

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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Sunday, August 23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, August 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-
Wendelin “Herman & Joan Rudolphi†”, 5:00pm
at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 23, 10:00am at Holy Cross-
Wendelin “Leonard Kessler† and Ed & Helen
Kessler Family†” “Mary Jane Kuenstler†”,
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St.
Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-
Lawrenceville
Monday, August 24, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-
Stringtown
Tuesday, August 25, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-
Lawrenceville
Wednesday, August 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-
Olney
Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-
Wendelin “Georgia Shultz†, Marsha Schnautz†,
and Bruce Wells†”
Friday, August 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 30, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-
Wendelin “Rita Kocher†”, “Fred Kessler†”, “Jan
& Judy Kocher†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 31, 10:00am at Holy Cross-
Wendelin “George, William & Caide Weidner†
and Terry Long†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-
Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am
at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

August Bulletins and Missalettes:
Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352
In Memory of Carly Knapp

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
To schedule, contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for mis-salettes.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, August 16, 2026
(79) Envelope Collection: \$3,573.00 , Loose: \$614.00 – **Total: \$4,187.00,** (7) Building: \$500.00 ,

AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Kelly & Sherry Geier	Kevin & Heather Blank
EMHC:	EMHC:
Martha Deimel	Jason Warfel
Sherry Geier	Kim Smithenry
Lynn Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Emma Tinder	Missy Buerster
Lectors:	Lectors:
Victoria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
Money Counters:	
Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Kelly Geier	Kevin Blank
Hank Weidner	Jerome Kistner
Tim Weidner	Michael Kistner
James Rudolphi	James Kistner
Mass Servers:	
Saturday, August 22 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, August 23 – Bailey Kistner, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
Saturday, August 30 – Noah Rudolphi, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	
Sunday, August 31 – Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
August 23 – Melissa & Brooke Weidner	
August 30 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare	
CRMH Communion:	
August 16 – Maria Rudolphi	
August 30 – Ellen Weber	

(6) Religious Education Fund: \$175.00, (1) Cemetery: \$50.00

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Ruth Rauch (Ruth would appreciate cards and they can

be sent to 3069 North 250th Street, Newton, IL 62448!), Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, August 22 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.
Sunday, August 23 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Monday, August 24 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Tuesday, August 25 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Sister’s in Christ at Saint Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12-3pm. Sister’s in Christ at Saint Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
Wednesday, August 26 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Tuesday, September 15 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30-5:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:
 To **George Elza Few**, son of Joshua & Lauren (Lybarger) Few, who was baptized this Sunday, August 23, 2026 by Fr. Steven Beatty. Godparents are Brian & Pamela Woods. **“Lord, surround George with goodness, lead him in your light each day; help his walk the path you’ve chosen, guide his steps along the way. Teach him, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep him from all harm and bless him always with your grace and love.”**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Who do people say that the Son of Man is? What might your response be to this question? Possibly, you would respond the second person of the Divine Trinity, Lord, Savior, Friend, and prayerfully so. What would be your response if Jesus asked

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SISTER’S IN CHRIST:
A group of ladies "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together. Consider joining us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, or 5:00pm St. Joseph-Olney, and Wednesday evening 5:30pm. Holy Cross-Wendelin. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! **Sisters in Christ- NEW Book- Set the World on Fire:** This awarding winning book offers a beautiful four-week personal retreat that immerses you in the dramatic lives, historical eras, and groundbreaking ideas of these formidable women saints and invites you to develop the grit, humility, pragmatism, hope, joy, and vision these women possessed. Each woman’s experience of God, understanding of spirituality, and timeless wisdom gained her the title Doctor of the Church, which indicates that through her life, research, study, and writing, she has deepened and advanced the faith. *Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The cost of the book is \$15.00.* Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our focus for the year. Registration is open and you can register at the parish website. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May

from 6:30 pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

MARIAN FAMILY EXHIBIT:

A Marian Family Exhibit will be held beginning Monday, September 14th -Wednesday, September 16th at St. Joseph-Olney in the Multi-Purpose Room. Statues and images of over 33 visitations from all over the world with relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Jochim & St. Anne, and St. Carlo Acutis. Please bring any religious articles you would like to touch the relics.

