

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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	Holy Cross Ministries October-December 2025	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<u>Servers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Sat. October 4 - Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Ian Kessler	Sat. November 1 - Hank, Clara & Boyd Weidner	Sat. December 6 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. October 5 - Alex Street, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	Sun. November 2 - Brooke & Blaine Bergbower, Stella Warfel	Sun. December 7 - Alex Street, Cora & Stella Warfel
Sat. October 11 - Mattux Hart, Ethan & Chloe Deckard	Sat. November 8 - Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard	Sat. December 13 - Ellee Bare, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert
Sun. October 12 - Braden & Brooke Weidner, Ellee Bare	Sun. November 9 - Nora & Alex Street, Cora Warfel	Sun. December 14 - Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner
Sat. October 18 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sat. November 15 - Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart	Sat. December 20 - Hank, Clara & Boyd Weidner
Sat. October 19 - Lane Smithenry, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	Sun. November 16 - Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner	Sun. December 21 - Nora & Alex Street, Cora Warfel
Sat. October 25 - Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Mattux Hart	Sat. November 22 - Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	Sat. December 27 - Kaleb & Kelby Iffert, Ian Kessler
Sun. October 26 - Ethan & Chloe Deckard, Alex Street	Sun. November 23 - Ellee Bare, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	Sun. December 28 - Brooke & Blaine Bergbower, Stella Warfel
	Sat. November 29 - Levi & Noah Rudolphi, Ian Kessler	
	Sun. November 30 - Ethan & Chloe Deckard, Alex Street	
<u>Open/Lock/Greet</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet</u>
Sat. - Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Sat. - Brent & Sharon Edwards	Sat. - Holly Nettleton
Sun. - Eric & Kristi Sandschafer	Sun. - Kevin & Heather Blank	Sun. - Cindy Blank
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Sat. - Kristy Weidner, Celia Rudolphi, Bev Weidner, Emma Tinder	Sat. - Tammy Rudolphi, Josy Hart, Lynn Weidner, Dave Rauch	Sat. - Jeannie Nix, Kathy Kuentler, Celia Rudolphi, Sherry Geier
Sun. - Kim Smithenry, Diane Schackmann, Phyllis Eggers, Paul Kocher	Sun. - Martha Deimel, Missy Buerster, Marcia Street, Ellen Weber	Sun. - Jason Warfel, Sandi Kessler, Ginny Zwilling, Penni Kuentler
Please note (4) EMHC are 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. - Kristi Sandschafer	Sun. - Travis Weber	Sun. - Marge Kessler
<u>Money Counters</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>	<u>Money Counters</u>
Keith & Pam Blank	Kevin & Heather Blank	Tony & Penni Kuentler
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat. - Michael Kuentler, Daniel Baker, James Rudolphi, Hank Weidner	Sat. - Tim Weidner, Carl Weidner, Dave Rauch, Brent Edwards	Sat. - Dave Rudolphi, Mark Rudolphi, Kelly Geier, Hank Weidner
Sun. - Paul Lybarger, Ben Niebrugge, Aaron Eggers, Danny Quinn	Sun. - Ben Street, Herb Deimel, Tyler Buerster, Garrett Buerster	Sun. - Dusty Smithenry, Austin Zwilling, Eric Sandschafer, Jim Rauch
<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	<u>CRMH Communion:</u>
October 12 - Marge Kessler	November 9 - Maria Rudolphi	December 14 - Ellen Weber
October 19 - Sheryl Klingler	November 16 - Martha Deimel	December 21 - Lynn Weidner
	November 30 - Diane Herdes	
<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</u>	<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</u>	<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</u>
October 5 - Melissa and Brooke Weidner	November 2 - Kaila and Bailey Kistner	December 7 - Alli Kirts and Nora Street
October 12 - Alli Kirts and Nora/Alex Street	November 9 - Holly Nettleton and Ellee Bare	December 14 - Nicki Himelick and Kinley Workman
October 19 - Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber	November 16 - Anna Land and Audrey Smith	December 21 - Melissa and Brooke Weidner
October 26 - Gracey Himelick and Nicole Kuhl	November 23 - Robin and Karly Deckard	December 28 - Gracey Himelick and Hope Zuber
	November 30 - Stephanie Geier and Clara Weidner	
	If you cannot attend as scheduled, you are responsible for your own replacement.	

DONUTS & COFFEE

**Sunday
October 12th
after 8:00 am mass**

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

**OCT.
12**

**St. Joseph, Olney
Multipurpose Room**



St. Joseph Church, Olney

Smorgasbord and Bazaar

Sunday, October 19, 2025

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Adults: \$12
Children (ages 5-10): \$8
Children (4 & under): Free
Take out Meals: \$12

Meal includes: pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, salads and desserts.

