catholic populations are unable to sustain basic pastoral ministries without outside assistance.

In southern Illinois, the challenges facing the Diocese of Belleville are particularly acute. Most of the diocese's 28 counties are rural and have small Catholic populations, while the cities within the diocese are among the poorest in the entire country. Although the diocese lacks necessary material resources, it is blessed with dedicated men and women who faithfully carry out their mission to share the Gospel in ministries including catechesis, Hispanic/Latino ministry among the area's growing Spanish-speaking population, and campus ministry for the students at Southern Illinois

University (SIU) in Carbondale and other college campuses in the area.

The Newman Center campus ministry located on the SIU campus strengthens the faith of Catholic young adults with faith formation programs, fellowship, and prayer, as well as community service opportunities beyond campus. By participating at Sunday and weekday Masses and in student-led retreats, weekly dinners, and outreach to families in need, these students grow in their faith and prepare to be church leaders. Working with the diocesan vocation director, the campus ministry program helps nurture priestly vocations—a record of success made possible through support received from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which funds the full-time campus minister's position. For more information about Catholic Home Missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

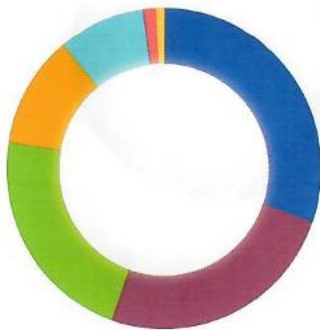
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What Is a "Home Mission" Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and its former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered home mission dioceses.

CHMA FINANCIALS 2024



Totals by Program Area

• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,485,000
• Faith Formation	\$2,045,000
• Vocations and Formation of Deacons, Priests, and Religious	\$1,810,000
• Special Grants*	\$938,475
• Cultural Ministries**	\$725,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$125,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person†	\$50,000

Total: \$8,178,475

*Special Grants include the following:

- Support for the Installation of a New Home Mission Bishop
- Support for USCCB Initiatives (Eucharistic Revival, Synodal Journey)
- Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities

** Including Hispanic/Latino, Black, Asian, and Native American ministries.

† Including ministries for persons with disabilities.



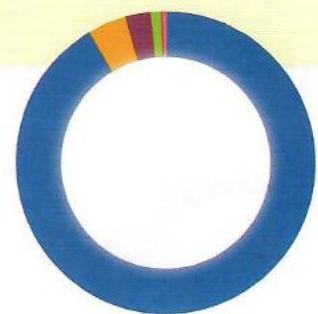
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Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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• Grants and Donations	\$8,076,036
• Program Costs	\$478,207
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$389,274
• Administrative Expenses	\$98,290
• Allocations – Internal Grants	\$29,825

Total Expenses: \$9,071,632



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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*

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.