Monday, September 14th – Exhibit held 10am-Noon and 1-4pm with Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6:30pm.

Tuesday, September 15th – Exhibit held 10am-Noon, 1-4pm, and 5-7pm.

Wednesday, September 16 – 8am School Mass followed by Exhibit 9am-Noon, 1-4pm and 5-7pm. Also available at St. Mary's on Thursday, September 17th. See flyer for details.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of August 23rd – The Confessions of Saint Augustine: Littlest Saints, Feast of Saint Monica: Catholic Saints, Restless Heart**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, August 26 - Early dismissal at 1:50pm.

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VOCATION CORNER:

"In early 2020, I returned to the United States from a visit to Ghana. My family stayed behind, and I expected them to follow a week later. But the next day, the airports closed due to the onset of COVID-19. As I prayed for their safe and swift

return, I grappled with the fear of the unknown in my work as a registered nurse. Amid daily silence at home, I turned to Jesus, whom I knew had the answers. My relationship with Him deepened, and I invited Him into every aspect of my life. I will always cherish my first "date" with Jesus – setting the table for two and sharing a delightful supper. That evening, the Holy Spirit led me to watch a film about Venerable Henriette DeLille, who founded the Sisters of the Holy Family. Moved by her courage and perseverance, I discerned a call to religious life and entered the community in 2021. I now serve at the oldest Catholic nursing home in the country. Sr. Seyram Mary Adzokpa; Sisters of the Holy Family, New Orleans, Columbia Dec. 2025



Prayer for Seminarians

O Jesus, eternal High Priest,
I pray for all seminarians, Your future priests.
Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls.
Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her.
Teach them generosity and detachment from the things of this world.
But above all, teach them to know You and love You,
the one and only eternal priest.
Good Shepherd of souls, hear this my prayer for saintly priests.
Amen.

-Anonymous

Sunday, August 23, 2026 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.



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**

Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632

E-mail: frsteven.beatty@gmail.com

****Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**

Fr. Levi: 618-240-3638, levi.jamessiu@gmail.com

****Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**

Caroline: 618-263-7106, ctrimblePA@gmail.com

****Ashley Hinterscher – Administrative Assistant**

Ashley: 618-843-1892, creholycross@gmail.com

****Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**

Tyler: 507-530-2911; ttimm@stjoeolney.com

Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral

Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry

HOLY CROSS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

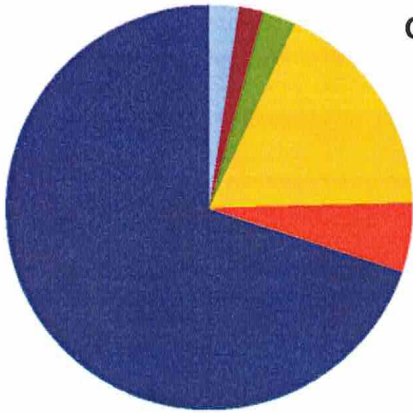
Thursday, August 13, 2026

Holy Cross Parish Statement of Mission: Having been gifted with the life of the Lord, we the Parish Family of Holy Cross also accept our mission from Him. Our Mission is **TO PRAISE THE FATHER**, proclaim His word, and instruct the coming generation. **TO ENCOUNTER THE SON** in the sacraments and walk in the way of faith, hope, and love; **TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT**, welcome each other, share our faith and blessings, bring our sacrifices, and be strengthened in the Father's service.

- **Members present:** Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Tony Kuentler, Kelly Geier, Sharon Edwards, Kasey Iffert, Dustine Smithenry, Cindy Blank, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton
- **Financial Review-**Dusty Smithenry – Fr. Steven has approved and gave the go ahead to start a Money Market account for the general church account.
- **Pastor Report – (Fr. Steven and Fr. Levi) –** Fr. Steven went over the Diocese of Belleville Annual Financial Report, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026. Fr. Levi is working on corrections and touch ups for the new church pictorial directory. Very excited to share once it is completed.
- **Building and Grounds**
 - Discussed getting statues in reredos for church. Fr. Steven agreed that it would be great to get statues, but would like more information on cost and more details if the church reredos would be able to handle the weight and hold statues in the top part without causing damage.
 - Looking into Starlink for internet for better connection. Frontier internet is slow and not providing good internet for all buildings. Dustine provided estimates and initial cost for equipment to get started, plus will need a booster to get to the church and parish hall. Fr. Steven approved, therefore will move forward on this purchase and getting it installed.
 - "To-do List" Continues to go well with Building and Grounds Committee. Thanks to those that take time on checking and completing items on the list when able on your free time and weather permits.
 - Choir asked if holy water could be more accessible for them at entrance of church. Fr. Steven agreed and approved to put a Holy Water Font by the choir stairs.
 - Concerns about lighting on north and east side of church when it gets dark. Particularly during fall and winter time after evening mass. Kelly has reached out to couple companies and waiting on estimates. There are also new lighting fixtures for the parish house that have been purchased but not put up yet that will help aid in lighting.
- **St. Joseph School Support – Holly**
 - School year has resumed.
 - Parish subsidy was discussed and will add \$100.00 monthly.
- **Picnic**
 - Holy Cross Parish Picnic 2026 was a great success with an estimated income about \$61,000. Thanks to all that volunteered, worked, or supported this fundraiser for the parish!
- **Church Ministries -**
 - Pastoral Associate & CRE-Caroline & Ashley-Family Catechesis - Family Catechesis to begin September 2, 6:30-7:45pm.
 - Youth - Tyler – Tri-Parish CYM Golf Outing was a successful event especially for the first year. Will be a planned event each year going forward with the help of Austin Zwilling. Mission Trip to Kansas City was successful. Thanks to all that helped fundraise and support those that attended!
- **Date & Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
- **Adjournment & Blessing**

Holy Cross Parish

July 2025-June 2026

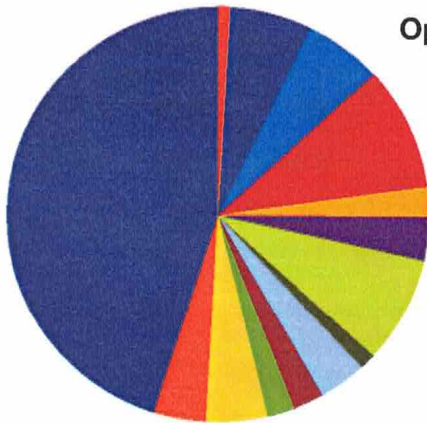


Operating Income: \$243,834

■ Weekly Collections	\$170,581
■ Other Donations	\$13,296
■ Picnic	\$42,982
■ Parish hall / rental	\$6,500
■ PSR / Adult ed income	\$4,672
■ Other	\$5,803

THANK YOU

to all who contribute to keep our parish going. I hope you are as proud of the results as I am. - Fr. Steven



Operating Expenses: \$270,450

■ Payroll	\$122,162	■ Church supplies	\$10,923
■ Fam. Catechesis, Youth min.	\$12,527	■ Adult education	\$5,820
■ Family Life Committee	\$6,309	■ Office supplies	\$9,842
■ Household supplies	\$3,426	■ Utilities	\$22,497
■ Mowing/other contracts	\$9,235	■ Repairs/Equipment	\$6,086
■ School support	\$26,000	■ Insurance	\$16,234
■ Diocesan Support	\$16,980	■ Other	\$2,409

Operating Deficit:
-\$26,616

Balances on 6/30/26:

Operating checking: \$674
Picnic Account: \$33,281
Youth Ministry: \$17,371
Building Fund checking: \$130,283
Building Fund invested: \$60,132
Investments and CDs: \$158,738
Total non-cemetery: \$400,479

Cemetery Account: \$12,679
Cemetery invested: \$115,644

Pastor's Notes:

1. We are dipping into an unsustainable deficit even using all our picnic income to operate.
2. The numbers shown above reflect operating income and expenses incurred for the year; not grant-funded expense or spending from savings, or restricted funds in the Cemetery and Building accounts.
3. I am asking parishioners to consider increasing regular donations to avoid painful cuts in what we can offer as a parish.
4. I am asking our generous donors to the Building Fund to consider switching half of those donations to our general collection. The Building Fund is restricted in use and the diocesan tax benefit only applies to the first \$10,000 or so. (Last years' building fund envelopes were \$50,964, other building fund donations \$27,345).

Stand	Expenses	Income	Net
Donations	\$0.00	\$6,584.37	\$6,584.37
Picnic Committee	\$3,229.22	\$0.00	-\$3,229.22
Beer Garden	\$6,262.09	\$12,238.70	\$5,976.61
Bingo	\$89.13	\$2,042.50	\$1,953.37
Cake Stand	\$0.00	\$594.75	\$594.75
Cash Room	\$6,640.00	\$6,640.00	\$0.00
Country Store	\$0.00	\$2,572.50	\$2,572.50
Dinner Tickets	\$7,493.81	\$12,170.00	\$4,676.19
Dunking Booth	\$0.00	\$314.00	\$314.00
Fifty Fifty	\$52.92	\$2,979.50	\$2,926.58
Ice Cream	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Inflatables	\$728.88	\$630.00	-\$98.88
Leftovers	\$0.00	\$4,541.00	\$4,541.00
Luck of the Draw	\$688.10	\$3,135.75	\$2,447.65
Lunch Stand#1	\$4,866.32	\$6,563.30	\$1,696.98
Kid's Games	\$335.64	\$2,443.25	\$2,107.61
Raffle	\$0.00	\$15,234.00	\$15,234.00
Take-A-Chance	\$0.00	\$3,025.00	\$3,025.00
Theme Basket	\$0.00	\$5,575.00	\$5,575.00
Watermelon	\$1,225.00	\$1,680.15	\$455.15
Deposit Reconcilations Discrepanies	\$0.00	\$2,638.30	\$2,638.30
TOTALS	\$31,611.11	\$92,102.07	\$60,490.96

Total Profit

\$ 60,490.96

Per Rhonda Kuentler and Melissa Weber, the cash room always has a difference than the amount the bank deposited. In 2026, the difference was \$2,638.30.

Sunday, August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Aug. 24	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 25	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 26	8:05 am	<i>Alvin Zuber</i> <i>Living & Deceased Members of</i> <i>Florine & Marj Weidner Family</i>
Thu. Aug. 27	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 28	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sat. Aug. 29	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	<i>Carl & Una Kocher</i> <i>Rod Kelley</i> <i>Roy & Viola Fehrenbacher</i>
Sun. Aug. 30	8:00 am	<i>Linda Gumble</i> <i>Don & Ruth Matheny</i> <i>Maren Zuber</i>
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR AUGUST SPONSORS
Bulletins: Donald Brian Family
Missalettes: Energy Insurance Services

OUR TITHES FOR AUGUST 16th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$10,155 (113) Loose: \$157
Guatemala: \$90 (3)

Let Us Pray For: Julia Eichhorst, Ed Steber, Carolynn Buckels, Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Dolores Hemrich, 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, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Happy Belated Birthday to *Shirley Kuenstler* who celebrated her 92nd birthday on August 21st!!

Happy Birthday to *Marian Eagleson* who celebrates her 93rd Birthday today, August 23rd!

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, August 22nd

- Mass for *Loren & Lucille Ginder, Byron & Virginia Weiler, and Jim Blank.*
- Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 6 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, August 23rd

- Mass for *Mary Jane Kuenstler, Debbie Jones, and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.*
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Monday, August 24th

- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church. New members welcome!!

Tuesday, August 25th

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Olney. There must always be 2 people in church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meet in the conference room.

Wednesday, August 26th

- 8:05 am, School Mass for *Alvin Zuber* and *Florine & Marj Weidner Family.*
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Wednesday, September 2nd

- 6:30-7:45 PM, Family Catechesis begins at Holy Cross.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25
Aug. 17: Susan Mitchell (#793)
Aug. 18: Anne Schrey (#299)
Aug. 19: Beth & Lucas Williams (#498)
Aug. 20: Anne Hahn (#482)
Aug. 21: Michelle Deimel (#522)

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

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• **Early release on Wed. August 26th at 1:50pm**

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

Want to know the Church's best kept secret? For more than 100 years, Catholic Social Teaching has offered a bold, beautiful vision for human dignity, solidarity with the poor, the rights of workers, care for creation and the common good. Carol Potter will facilitate a JustFaith group exploring Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching - a prayerful, accessible series designed for busy adults who want to connect faith with real life. The group will meet one Wednesday/month for 90 minutes from 6:15 - 7:45 pm in the St. Joseph, Olney, MPR.

- Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24, and April 28.
 - To register, contact Carol Potter at cpotter@stjoeolney.com or Casey Hemrich in the church office. Materials will be provided once the group size is determined.
- **Meals for Moms:**
Henry Edward Kuhlig was born on July 9, 2026. He was 5 lbs 8 oz, 17 inches long. His parents are Tony and Madelyn (Dunn) Kuhlig. They would like meals to begin on Aug 13, 2026. Please use this link to sign up to provide a meal and dessert. <https://mealtrain.com/06z274>

- **Our Guatemala sister parish**, San Jose Obrero El Rancho, has sent us their report on how our collection has been helping their parish. From June to December 2025, we collected \$4,066. Please see the report and pictures on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.
- **Save the Date!!** Noodle making will be the morning of September 12th!
- **We are now accepting mass intentions through December 31, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (ex. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (ex. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day. These days will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- **Sunday, Aug. 30:** Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following Mass. Any 3rd and 4th Degree members and their family are welcome to attend.
- **Thanks** to the 41 in attendance at the Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin!

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program's** mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT** to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

Thank you to the **69** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$16,912.75** to support this mission. We are 75% to our goal of \$22,468.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Who do people say that the Son of Man is? What might your response be to this question? Possibly, you would respond the second person of the Divine Trinity, Lord, Savior, Friend, and prayerfully so. What would be your response if Jesus asked you the question, *"Who do you say I am?"* Does your life dictate the Who you say? Does your life reflect a relationship with the I Am? Do you know Who He is? Are you a child of the Kingdom of God, or a child of the world? St. Therese of Lisieux, tells us *"The world is thy ship and not thy home!"* Begin anew this day living a life that radiates the response of *"Yes, I know who you are- You are My God! My Everything! I am Yours! You are Mine!"* Do not get swayed by the worries and changes of our day- keep your focus upon the I Am! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic St. Mary's in Ste. Marie

Sunday, September 6, 2026
3pm - 10pm

**Brisket and/or BBQ Pork Chop served
with potato salad, baked beans, drink,
and dessert. Serving from 3-6 pm.**



1 Meat Meal: \$10
2 Meat Meal: \$15



Fun for the whole family!
Bingo, food, kids' games, live music,
beer garden, Homewood Grill ice
cream, and raffle starts at 6:30 pm.

SOCO playing 7-10 pm!

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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

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 ~

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Brianne Fehrenbacher, Ladi Phillips, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Tyler Ochs, Andrea Kuenstler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), and Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

Envelopes: \$1,140.00 (31)
Loose: \$79.00
Total: \$1,219.00

Building Fund: \$400.00 (3)
 Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

August Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
August Missalette: For the Families of Sam & Mary Zwilling

Sunday, August 23 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Monday, August 24 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, August 25 – **ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.

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

Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

Wednesday, August 26 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Please note PO Box change on the front of the bulletin. Our PO Box is now located in Olney.
Thank you!

The parish recently replaced both 12 foot trees and has the old ones available for free will donation. One is prelit and the other has lights that do not work. Both are 5 ft. diameter. Please contact Janette Kocher if you are interested 618-843-1650.

The parish now has an AED inside the church as well as the previous one in parish center. The one in the church is located in the vestibule near the

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Who do people say that the Son of Man is? What might your response be to this question? Possibly, you would respond the second person of the Divine Trinity, Lord, Savior, Friend, and prayerfully so. What would be your response if Jesus asked you the question, “Who do you say I am?” Does your life dictate the Who you say? Does your life reflect a relationship with the I Am? Do you know Who He is? Are you a child of the Kingdom of God, or a child of the world? St. Therese of Lisieux, tells us “the world is thy ship and not thy home!” Begin anew this day living a life that radiates the response of “Yes, I know who you are- You are My God! My Everything! I am Yours! You are Mine!” Do not get swayed by the worries and changes of our day- keep your focus upon the I Am! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

If you are veteran or have a veteran within your family and have not submitted photos in the past to be included in the veteran wall, please submit a picture and short biography about service to give to Janette Kocher, Kathy Zuber, or you can bring by the Parish Office as soon as possible. These photos will be returned. Our Veteran's will be celebrated during Donut Sunday in November. Kaleb Beavers will also give a presentation that day with uniforms and artifacts to share with the parish.

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SISTER'S IN CHRIST:
A group of ladies "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together Consider joining us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, or 5:00pm St. Joseph-Olney, and Wednesday evening 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! **Sisters in Christ- NEW Book-Set the World on Fire:** This awarding winning book offers a beautiful four-week personal retreat that immerses you in the dramatic lives, historical eras, and groundbreaking ideas of these formidable women saints and invites you to develop the grit, humility, pragmatism, hope, joy, and vision these women possessed. Each woman's experience of God, understanding of spirituality, and timeless wisdom gained her the title Doctor of the Church, which indicates that through her life, research, study, and writing, she has deepened and advanced the faith. *Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The cost of the book is \$15.00.* Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.

Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher,

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our focus for the year. Registration is open and you can register at the parish website. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May from 6:30pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

Thank you to all who were able to come out and supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive last Sunday, August 16th. It was a very successful blood drive. There were 48 prospective donors signed in with 50 productive units of blood being collected. We had a great day, being able to exceed our goal. We appreciate everyone's help in reaching our goal. Congratulations to Gary Kocher and John Ochs winners of Sunday's gift cards. Also, congratulations to Jeffery Jansen for achieving his 1-gallon marker of blood at this drive and Janice Zwilling being recognized for reaching her 6-gallon mark at the May drive. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful drive, including all the donors, volunteers, those who donated food items, and the American Red Cross staff! A special thanks to Zach Elmore, American Red Cross Services Account Manager, who helped with this drive.

The Stringtown ice cream social was held today from 2-4pm. It was a huge success with over 50 individuals in attendance. Thank you to all who attended. Also, thank you to the Stringtown Family

Life Committee for providing cookies and brownies. A special thanks to Marti and Jamie Kocher for hosting this event and providing the ice cream and all the toppings. Everyone had a great time!

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of August 23rd – The Confessions of Saint Augustine: Littlest Saints, Feast of Saint Monica: Catholic Saints, Restless Heart**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, August 26 - Early dismissal at 1:50pm. **Big Mums fundraiser has started!** See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs. Order forms are due on Friday, August 31st. Pick up day is September 11th at the Olney City Park cattle barn from 10:00am to 5:30pm. Make checks payable to St. Joe School. This year we are going to have the option of purchasing tri-colored mums for \$20 each. The other colors available yellow, orange, burgundy, and purple. They will be \$18 each or two for \$35.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday August 30: Member Mass Ministry at the Olney 8AM Mass. Fellowship breakfast following the Mass at a local restaurant. Any 3rd and 4th Degree members and their family are welcome to attend.

Thanks to the 41 in attendance at the Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Walking With Those Who Wait



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FLOCKNOTE REMINDER:

Text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Franklin

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Sunday, August 23, 2026
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Herman, Ethel, & Kathy Zwilling†"
Monday, August 24, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Anton & Catherine Volk†"
Tuesday, August 25, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, August 26, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, August 28, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 29, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Barbara Ann Ochs†", "Gus & Lorena Ochs and Joseph Schneider†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
08/23/2026
Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Hank Ginder
EMHC:
Janette Kocher
Jamie Kocher
Joselyn Kocher
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John Ochs
Family
Ushers:
Brian Ochs
Mitchell Ochs
Greeters:
Jean Kocher
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Children's Liturgy:
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08/30/2026
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Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Emmitt Kocher
Lector:
Kylie Kocher
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Owen Kocher
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Stringtown, Illinois
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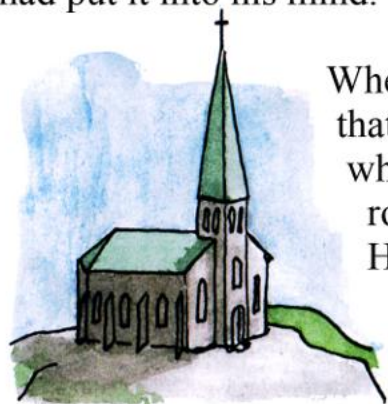
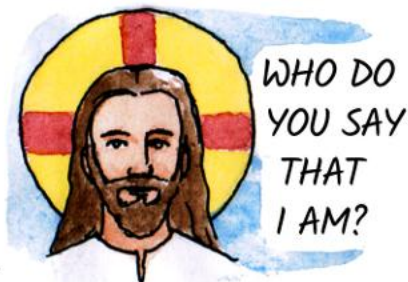
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"You Are Peter."

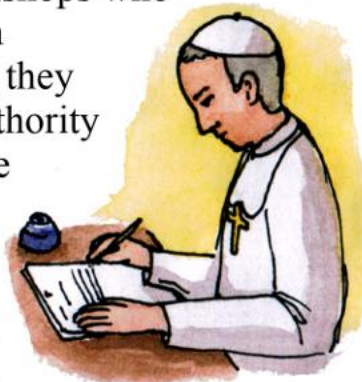
Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.

When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that amazing?



Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5. Neitherworld 7. on 9. be
10. give 11. rock 13. head 14. in 17. flesh 19. Jesus 21. set (or put)
22. name 23. have 24. son DOWN: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are
4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father
18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he

The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2026

Who do you say that I am?



You are
the Christ,
the Son of
the living
God.

Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah,
For flesh and blood
have not revealed
this to you, but my
heavenly Father.

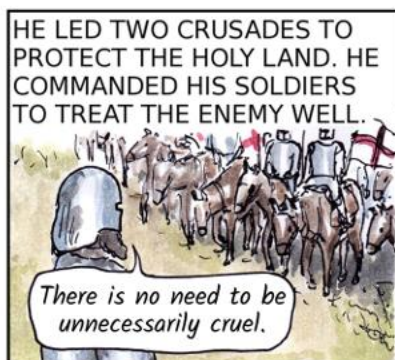
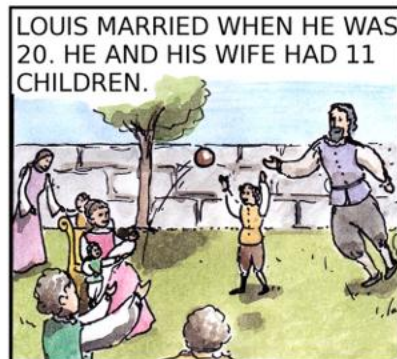
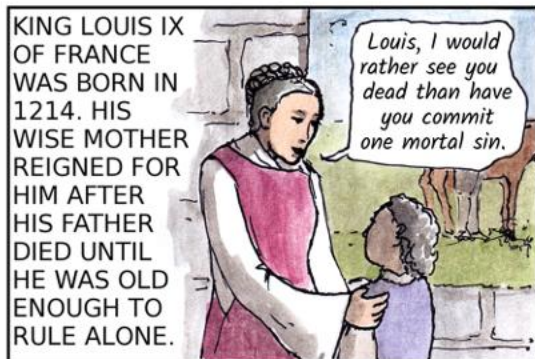
What were Peter and
Jesus saying in today's
Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror
to find out!



Saint Louis of France

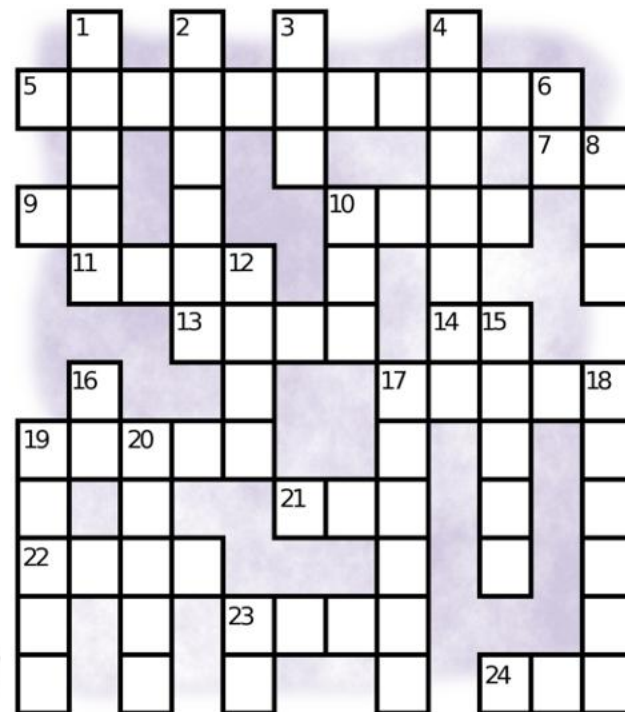
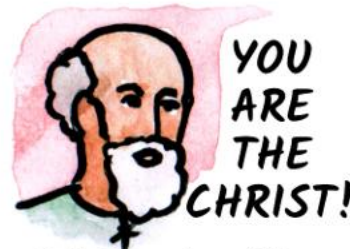
August 25



KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY AND KINDLY.

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ACROSS**
5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 7. "..._____ this rock I will build my Church..."
 9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 19. _____ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
 21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- DOWN**
1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
 6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
 10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
 19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____..."
 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.

Marian Family Exhibit

September 14th -16th
Saint Joseph Church
208 South Elliott Street
Olney, Illinois 62450
(Exhibit Located in
Church Multi-Purpose Room)

September 17th
St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
125 W 5th St
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(Exhibit Located in
Parish Gathering Hall)



Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th

Come, see, and learn about Our Blessed Mother's Love and Visits, noting that "in the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph."

Visit & see the FATHER's great love for us as revealed in choosing Mary as JESUS' Mother with the HOLY SPIRIT as her spouse, with St. Joseph as Foster Father.

Statues & images of over 33 visitations from all over the world. Relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Joachim & St. Anne, & St. Carlo Acutis.

If you have any religious articles that you would like to touch to the relics, please bring them with you.

Monday, Sept. 14th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 10 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 pm - 4 pm Exhibit
- 6:30 pm Mass
- (Mass at: Saint Joseph Church, Stringtown, Illinois)

Tuesday, Sept. 15th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 10 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 pm - 4 pm Exhibit
- 5pm - 7 pm Exhibit

Wednesday, Sept. 16th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 8 am All School Mass in Olney
- 9 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 - 4 pm Exhibit
- 5 pm - 7 pm Exhibit

Thursday, Sept. 17th: St. Mary in Mt. Carmel, IL

- 8 am Mass
- 9 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 - 7 pm Exhibit

20 minute presentations will be given on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at St. Joseph's Church.