Drive-Thru/Pick-Up Meals will be available on Elliott Street by Parish Office.

Bazaar includes: Chance Stand, Country Store, Cake Stand

Games: Plinko, Bag Toss, Sucker Draw & more.



Raffle drawings at 2:00 PM



2025 ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL SMORGASBORD AND BAZAAR

DATE: Sunday October 19, 2025

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 12th**.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of Dish: (please circle)</u>
_____ SALAD BAR	Pasta Salad (preferred) , 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 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 10/17/25 4:00PM -7:00PM · Saturday 10/18/25 4:30PM - 6:30PM · Sunday 10/19/25 7:00AM - 8:00AM

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

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!

FOR THE BAZAAR

PLEASE drop off items for BAZAAR by Saturday evening Oct. 18, 2025

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+

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: _____

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

St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord & Bazaar - Sunday October 19, 2025 - Worker Schedule

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

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

Menu: Pork Loin, Noodles, Baked Beans, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Salad Bar & 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: 10-15-25

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 17, 2025**Wash Buckets, Pans, Dishes & Silverware**

4:30 PM	Deb Kuentler	Elizabeth Amerman
5:30 PM	Dorothy Bloom	Tony Steber

Set Up Tables & Chairs in Gym

4:30 PM	Steve Kuentler Family
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Set Up Serving Line Tables, Dining Tables & Chairs, Salad Bar

4:30 PM	Lindsey Ochs	Kurt Ginder
	Tyler Ochs	Samantha Foust

Wipe down high chairs & Place in Cafeteria

Friday 2:00 PM	SJS Students	SJS Students
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Decorate Tables, Tablecloths and Place Salt & Pepper

5:30 PM	Kim Harrell
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SUNDAY: OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 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	Kevin Bookhout	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	Tony Steber	

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

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

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	Matt Tompson	Megan Grove
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Christy Blank	Carter Blank

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

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

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

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

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

Bake Rolls (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Lauren Womack
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lauren Womack

Serving Line (Cafeteria) Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Lisa Deimel	Jennifer Deimel
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Ella Eimer	Joey Fagin

Extra Kitchen Help (Cafeteria). Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Brent Bower				
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Andrea Thomas				
1:00 PM - Finish	Lindsey Ochs				
Salad Bar (Cafeteria). Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
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				
Make Coffee. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Fr. Bill Rowe				
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Janet Jones				
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Carla Gardner				
1:00 PM - Finish					
Pour Coffee/Tea & Put Ice in Glasses. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
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	Felicia Bishop			
Refill Drinks. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
			**7th and 8th grader volunteers		
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	April Rudolphi	Jane Blank			
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Carlie VanBlaricum	Sallie VanBlaricum			
1:00 PM - Finish	Grant McClain				
Carry Food from Kitchen to Serving Lines. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
10:45 AM - 12:00 AM	Lori Uhl	Mike Uhl			
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Ashley Kuhn	Adam Kuhn			
Serving Line - Utensils, Plates, Napkins, Etc. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Hannah Jensen	Pam Hahn			
12:00 PM - Finish	Connor Richardson	Nora McClain			
Door Holders/Greeters. Manager: Corey Steber					
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	Cale Seals	Kolsyn Erwin			
1:00 PM - Finish	Mary Jo McKinney	Avery McKinney			
Cut Pies & Cakes. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
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			
Pickup Trays & Clear Tables. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
			**7th and 8th graders		
10:45 AM - 12:00 AM	Ken Blank	Joan Blank	Haven Doll	Brilyn Brinkley	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Allyson Padilla	Bennett Padilla	Hayven Hensley	Jett Thomas	
1:00 PM - Finish	Sharon Behnke	Peyton Decker	Riley Kraus		
Plate Scrapers. Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
			**7th and 8th graders		
10:45 AM - 12:00 pm	Yzabella Biyok	Ethan Biyok	Lucca Trupiano		
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Angel Padilla	AJ Padilla			
1:00 PM - Finish	Hayven Hensley	Kolsyn Erwin			
Dishwashers & Wash Cookware. Managers: Marissa Graves & Emily Steber					
			**7th and 8th graders		
10:30 AM - 11:30 am		Xavier Zuber	Luke Seiler		
11:30am - 12:30pm	Ellee Bare	Claire Steber	Emma Hefferman		
12:30 PM - Finish	Sarah Kocher		Laney Peavler		
Bankers					
10:00am - 12:30pm	Bruce Peters	Herman Zuber			
12:30 - Finish	Jacquelyn Seals	Herman Zuber			
Sell Raffle Tickets					
10:00am - Finish	Jeffrey Rosenberg	Carol Potter			
Sell Lunch Tickets (Gymnasium) Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
10:00am - 12:15pm	Brad Doll				
12:15pm - 1:30pm	Mike Uhl	Lori Uhl			
Take/Sell Lunch Tickets (Cafeteria) Managers: Kelly Richardson & Lauren Tibbs					
10:00am - 12:00pm	Elaine Grimes	Samantha Foust			
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Regina Shuster	Elaine Grimes			
Sell 50/50 Tickets					

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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

Wednesday, October 1st

- No mass, prayer service at 8:00 am.
- St. Joseph, Olney at Good Samaritan Oct. 1st & 3rd.
- [Sisters in Christ 5:30 at Holy Cross.](#)
- [Family Catechesis 6:30 at Holy Cross.](#)

Friday, October 3rd

- Pet Blessing at 2:30 pm in grassy lot across from St. Joe School Gym.

Saturday, October 4th

- Confirmation commitment weekend at all parishes (Sat. & Sun.)
- [Middle school youth group meets after 4 pm mass at Holy Cross.](#)
- [Married and engaged couples for Christ BBQ at Holy Cross, 5 pm.](#)

October 11-12th

Chalices will be given out at all masses for all second graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.

Sunday, October 12th

- High school youth group meets at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph, Olney.
- Donut social after the 8 am mass in Olney. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 19th

- St. Joseph, Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar! Serving food from 11:00 am-1:30 pm. Raffle drawing at 2:00 pm.
- Young adults gathering at 6 pm. More details to come.

Saturday, October 25th

Middle school youth group meets after 5 pm mass at St. Joseph, Olney.

Sunday, October 26th

- [St. Joseph, Stringtown annual pancake breakfast fundraiser for Tri-Parish CYM. Serving from 8-10:30 am.](#)
- [High School youth group meets at 5:30 pm at Holy Cross.](#)

Tuesday, October 28th

Bibles and Brews at HV's. Social starts at 6:30 pm, and speaker begins at 7:00 pm. Topic TBD.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

Wednesday, October 29th

CYM Youth Halloween Pickleball Tournament at 6:30 pm at The Drey (Musgrove Park). Contact Tyler Timm to register.

Thursday, October 30th

All Saints Family Rosary and Mass at Holy Cross. Rosary at 6:00 pm and mass at 6:30 pm. Come dressed as your favorite saint and trunk or treat afterwards!

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints Mass:

9 am at Holy Cross

All Souls' Masses:

4 pm & 10 am at Holy Cross

5 pm & 8 am at Olney

8 am at Stringtown

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ will take a little "fall break". The new book and return date will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

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



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 annual October Count of mass attendance and holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend masses during the month of October.
- We are working on a Tri-Parish directory. Please sign up for photos after weekend masses. An online option will be available soon.

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

Oct. 4-5: Confirmation commitment mass
Oct. 11-12: 2nd grade chalices at all masses
Oct. 21: McTeacher night at McDonald's
Oct. 22-24: 8th grade at Camp Ondessonk
Oct. 30: Rosary at cemetery 12:50 pm
Oct. 31: No School, Diocesan Convention



During the month of October, St. Joseph School focuses on praying the Rosary. The school prays a decade together each day, and the month culminates with the middle school students praying a complete Rosary in the cemetery, honoring the Blessed Mother and remembering the faithful departed.

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 12, 2025



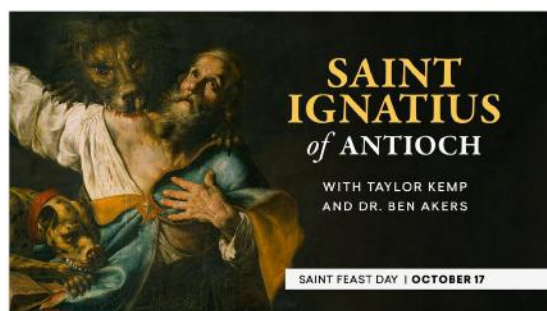
St. Luke the Artist

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



St. Teresa of Avila

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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Family Catechesis Schedule of Events

"Following in the Footsteps of Saints"

2025 August

27 Wed. Opening Mass
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.



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.

September

3 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



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

13-14- Red Plate Blessing for 1st graders

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder for updates.

October

1 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Adults: Presentation

Youth: Activity
Saint presentations and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

4-5 Confirmation Commitment Weekend

11-12 Cup Blessing for 2nd graders

30-All Saint-Family Rosary-Trunk n'Treat after Mass

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

November

5 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



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.

8-9 Candle Blessing for 3rd graders
29-30 -Gift of Love Mass Weekend

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

December

3 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Adults: Presentation

Youth: Activity
Saint presentations, Advent party, and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

7 -Advent tradition of "Evensong" at Holy Cross
8 & 11- First Reconciliation

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year



2026 January

7 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Families: Saint presentations, Three Kings and 12th Night Dinner Party and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

February

4 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Adults: Presentation

Youth: Activity
Saint presentations and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

7-M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance at Holy Cross

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

March

4 Wed. Ash Wednesday
15- Divine Mercy Book begins



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.

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

April

1 Wed. Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Adults: Presentation

Youth: Activity

Saint presentations and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

5 -Easter

12 -Divine Mercy Sunday

(17,18,19)Confirmation at St. Joseph Olney

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder and Sacrament book for check-in.

May

3 Sun. Holy Cross May Crowning
2-3 First Communion
6 Wed. Closing Family Gathering
Holy Cross 6:30 p.m. Parish Center



Families: Final Saint presentations, catered meal, and year end video presentation, and "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" items.

*Reminder to bring Family Tote with Saint Binder

**"Let us become saints so that
after having been together on
earth, we may be together in
Heaven."**

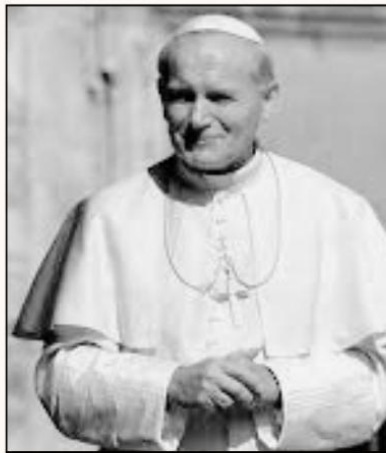
St. Pio Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

October 2025



Our October Saints



St. John Paul II

&

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Totus Tuus - Totally Yours

The Little Flower

"Do not be afraid to be saints."
"Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of
freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so
that He may lighten all your ways."

"God is pleased to create both, great
saints comparable to lilies or roses,
and little ones, content to be like
daisies or violets"

Pray the Rosary as a family

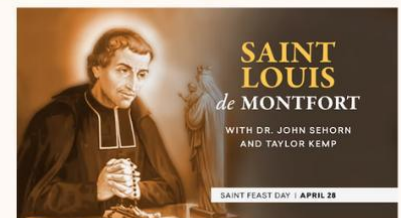




Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:
"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" Wooden Saint Rosaries, and an Outdoor Mary Statue.

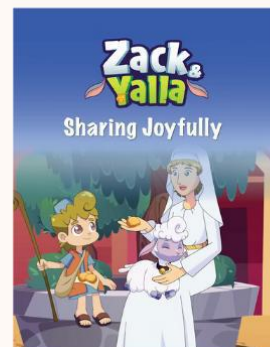
Vocation of Marriage through the eyes of St. Therese and St. John Paul II, presentation was offered by Fr. Steven for our adults. While, our youth experienced praying as a Human Rosary.



Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

Our Saints for the month:

St. Thérèse (Rhonda Kuenstler) spoke about the Blessed Mother's role in her life and St. John Paul II, (Fr. Steven) shared how the Blessed Mother saved his life, and is always caring for her children.



In Episode 3 of Zack and Yalla, a simple day of chores turns into a heartwarming journey of kindness, responsibility, and joyful discovery.

All Saint' Mass and Family Rosary followed with Trunk or Treat
October 30 Holy Cross

Family Rosary at 6:00 pm
 Mass at 6:30 pm
 Come dressed as your favorite Saint!
 Trunk'or Treat after Mass.

Upcoming November Events

Holy Cross Wendelin

- 5 Wed. Family Catechesis Gathering 6:30 pm**
 Saint Maze with Bonfire, with Gift of Love information shared.
- 8-9 Candle of Blessings for 3rd graders**
- 29-30 Gift of Love Mass Weekend**

FAMILY CATECHESIS

ALL SAINTS MAZE

Holy Cross

November 5 | 6:30 PM - 7:30PM

Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

Saint Maze followed
with a bonfire and s'mores

ADULT GATHERING AFTERWARDS 7:45PM-9:00PM

BRING YOUR OWN ADULT REFRESHMENTS

Holy Cross Parish Center Wendelin



Holy Cross

October 30

All Saints Family Rosary/ Mass



Family Catechesis

Family Rosary 6:00 pm

Mass 6:30 pm



Come dressed as your favorite Saint!

Trunk or Treat afterwards





How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

Your shoebox will be an expression of God's love to a child and may be the only gift he or she receives. So plan to pack quality items that will last. Be sure to make them **FUN**, adding a "wow" item the child will love; **FULL**, with no empty space; and **PERSONALIZED** so that each is unique, prayed over, and includes a note of encouragement.

1

SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



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PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2

"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



5

DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



3

OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



6

DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



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Please drop off packed shoeboxes to the parish office or leave in the tub in the back of the church. All shoeboxes are due by Monday, November 17th. Thank you!

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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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.