

**January 12, 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**+Eucharistic Celebrations+**

**Saturday, January 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, January 12, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Kim Smithenry" "Lowell & Hermina Buerster"**

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

**Monday, January 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**Tuesday, January 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, January 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, January 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Noah Heurman"**

**Friday, January 17, NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Francis & Hermina Zuber & Deceased Family"**

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, January 19, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Lois Britton+" "Edwin & Mary Fehrenbacher+" "Robert & Rita Fehrenbacher+"**

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. January 05, 2025**

(38) Envelope Collection: \$1,453.00

Loose: \$143.00 **Total: \$1,596.00**

(23) Building Fund: \$1,200.00

(5) Rebuild: \$1,650.00

(1) First Offering: \$179.00

(1) First Offering: \$5.00

(1) Cemetery: \$50.00

<b>*JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS*</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b> Kevin & Heather Blank	<b>Open/Lock/Greet:</b> Tony & Penni Kuenstler
<b>EMHC:</b> Celia Rudolphi Lynn Weidner Jeannie Nix Beverly Weidner	<b>EMHC:</b> Penni Kuenstler Phyllis Eggers Ginny Zwilling Breanne Buerster
<b>Lectors:</b> Maria Rudolphi	<b>Lectors:</b> Melissa Weidner
<b>Money Counters:</b> *Gregg & Milissa Weber *	
<b>Ushers:</b> Michael Kuenstler Kevin Blank James Rudolphi Dave Rauch	<b>Ushers:</b> Aaron Eggers Gregg Weber Jerome Kistner James Kistner

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT**

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** As of Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - **\$256,036.90** has been received from 344 donations – thank you!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS \*OUR SICK**

Carl Klingler, MaryAnn Bierman (Sister of Ruth Rauch), Mary Beth Scherer, Don & Norie Staley, Josh Ross (Husband of Michelle (Frohning) Ross), Judy Brown, Gerry Carter, Zach Jansen (Husband of Abby Frohning), Franklin Geier

**CRMH COMMUNION:**

**January 12** – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

**January 19** – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

**February 9** – Ellen Weber (618)-752-5225

**February 16** – Maria Rudolphi (618) 752-5900

**MASS SERVERS:**

**Sat. January 11** – Mattux Hart, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert  
**Sun. January 12** – Stella Warfel, Brooke & Braden Weidner

**Sat. January 18** – Ian Kessler, Noah & Levi Rudolphi

**Sun. January 19** – CYM

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, January 12** – Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin **CANCELLED** due to road conditions.

**Monday, January 13** – Holy Cross Parish Office Open 9am-12pm – Weather permitting. If you are plan to visit the office, please call to make sure someone is available.

**Tuesday, January 14** – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.

OCIA at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B, 6pm.

**Ladies Altar Sodality Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6pm.**

**Wednesday, January 15** – Holy Cross Parish Office Open 9am-12pm – Weather permitting. If you are visiting the office, please call first.

Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.

**Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.**

**Thursday, January 16** – Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.

**Friday, January 17** – Holy Cross Parish Office Open 9am-12pm – Weather permitting. If you are visiting the office, please call first.

**Sunday, January 19** – CYM Mass and Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

**Monday, January 27** – Blood Drive at the Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.

**FLOCKNOTE UPDATES:**

Please make sure you are signed up to Flocknote for the latest updates regarding the parishes. Text stjeholycross to 84576.

**MASS MINISTRIES:**

Please note on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, CYM will cover all Mass Ministries at Holy Cross except for Eucharistic Ministers. Also on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph School students will cover all Mass

Ministries at Holy Cross except for Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for your cooperation!

**SNOW REMOVAL LIST:**

Anyone willing to be put on the snow removal list, please call or message Kelly Geier @ 618-843-5794. Tractors and 4 wheelers with blades & loader buckets are also needed.

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to Chris Geier, Jason Allen, Jordan Weidner, and Kelly Geier for the snow removal on Monday!

