

December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, November 30, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Wilbert Blank+" "Jim Kistner+" "Julian Donsbach+"

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 1, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Austin & Ginny Zwilling" "Eric & Kristi Sandschafer" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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Monday, December 2, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 3, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 4, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 5, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Jack & Lavera Bryan+"

Friday, December 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, December 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For The Parish"

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

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 8, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Harold Rauch+" "Kristi Sandschafer" "Jerry Kessler & Deceased Family+"

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. November 24, 2024

(62) Envelope Collection: \$2,308.25

Loose: \$213.00 **Total: \$2,521.25**

(3) Building Fund: \$145.00

(1) Rebuild: \$100.00

(27) Christmas Flowers: \$1,140.00

(19) Cath. Camp. For Human Dev.: \$420.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday,

DECEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet: Rusty & Tonya Hall	Open/Lock/Greet: Brent & Sharon Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
Kathy Kuenstler	Ellen Weber
Tammy Rudolphi	Paul Kocher
Kristy Weidner	Travis Weber

****Extra EMHC needed with Fr. Dan****

Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Sherry Geier

Money Counters:

*Kelly & Sherry Geier *

Ushers:	Ushers:
Dave Rudolphi	Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Tony Buerster
Tim Weidner	Garrett Buerster
Carl Weidner	Tyler Buerster

November 27th - \$230,966.90 has been received from 307 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *OUR SICK

Devin Deisher, 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), Judy A. Kocher (Sister of Joan Buerster), Franklin Geier

CRMH COMMUNION:

December 8 – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361
December 15 – Marge Kessler (618) 843-6841
December 29 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

MASS SERVERS:

Sat. November 30 – Noah & Levi Rudolphi
Sun. December 1 – Brooke & Blaine Bergbower
Sat. December 7 – Mattux Hart & Ian Kessler
Sun. December 8 – Brooke & Braden Weidner

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, December 1 – First Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Olney at 1pm. Reconciliation will be open for other parishioners after 2nd graders are finished.

Monday, December 2 – Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30pm-5:30pm

First Reconciliation at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6pm

Tuesday, December 3 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Joseph-Olney, 12pm-3pm

Sisters in Christ Tuesday Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm

OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm

Wednesday, December 4 – Sisters in Christ Wednesday Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

Family Catechesis at Holy Cross Wendelin, 6:30pm, Family Topic: Advent Practices and Jesse Tree – St. Nick Party: Sacrament Check-ins and Bring Gift of Love Packages!

Thursday, December 5 – First Reconciliation at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6pm

Brothers in Christ, Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm or Following Mass

Friday, December 6 – St. Nicholas Feast Day!

Saturday, December 7 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9:00am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Sunday, December 8 – Family Catechesis *Gifts of LOVE* Gifts Shared at ALL PARISH Sunday Morning Masses!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Be Watchful! Be Alert! This is the first Sunday of Advent and we must be watchful and alert to the signal graces of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. The season of Advent offers the opportunity to spiritually renew, enjoy the simpler things, and awaken the wonder and awe of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Strive to begin and end your day in prayer, pick up an Advent devotional, listen to a Catholic podcast, sit in silence, extend kindness

and share the beauty of the season. Say a prayer and light one purple candle on your Advent wreath for Hope! Let us live this new liturgical year, a Jubilee year, embracing the theme: “Pilgrims of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FRED KESSLER

FAMILY: Our deepest sympathy to Barb Kessler, Sharon and Jim Rauch, Brad and Vickie Kessler, and Michael & Stephanie Kessler on the death of their husband and father. Visitation will be held at Holy Cross on Monday evening from 4-7pm and 9-10am on Tuesday morning. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10am at Holy Cross with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery with Full Military Rites to follow. **“May Fred rest in the peace and love of our Lord.”**

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 Timm.

SISTERS IN CHRIST WEDNESDAY GROUP:

Join us this Advent for a 4-week journey of *Encountering Emmanuel*. Embark on a transformative journey this Advent with Heather Khym, cohost of the *Abiding Together* podcast, in *Encountering Emmanuel*. Each day will show you a unique way God can come into your life, including the following:

- *he comes in the darkness*
- *he comes to set us free*
- *he comes to awaken us from slumber*
- *he comes as a helpless child*
- *he comes as a gift to the world*
- *he comes as a person with a face*
- *he comes to be our food*

God will not force—love never does—but he asks, and we have a choice. Will you open wide your heart to the Savior and give your fiat as Mary did? Come and Encounter Emmanuel this Advent, the book cost is \$8.00.

Tuesday morning: St. Joseph Stringtown 10:00 am
Wednesday evening: Holy Cross Wendelin 5:30 pm
Contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate for more
information.

SISTERS IN CHRIST TUESDAY GROUP:

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. If interested, contact Amy
Sandschafer at 217-240-1599.

ADVENT:

Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to
November 30th, the feast day of St. Andrew the
Apostle. St. Andrew Christmas Novena which is
traditionally prayed from the feast of St. Andrew
(November 30th) until Christmas Eve (December
24th). Prayer is an *essential* part of Advent.
Reciting this special novena prayer each day is a
simple yet beautiful way to celebrate the spiritual
significance of the Advent season and to
experience a deeper conversion to the heart of
Jesus. *It is piously believed that whoever recites
the St. Andrew Christmas Novena
Prayer FIFTEEN times each day will obtain the
favor requested. Hail and blessed be the hour and
moment in which the Son of God was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my
desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus
Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BOOKS:

Be sure to grab your Little Blue Book this weekend
in the back of church. This Little Book will help you
devote some minutes to prayer during the Advent
and Christmas season.

GIFT OF LOVE:

A token of love offered in memory of a Loved one
who died this past year.
A gift will be shared on December 8, at all the
Masses. The Family Catechesis families have

provided this token of love for your family to share
during the Advent and Christmas season.
If you are unable to be there to receive your Gift
of Love, you can pick it up at the parish office.
Our continued prayers for you and your families
during this time of year.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, December 9- School Mass- Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
(No school Mass on Wednesday, December 11)

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

December 1st: Knights of Columbus Christmas
Dinner at 5 PM. All knights and their families are
welcome to attend. Santa will be there around
5:45pm. **December 12th** – 3rd Degree Meeting at
7pm. **December 19th** – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, Room B. Deacon Jack
will take you through the readings for the Second
Sunday of Advent. John's Gospel centers on
announcing the ministry of John the Baptist and
we'll learn about his message to repent. He
proclaimed forgiveness of sins and, basically, how
we should be willing to seek and to ask for
forgiveness of sins. This will be an important Bible
Study.

CYM RADA FUNDRAISER:

Please consider ordering and supporting our CYM
members and families as they raise money to go
on mission trip! They work so hard to fundraise
all year for this trip. Catalogs are available in the
back of church for anyone interested. Orders are
due December 1st and can be turned into the
parish offices, given to a CYM member, or Tyler
Timm. You can also order from this link but will be
required to pay tax and shipping if ordering online.
You will not be required to pay tax and shipping if
ordering through the office or CYM member.
Orders will be delivered December 21-22nd. Thanks
for your continued support of our CYM! Checks

can be made payable to Holy Cross CYM. If you
any questions, please reach out to Tyler or the
Parish Office.
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=6184508.e1a053>

WELCOME BACK HOLY CROSS:

We are so glad to be back in Holy Cross Church!
Thank you to everyone that has made this possible
– it's been a long last year and a half! Thank you to
everyone for donations to the rebuild project – all
members of the parish council, rebuild committee,
fundraising committee, and all parishioners,
workers, etc. for making this possible! **Welcome
home Holy Cross!**

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: ASSISTED SUICIDE

INCENTIVIZES DENYING TREATMENT Insurance
companies have turned down coverage for cancer
treatment but offered to pay for suicide drugs
instead. Furthermore, the disabled community
already faces demoralization and oppression in
seeking adequate medical care. Assisted suicide
encourages this kind of prejudice. Access Living,
Progress Center for Independent Living and the
National Council on Disability oppose assisted
suicide. People need quality medical care and
treatment, not assisted suicide. Tell your state
legislators to **Vote NO on SB 3499-** assisted
suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional
information and resources.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Serve the Lord with gladness
-Psalm 100

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and
Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to
impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25
Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools
and in PSR classes throughout our Belleville
Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we
prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the
2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too
small! Thank you.

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To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I
have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let
none who hope in you be put to shame.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin

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Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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****Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**

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Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry