

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, December 28, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Joseph & Petronilla Volk+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, December 29, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Arthur & Barbara Rauch+” “Paul & Mary Kessler+” “George & Linda Harper+”

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

Monday, December 30, NO MASS

Tuesday, December 31, 6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”

5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, January 2, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For The Parish”

Friday, January 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, January 4, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”

4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Bernard Kessler+”

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, January 5, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Gib & Pat Volk+” “Floyd Carter+”

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. December 22, 2024

(76) Envelope Collection: \$2,2770.25

Loose: \$458.00 **Total: \$3,228.25**

(6) Building Fund: \$500.00

(7) Rebuild: \$12,200.00

(25) Needy: \$800.00

(2) Retirement for Religious: \$70.00

(1) Christmas Offering: \$20.00

JANUARY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - Tue. December 24, 2024

(85) Christmas Offerings: \$4,215.00

Loose: \$910.00 **Total: \$5,125.00**

(2) Building Fund: \$70.00

(6) Rebuild: \$2,525.00

(4) Needy: \$55.00

(1) Christmas Flowers: \$20.00

(1) Cemetery: \$400.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: As of Wednesday, December 25th - **\$250,236.90** has been received from 332 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:

December 29 – Martha Deimel (618) 663-8275

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. December 28 – Mattux Hart, Ian Kessler

Sun. December 29 – Stella & Cora Warfel

Sat. January 4 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

Sun. January 5 – Ellee Nettleton, Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, December 30 – Parish Office will be open 9am-12pm.

Tuesday, December 31 – 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 will not meet and will resume next Tuesday, January 7th!

Wednesday, January 1 – Parish Office will be closed! Happy New Year!

Bible Study with Deacon Jack at St. Joseph-Olney will not meet.

Saturday, January 4 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

New Year’s Eve – Tuesday, December 31, 2024

5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

6:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

New Year’s Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

THANK YOU:

Holy Cross-Wendelin was blessed on Christmas Eve to overflow with parishioners, families, and visitors. As worshipers poured in, so many stepped up to ensure space for all. **Thank you** to the parishioners (young, old, and everyone in between) and our visitors who carried chairs and made room; then, when mass ended, reversed the process. It was a touching, beautiful, and emotional example of Holy Cross at work!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The long-awaited gift of Love has come! Let the heavens rejoice, and our hearts be gladdened with that Silent Night promise of never-ending, always faithful, and true Love! May all the heavenly blessings that come from that glorious first Holy Family + Jesus +Mary + Joseph resides in your heart always! Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let us begin to live a life that truly radiates the Love of God to one and all. Live a Jubilee year as a “Pilgrim of Hope.” Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

FR. DAN ADDRESS:

We really enjoyed having Fr. Dan here with us as a substitute priest while Fr. Felix was away at officer training. If anyone is interested in sending Fr. Dan a card while he is undergoing some health issues, please send them to: Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests
Attn: Fr. Dan Jurek
2620 Lebanon Avenue
Belleville, IL 62221

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 Timm.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Wednesdays, Holy Cross-Wendelin 5:30pm
Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble for more information. **Tuesdays**, 6:30-7:30pm. If interested, contact Amy Sandschafer at 217-240-1599.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

School resumes for students January 7.
2025 Benefit Calendars are here! The price is \$25. Total payout is \$8,425. Calendars are for sale at the school office, parish office, or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg at 618-302-0391.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. The next Wednesday Bible Study falls on New Year's Day so we won't be meeting as usual. We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Deacon Jack wishes you all a healthy and happy New Year!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, December 29th: The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.
Sunday, December 29th: Mass ministries led by the K of C 4th degree members, and a fellowship breakfast after mass.
Knight of the Month: Steve Kuenstler Family

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE
The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says "Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. 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
"May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers."

-Bishop Michael McGovern

JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Heavenly Father,
As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings of the past and hope for the future. We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your divine presence and guidance in the days that lie ahead. Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of life and the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we enter into this new year, we humbly ask for Your abundant grace to be upon us. Grant us the wisdom to make righteous choices, the strength to face challenges, and the courage to follow Your path.
Heavenly Father, we pray for the precious gift of peace in our lives and in the world around us. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Let Your calming presence be felt in our homes,

communities, and nations. Bring reconciliation where there is discord, understanding where there is confusion, and unity where there is division. Lord, we also lift up our physical and mental well-being to You. In the name of Jesus, we ask for Your healing touch to rest upon those who are facing illnesses or challenges to their health. Strengthen their bodies, comfort their spirits, and grant them the assurance of Your love and care. May the year ahead be marked by a renewed sense of vitality and health.

We entrust our plans, dreams, and aspirations for the coming year into Your hands, O Lord. May everything we do be guided by Your will and directed towards Your glory. Help us to be a source of love, compassion, and encouragement to those around us.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Happy New Year!

Sunday, December 29, 2024
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The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in the manger.



Holy Cross Church-Wendelin
5782 Inghram Lane, Newton, IL 62448
Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com
Mass Schedule: Thurs., 6:30pm
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am
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