December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph <u>+Eucharistic Celebrations+</u>

Monday, January 1, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Tuesday, January 2, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 3, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 4, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For The Parish"

Friday, January 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Saturday, January 6, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Herman & Joan Rudolphi+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 7, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Tom Buerster+" "Floyd Carter+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 24, 2023

(40) Envelope Collection: \$1,659.25 Loose \$317
Total: \$1,976.25
(7) Building Fund: \$495.00
(15) Christmas Offering: \$1,685.00
(1) Religious Retirement: \$55.00
(18) Needy: \$485.00

Sun. December 24, 2023 – Christmas Mass

(20) Envelope Collection: \$870.00 Loose \$494
Total: \$1,364.00
(3) Building Fund: \$170.00

(49) Christmas Offering: \$2,795.00
(1) Religious Retirement: \$20.00
(9) Needy: \$480.00
(2) Christmas Flowers: \$60.00
(1) Cemetery: \$200.00

*JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS *	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Tony & Penni	Cindy Blank
Kuenstler	
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
Kristy Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Dave Rauch	Missy Buerster
Martha Deimel	Kim Smithenry
Lectors:	Lectors:
Maria Rudolphi	Travis Weber
Money Counters:	
Mark & Jeannie Nix	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Tim Weidner	Eric Sandschafer
Carl Weidner	Victor Sandschafer

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, December 27th - \$33,196 Donations Received from 20 Donations – Thanks to all that have donated so far!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, Shirley Atwood, Tim Schnautz, Doug Frichtl, Julia Weber, Harold Deimel, Carl Klingler, Gary Kuhl, Andy Bolsen (Meredith Rudolphi's brother)

CRMH COMMUNION:

Dec. 31 – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900 Jan. 14 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841 Jan. 21 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. Dec. 30 – Mattux Hart & Ian Kessler Sun. Dec. 31 – Brooke & Blaine Bergbower Sat. Jan. 6 – Levi & Noah Rudolphi Sun. Jan. 7 – Brooke & Braden Weidner

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Parish office will be closed.

Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 8am

Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm Saturday, January 6 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Wednesday, January 10 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm with Confirmation Check-in Following

Sunday, January 14 – Euchre Tournament at St. Joseph-Stringtown sponsored by Holy Cross Family Life, 2pm. All are welcome to attend! Monday, January 29 – Holy Cross-Wendelin Blood Drive at Wakefield Fire Department, 1:30-5:30pm

HOLY CROSS CHOIR:

Holy Cross Choir will begin singing at 9:30am on Sunday, December 31.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

There is no place like home, and there is nothing like family. Those that are part of a family may not always have the same last name, DNA, faith, or the same culture. There is *family* that is given and *family* that is chosen! The Holy Family is a perfect example- Mary was Immaculately Conceived, Joseph is the foster Father, and Jesus was of a Divine Conception. Make no mistake, they were family, they loved each other, laughed, cried, supported, and shared the journey no matter the obstacles. What a family shares - *in season or out of season* - is the priceless gift of Holy Love. May this New Year bring Good Tiding and Bountiful Blessings to you and all your loves!

SISTERS IN CHRIST/STRINGTOWN STUDY:

Will be paused a couple weeks for Holiday Season.

Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin and Tuesday mornings at 10:00am after Rosary at St. Joseph-Stringtown. If interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher, or Caroline Trimble.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST:

Thursdays at 7:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family." St. John Paul II

Come and join this 5-part study on "The Mission of the Family"

Men of the Church join your fellow Brothers in Christ and together let us strengthen our families and marriages. St. Michael please help us to be defenders of our family, faith, and life!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY:

Spend time with Jesus this Advent! Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Olney on Tuesday afternoons from 12:00-3:00pm beginning in December. There must always be 2 people in the church, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Feel free to just stop in for a few minutes, most importantly, just come and *Adore our Lord*.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Live Your Catholic Faith – Light the candles each week on your Advent wreath. Pray the Advent prayers at meal time and live Advent. Let Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be present before the presents! Family Prayer – Ave Maris Stella Prayer Hail you Star of Ocean! Portal of the sky. Ever

Hail, you Star of Ocean! Portal of the sky, Ever
Virgin Mother, Of the Lord most high.
O! by Gabriel's Ave, Uttered long ago, Eva's name
reversing, Establish peace below.
Break the captive's fetters; Light on blindness pour;
All our ills expelling, Every bliss implore.
Show yourself a mother; Offer him our sighs, Who
for us Incarnate Did not you despise.

Virgin of all virgins! To your shelter take us; Gentlest of the gentle! Chaste and gentle make us. Still as on we journey, Help our weak endeavor, Till with you and Jesus We rejoice forever. Through the highest heaven, To the Almighty Three, Father, Son, and Spirit, One same glory be. **Confirmation**: April 12th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

First Eucharist: April 27-28th at All Masses

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Christmas Break Friday, December 22nd -Tuesday, January 2nd Students return Wednesday, January 3rd.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 31: Knights of Columbus Mass Ministry, 8AM Mass, St. Joseph-Olney, followed by fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. 7:40AM Knights of Columbus led Rosary.

Thursday, January 11: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, January 18:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. We wish to thank our Clergy and Deacons with an appreciation Christmas monetary gift!

Kudos to all the Knights of Columbus Ministry for the Christmas Mass at 8AM, Olney-St. Joseph. **Thanks** to all in our parishes and communities for a grand total of \$3,250.67 in the Annual Tootsie Roll Charity Drive for the Intellectually Disabled which benefits programs in Richland County. **Thanks Scott Seiler as Program Chairman.**

HELP NEEDED:

Picnic Committee 2024 is looking for 3 people to join our team. This is a 3 year commitment that meets at least monthly through August, starting in January. Preferably, we are seeking individuals who will be 21 years old by picnic day. If interested or have any questions, please reach out to Taylor Hall (217-663-8520) or Mareah Rauch (618-553-6839). Thank you!

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

January cake/craft drawings will be held at weekend masses on Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th. If anyone would be willing to donate to the cake/craft drawing for future months, please contact the parish office or a Ladies Altar Sodality member.

SPIRTUAL DIRECTION/CATHOLIC CONVERSION:

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in learning more about how to grow closer to our Lord? Do you want to learn how to pray better? Interested in reading more about a certain topic of our faith, but don't know where to start? Possibly even have a hurt or misunderstanding that you want to talk to someone about. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate to set up an appointment.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS:

Holy Cross-Wendelin Family Life Committee will sponsor Euchre Tournaments at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Card playing will begin on time. It will be \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The dates will be Sunday, January 14th at 2:00pm, Sunday, February 18th at 2:00pm, and Sunday, March 10th at 3pm. Free popcorn will be available with soda/water available for purchase. You may bring your favorite adult beverage! All are invited to attend!

FARMERS SUPPORTING FARMERS

Join us for continental breakfast and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally tell how to get involved with their programs. Farmer to Farmer sends U.S.-based volunteers to developing countries to support farmers and agribusiness professionals with hands-on training. Growing Hope Globally links the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. to raise funds for farming programs in developing countries. These programs provide lasting solutions to hunger. RSVPs are appreciated to help with meal planning. Contact Cheryl Sommer at <u>cherylsommer@yahoo.com</u> or 618-624-2838 or Carol Potter (<u>principal@stjoeolney.com</u> or 618-395-3081). Saturday January 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m. St. Patrick Church, 1377 CR 25 E, Enfield, IL

Friends of Newton Family Life Center Provides loving, nonjudgmental, free support for persons in the community who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy decision. 301 S. Jackson Street, Newton, IL 62448 618-783-5433

Happy New Year!

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The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manager.



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