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to Fr. Steven, the choir, organist, lectors, eucharistic ministers, and everyone who helped with the funeral service for Judy Ann Kocher. Also the Stringtown ladies who prepared and served the wonderful meal. Everything was so appreciated! Thank you to everyone who visited with Judy, all phone calls, get well cards, Christmas cards, and all acts of kindness shown to Judy over the past few years! God Bless!

The Judy Ann Kocher Family

**UPDATE FROM ASHLEY:**

Thank you for the continued prayers! Please know you are also in my prayers daily. Office will still be open limited hours next week – Martha will plan to be there 9am-12pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday next week! I plan to be back in the office Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> with normal or near normal hours. Watch next weekend's bulletin for updates in case that changes but right now that is the plan. Next Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, I am scheduled for an appointment with Dr. Saba followed by some infusions and injections. My labs just aren't improving like they had previously hoped. Once again, if you need anything at all, please reach out to me by the parish email – [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com) or by calling/texting my cell phone 618-843-1892. I'll be finishing up contributions for 2024, Christmas

flower memorial lists, and continuing to do the things I need to do remotely. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

We continue the journey into this New Year that is filled with Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It is up to each one of us to spread that Light of Christ. Our Gospel today, reverberates the ongoing message with the words- we should all long to hear from our Lord's mouth ... *with you I am well pleased!* Do you live (really) a life that would merit these words? Take a moment and reflect upon how you treat other people- respond to others-spend your time-etc.? How much time are you spending with God? Are you caught up in the drama and fear of this world? Take a new step- seek a fresh outlook- *Begin Again*- and start your day living a life pleasing to God. Spread Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in everything you do- it's not just an Advent message! Live this Jubilee year as a Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

#### **FRIDAY – ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY MASSES:**

There will only be First Friday masses at Olney until further notice.

**YOUNG ADULTS: Bible Study** at the Holy Cross Parish House on Monday's at 7pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tyler.

#### **SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

A New Year and our groups resume with "World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen. *Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and stresses mankind's need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children.* Join us for the study on: **January 14, Tuesday morning, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested. **January 15, Wednesday evening, 5:30pm** at Holy Cross Parish Center.

Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available). Remember to have your Saint and Word for the New Year. It's a Jubilee Year let us journey onward as Pilgrims of Hope! **Tuesday group also available at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-7:30pm.** If interested, contact Amy Heuerman at 217-240-1599.

#### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Good luck** to our girls basketball teams competing in the Belleville Diocesan Tournament this weekend!

**Calling all Catholic School Alumni!** Join us for our annual Catholic Schools Week alumni mass on Wednesday, January 29th at 8:00 am in Olney. To be added to the list, please email your name and graduation year to [jhart@stjoeolney.com](mailto:jhart@stjoeolney.com) or call the school office at 395-3081.

#### **ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B.**

#### **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, January 16:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at 7pm.  
**Sunday, January 26:** Knight led Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney at 7:40am.

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!



#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

"Though I was raised in a Catholic family and blessed with good priests throughout my life, the priesthood did not attract me when I was young. In fact, during college, I didn't even practice the faith. The Lord eventually led me back to the Church, and when he began to call me to the priesthood, I was both terrified and excited. He was asking me to sacrifice my will and to trust and follow him. This meant breaking up with the girl I was dating and placing my desires for fatherhood and family into his hands. Had I been called when I was younger, I wouldn't have been mature enough in my faith to answer with the generosity and trust that let me to the priesthood." Father Jonathan Schnobrich, Diocese of Burlington, Vt. *Columbia Magazine October 2020*

#### **THE MESSENGER:**

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both.

Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

#### **2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

*Serve the Lord with gladness* -Psalm 100  
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.

#### **Sunday, January 12, 2025**

#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



#### **Holy Cross Church-Wendelin**

5782 Inghram Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)

**Mass Schedule:** Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty, V.G – Pastor**

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**Trustees: Carl Will & Sherry Geier**

**Pastoral Council:** Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin

Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Pam Blank, Sharon

Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tonya Hall, Tammy

Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry