

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, January 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-

Wendelin "Francis & Hermina Zuber & Deceased

Family Members†", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney,

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Sunday, January 18, 10:00am at Holy Cross-

Wendelin "Lowell & Hermina Buerster†", "Sam &

Hermenau Medernach†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-

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

at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, January 19, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-

Stringtown

Tuesday, January 20, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-

Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-

Olney

Thursday, January 22, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-

Wendelin "Raymond, Thresa, & Raymond Jr.

Kessler†"

Friday, January 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, January 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-

Wendelin "For National Catholic Schools Week"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 25, 10:00am at Holy Cross-

Wendelin "Richard Weidner† & Elizabeth

Weidner†", "Leonard Kessler† & Ralph & Colette

Bahl Family†", "Shirley Kessler† & Bud & Mary

Kathleen Slichenmyer†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-

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

at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

January Bulletins and Missalettes:

***In Memory of All Deceased Family Members*
by Henry & Lynn Weidner**

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:

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

JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:

Dave & Tammy	Brent & Sharon
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Rudolphi

Edwards

EMHC:	EMHC:
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Tammy Rudolphi	Phyllis Eggers
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Emma Tinder

Diane Schackmann

Lynn Weidner

Paul Kocher

Josy Hart

Travis Weber

Lectors:	Lectors:
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Victoria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
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Money Counters:

Gerald & Diane Schackmann

Ushers:	Ushers:
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Daniel Baker	Paul Lybarger
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Michael Kuenstler

Ben Niebrugge

James Rudolphi

Brent Edwards

Tim Weidner

Aaron Eggers

Mass Servers:

Sat. January 17 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

Sun. January 18 – Ian Kessler, Brooke & Braden

Weidner

Sat. January 24 – Levi Rudolphi, Mattux Hart,

Ellee Bare

Sun. January 25 – Bailey Kistner, Brooke &

Blaine Bergbower

CRMH Communion:

January 18 – Marge Kessler

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

January 18 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare

January 25 – Kaila & Bailey Kistner

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, January 11, 2026

(60) Envelope Collection: \$2,015.00, Loose:

\$266.00 – Total: \$3,124.00, (9) Building:

\$1,010.00, (10) First Offering: \$65.00, (1)

Retirement for Religious: \$50.00, (1) Rebuild:

\$550.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, January 15 – \$297,198.57

has been received from 412 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

 Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Lee Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Dana Kuhl-Bell, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, January 18 – Young Adult Gathering at
Holy Cross Parish Center, 6pm. Topic: The
Mysteries at the Altar.

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Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin,
7pm.

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Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish
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Christ (MC4C) Country Cozy Dinner and Dance,
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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

We express our deepest sympathy and prayers to Bob and Stephanie Ochs and all family and friends of Kenneth R. Ochs. Kenneth died on Sunday, January 11. ***"Eternal rest unto Kenneth, 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."***

WALKING IN PARISH CENTER:

The Holy Cross Parish Center will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday next week from 9-11am.

KNEELER WALLS FOR SALE:

We have seven (7) "kneeler walls" to sell. Contact Sherry Geier (sherrygeier@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase one.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! We hear these words at every Mass, but do we truly understand what they mean? The word Behold, is quite a profound word that intends for us to take notice and listen. The next few words are quite profound too, the Lamb of God, this tell us that a sacrifice is about to occur (lambs were offered as sacrifice to God for sins.) This sacrificial lamb is the second person of the Holy Trinity – Jesus - who is the True Lamb who offers himself for ALL humanity. This Holy Sacrifice truly takes away the sin of the world! Stop here and let that sink in ... the sin of the world - the sins that are yours... Those sins that are – materialistic, worldly, prideful, rude, selfish, etc. When did you last receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Live a life to receive worthily, the Lamb of God, who

takes away the sin of the world! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Sister's in Christ new book will be available for pickup Wednesday, January 21st.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

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

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of January 18th**

Recommendations: Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls, Martydom of St. Agnes: Sacred Heart, The Story of Saint Francis De Sales

BINGO:

Bingo sponsored by Family Life Committee will be held on Sunday, January 25 and Sunday, February 15th 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 CYM or Ladies Altar Sodality for donation.

MC4C COUNTRY COZY DINNER & DANCE:

Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) & 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.

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER:

Please join us on Saturday, January 24th from 4-7pm for the fish fry fundraiser for the Clay City Fire Protection District Ingraham Station. Meal by donation. Money raised will allow the department to purchase items needed around the station and update equipment to better serve the community.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

No School- Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Good luck to students who qualified for the Richland County Spelling Bee, held on Wednesday, January 21- Yzabella Biyok, Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson, Luke Slagley, Lydia Seiler, Josiah Williams, Kolsyn Erwin, Breeann Ochs, Leo Tompson, Archer Laughlin and Amity Zuber. **St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction** – Saturday, March 14th at Saint Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Tables: \$380 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, January 25: Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8 AM Mass. **Monday, February 2:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition. St. Joseph School grades 3rd - 8th. The Regional is March 6th at Mater Dei HS, Breese. **Monday, February 9:** Olney Council Spelling Bee, SJS grades 6th, 7th and 8th. The 5th grade students will also have a Fun Spelling Bee. Practice and more practice: Cash prizes to the winners! **Knight of the Month: Hank Ginder -** Christ in Christmas Chairman **Congratulations to Remi Miller!!** First Place winner over all the other first place winners submitted in the Belleville area Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! \$50. Remi advances to the State Competition at the end of February.



EUCHERE:

Euchre is returning to Holy Cross on Friday, January 30th and Friday, March 13th at 7pm and Sunday, March 22nd at 2pm. Fee to play is \$3.00. Please bring correct change if playing! Free popcorn will be available and soda and water available for purchase. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages. Call Martha or Herb Deimel if you have any questions at (217)-663-8275 or (217)-663-8278.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

Please submit photos by sending to parish email holycrosswendelin@outlook.com, dropping a photo by parish office, or texting to Ashley!

ST. THOMAS ANNUAL WINE TASTING:

Saturday, January 31 at Newton Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:30pm. See flyer for more info!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the US are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson WHO's decision overturned Roe v. Wade. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. This Thursday, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

Sunday, January 18, 2026 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin
5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448
Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

Parish E-mail: 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**
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E-mail: frsteven.beatty@gmail.com
****Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**
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****Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**
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****Ashley Hinterscher – Administrative Assistant**
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****Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**
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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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Eucharistic Celebrations +

Mon. Jan. 19 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Jan. 20 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Jan. 21 8:05 am Alvin Zuber
Thu. Jan. 22 6:30 pm at Wendelin
Fri. Jan. 23 8:00 am For the Parish

Sat. Jan. 24
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Rita & Ron Damm
Eleanor Steber
Deacon Jack Shuster

Sun. Jan. 25
8:00 am Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher
Cleone & Delbert Gumble
Virginia Blank
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dale & Mary Jane Tibbs
Missalettes: Mike & Lori Uhl

OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 11th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,230 (150) Loose: \$257.27
Guatemala: \$525 (19) First Offering: \$220 (39)
Solemnity of Mary: \$110 (7) Retirement for Religious: \$20 (1)

Let Us Pray For: 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.

Deepest Sympathy for the families of **John Resor, Kenneth Ochs, and Lucille Ginder.** May they all rest in the peace of God's love.

Congratulations to newly baptized **Lucia Evelyn Brazil**, daughter of Elliot and Samantha (Herman) Brazil.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, January 17th

- Mass for **Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn, Tony & Alice Schneider, and John & Tony Tredway.**

Sunday, January 18th

- Mass for **Carl & Una Kocher, Bodenberg & Mahota Families, and Linda Gumble.**
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 6:00 PM, Young Adult Gathering. See flyer by doors for more information.

Tuesday, January 20th

- 8:00 am, The 8th graders will be trained for **Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion** in the church. If any parishioners would like to be trained or to come for a refresher course, please feel welcome to attend as well.
- 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: Scripture in the Church.

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- Mass for **Alvin Zuber.**

Saturday, January 24th

- 6:00 PM, First meeting for the Vocations Group for Young Men in the MPR. This group is for young men in high school through age 35. This group will meet every 4th Saturday of the month. If interested please contact Fr. Levi.
- Kick off masses for Catholic Schools Week at all masses. The 3rd grade class preforms.
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, January 25th

- Kick off masses for Catholic Schools Week at all masses.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Wendelin.

Saturday, January 31st & Sunday, February 1st

- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass on January 31st and February 1st for a special blessing. A tradition of the Presentation of the Lord.

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PARISH NEWS ~

- **Please turn in any remaining 2026 Benefit Calendars by Monday, January 26th!** The price is \$25. The total payout is \$8,450. This first drawing for 2026 will be January 28th. Calendars are for sale at the school office, the parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.
- **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: \$380 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.
- **February 7th at 5:00 PM**, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.
- **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 or drop off a photo to the parish office.

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

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Vocation Corner: January 18, 2026

"When I was 6 years old, I told my mom I could never be a nun – I'd get too hot in a habit, I said, and faint. Thank God he never stops drawing our hearts to himself! The Lord led me to religious life through experiences of serving the poor with my family. My dad, an optometrist, organized annual eye care missions in underserved countries; we accompanied him several times. In middle school, I read a book about Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her deep spirituality and witness of love and truth struck a chord in me. She became for me a model of a life wholly given to God through service to the poor. When the Lord made my call to religious life clear to me, it was to this life of love and service."

Sister Lilia Rose – Missionaries of Charity, Kolkata (Calcutta), India. *Columbian Jul/Aug 2025*

Sister Parish Trip to Guatemala

A group reservation has been made for 30 seats for the **sister parish trip to Guatemala** for June 2026. If still interested contact Shelly Sands at Missions International (618) 654-9254. Deadline to commit is February 1, 2026.

Annual Wine Tasting!

Please join us for an evening of fun and relaxation on Saturday, January 31st at the Newton Knights of Columbus for their Annual Wine Tasting event. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets are \$15. There will be door prizes and a live auction. Great tastes, great company, and a great time await!!

I am excited to invite you and your church family to attend our event, **Empowering The Next Generation**, to hear Al and Lisa Robertson of the Duck Dynasty family as they share the Gospel here in Olney. The event will be held at Elm Street Christian Church January 30th and 31st. Tickets can be purchased through the link on the Empowering The Next Generation Facebook page or by scanning the barcode on the flyer. We would love to have you!

Thanks for all you do for the kingdom,
Eber Whitehurst
Pastor

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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~ St. Joseph Church ~

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Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant

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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

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

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

Website 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 11, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,143.00 (38)

Loose: \$55.00

Total: \$1,198.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00 (3)

First Offering: \$30.00 (6)

Religious Education: \$55.00 (3)

Cemetery: \$2,800.00 (2)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

January Bulletins: For the Parish

January Missalettes: In Memory of Norman

Kocher

**Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!

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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 sstoestringtown@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=IwY2xjawPOavxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFwNURqcjZYkU2S1dRY0pVc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABhV7z5h4gUh40pAoHdpevOpjTWRwms6nqeklovP2Rg0wsVK-KjO5Zfywa-zM_aem_LuPwf6OkOPeqBJEN2MDU-A

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Sister's in Christ will resume January 20th with pickup of the new book.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

We hear these words at every Mass, but do we truly understand what they mean? The word

Behold, is quite a profound word that intends for us to take notice and listen. The next few words are quite profound too, the Lamb of God, this tell us that a sacrifice is about to occur (lambs were offered as sacrifice to God for sins.) This sacrificial lamb is the second person of the Holy Trinity – Jesus - who is the True Lamb who offers himself for ALL humanity. This Holy Sacrifice truly takes away the sin of the world! Stop here and let that sink in ... the sin of the world - the sins that are yours... Those sins that are - materialistic – worldly – prideful - rude - selfish – etc. When did you last receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Live a life to receive worthily... the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

MC4C COUNTRY COZY DINNER & DANCE:

Married Catholics for Christ (MC4C) & 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 on Sunday, January 25 and Sunday, February 15th 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 CYM or Ladies Altar Sodality for donation.

EUCHRE:

Euchre is returning to Holy Cross on Friday, January 30th and Friday, March 13th at 7pm and Sunday, March 22nd at 2pm. Fee to play is \$3.00. Please bring correct change if playing! Free popcorn will be available and soda and water available for purchase. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages. Call Martha or Herb Deimel if you have any questions at (217)-663-8275 or (217)-663-8278.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

No School- Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Good luck to students who qualified for the Richland County Spelling Bee, held on Wednesday, January 21- Yzabella Biyok, Quinn Trout, Landree Nelson, Luke Slagley, Lydia Seiler, Josiah Williams, Kolsyn Erwin, Breeann Ochs, Leo Tompson, Archer Laughlin and Amity Zuber

St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction

Saturday, March 14th at Saint Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school! Tables: \$380 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve your table.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, January 25: Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8 AM Mass. **Monday, February 2:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition. St. Joseph School grades 3rd - 8th. The Regional is March 6th at Mater Dei High School, Breese. **Monday, February 9:** Olney Council Spelling Bee, St. Joseph School grades 6th, 7th and 8th. The 5th grade St. Joseph School students will also have a Fun Spelling Bee. Practice and more practice: Cash prizes to the winners!

Knight of the Month: Hank Ginder - Christ in Christmas Chairman



Congratulations to Remi Miller!! First Place winner over all the other first place winners submitted in the Belleville area Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! \$50. Remi advances to the State Competition at the end of February.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of January 18th**

Recommendations: Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls, Martydom of St. Agnes: Sacred Heart, The Story of Saint Francis De Sales

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the US are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson WHO's decision overturned Roe v. Wade. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. This Thursday, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

ST. THOMAS ANNUAL WINE TASTING:

Saturday, January 31st at Newton Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:30pm. Enjoy a delightful night featuring wines from around the world and specialty beers along with a delicious spread of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes and live auction!

ANNUAL CASH BINGO – STE. MARIE:

Join us for our annual cash bingo night on Friday, January 30th from 6-8pm at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie. \$1.00 per card for a series of 3 games. \$1.00 for each blackout game. Refreshments will be available. We will be selling pulled pork sandwiches and drinks. Free popcorn available.

INGRAHAM FISH FRY FUNDRAISER:

Please join us on Saturday, January 24th from 4-7pm for the fish fry fundraiser for the Clay City Fire Protection District Ingraham Station. Meal by donation.

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. Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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



Sunday, January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-

Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber†, Paul Zuber†"

Monday, January 19, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-

Stringtown "Judy Ann Kocher†"

Tuesday, January 20, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-

Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 21, 8:05am at St. Joseph-

Olney

Thursday, January 22, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-

Wendelin

Friday, January 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, January 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-

Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-

Stringtown "Barbara Ann Ochs†", 8:00am at St.

Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin,

10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

01/18/2026

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Kerigan Kocher

Levi Weidner

Brady Ochs

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs

Mary Ochs

John Ochs

Gifts:

David Muhs

Family

Ushers:

Jack & Jared

Weidner

Greeters:

Ralph & Sue

McIntire

Children's Liturgy:

Donna & Natalie

01/25/2026

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Lector:

St. Joseph School

EMHC:

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Beth Kocher

Ian Kocher

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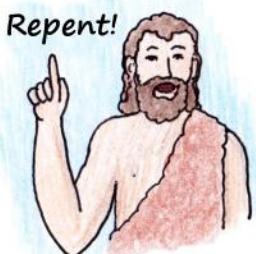
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John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving

God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

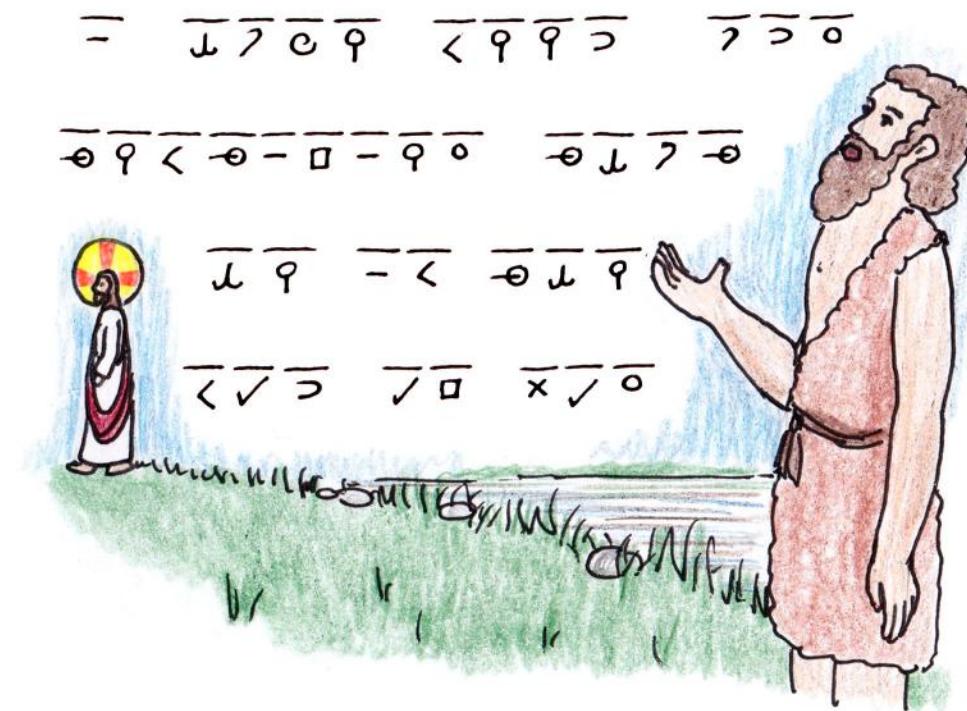


What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.
Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th, 2026



*What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?
Use the code to figure it out!*

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POPE SAINT FABIAN

JANUARY 20

SAINT FABIAN WAS A ROMAN FARMER. WHEN THE POPE DIED HE WENT TO ROME WHERE THEY WERE CHOOSING A NEW POPE. SUDDENLY A DOVE LANDED ON HIS HEAD.

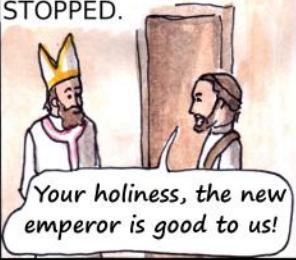


I wonder who will be chosen.

THE PEOPLE SAW THIS AS A SIGN FROM GOD AND CHOSE FABIAN AS THE NEW POPE.

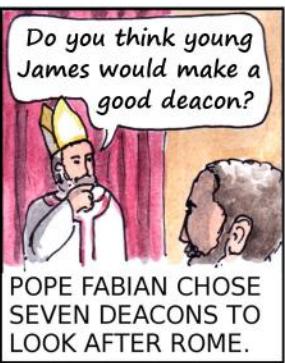
But you don't even know me!

WHILE HE WAS POPE THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIANS STOPPED.



Your holiness, the new emperor is good to us!

Do you think young James would make a good deacon?



POPE FABIAN CHOSE SEVEN DEACONS TO LOOK AFTER ROME.

HE ALSO SPOKE OUT AGAINST HERESY.



Take this message to the bishop who is teaching heresy.

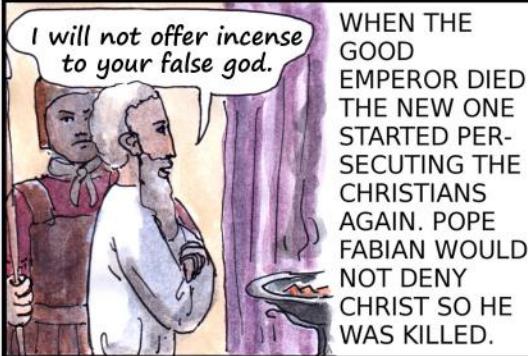
THE POPE DID A LOT OF WORK REPAIRING THE CATACOMBS.



We've just finished this section.

Excellent!

I will not offer incense to your false god.



WHEN THE GOOD EMPEROR DIED THE NEW ONE STARTED PERSECUTING THE CHRISTIANS AGAIN. POPE FABIAN WOULD NOT DENY CHRIST SO HE WAS KILLED.

WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

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DICTOWARDI
COMEOMEITN
LORDODOFYG
OURJUSTICE
OBEDIENCEW
ILWRITTENL

Word-Find



See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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