

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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Sunday, September 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, September 19, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Shirley Kessler†” “Melvin & Helen Rudolphi†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 20, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kevin Frohning†”, “Eva Herdes†”, “All the Weidner Families and Ronald Hemrich†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, September 21, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, September 22, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, September 24, NO MASS
Friday, September 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, September 26, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Jerome & Annita Ochs†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 27, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Isaac & Reese Kessler and Carl, Judy, and Scott Kessler†”, “Norbert Ochs†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**September Bulletins and Missallettes:
For the Parish**

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, September 13, 2026 (72) Envelope Collection: \$3,180.00, Loose: \$281.00 – **Total: \$3,461.00**, (5) Building: \$155.00 , (1) CSMA: \$20.00, (26) Retired Diocesan Priests: \$997.00, (1) Cemetery: \$200.00

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Dusty & Kim Smithenry
EMHC:	EMHC:
Kathy Kuenstler	Ellen Weber
Jeannie Nix	Phyllis Eggers
Diane Schackmann	Travis Weber
Josy Hart	Marcia Street
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Marge Kessler
Money Counters:	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Michael Kuenstler	Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Eric Sandschafer
Daniel Baker	Victor Sandschafer
Henry Weidner	Aaron Eggers
Mass Servers:	
Saturday, September 19 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, September 20 – Ian Kessler, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower	
Saturday, September 26 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi	
Sunday, September 27 – Alex & Nora Street, Ellee Bare	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
September 20 – Marcia Street & Nora Street	
September 27 – Stephanie Geier	
CRMH Communion:	
September 20 – Sheryl Klingler	

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, Julia Weber

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 – Catechetical Sunday Weekend – We honor or teachers, parents, and Family Catechesis teams for a special blessing. Thank you for all you do!
Monday, September 21 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
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Happy Birthday, Fr. Levi! Card shower for Fr. Levi. There will be a basket in church, you can mail to Parish House or drop off during office hours.
Saturday, September 26 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney.
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CYM Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm with Praise and Worship at 7pm.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:
Our deepest sympathy to all family and friends of **Christine M. Weber**, who died on September 10, 2026. *“Eternal rest unto Christine, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”*

T-SHIRT CAMPAIGN FOR KRISTEN KENNEDY:
Kristen was diagnosed with colon cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy t-shirt. Proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday,

October 25, at 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish of-fice. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

DISCERNMENT YEAR FOR CLINTON:
Clinton would appreciate your ongoing prayers, encouragement and cards as he participates in his discernment year at St. Meinrad Seminary. St. Meinrad Seminary, Clinton Rauch, 200 Hill Drive, Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

CYM BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:
Tri-Parish CYM will be holding its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 27th, serving from 8:00-10:30am at the Stringtown Parish Center. Free will donation. Menu includes: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, sweets, and drinks. There will also be a basket raffle to support those attending the 2027 CHWC Mission Trip. Please join us!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
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SISTER’S IN CHRIST:
New Book Study for the Fall! *Friendship in the Lord* is a timeless Catholic spiritual classic that re-

veals how authentic friendship, when rooted in Christ, becomes a path to holiness, healing, and joy. Reflecting on saintly friendships such as St. Catherine of Siena and Bl. Raymond of Capua, St. Jane Frances de Chantal and St. Francis de Sales, this book invites readers to reclaim the art of seeing, honoring, and loving others as Christ does. In a culture marked by loneliness, ***Friendship in the Lord*** is a powerful invitation to rediscover the beauty of spiritual friendship and to become the kind of friend your soul, and the Church needs. This 8-week study begins Sept 22/23 and the cost of the book is \$12.00. Contact Caroline Trimble, if you would be interested in joining. Sister's in Christ Schedule: † Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney † Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

FAMILY CATECHESIS: **Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues.** We meet the first Wednesday of the month through May from 6:30-7:45pm 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, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

O.C.I.A. – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: **Have You Been Curiously Seeking More?**

Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. **Who is OCIA for?**

- Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Baptized

Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion. There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of September 20th – Padre Pio: Miracle Man, Saint Matthew: Catholic Saints, Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to St. Joseph School next week! Public shopping is available on Thursday, September 24 from 1:00-2:30 in the MPR. **Wednesday, September 23-** Walk and Bike to School Day! **Thursday, September 24** is early release at 1:50pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

US Immigration Reform - The current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, communities, and

immigrants themselves. Reforms and investments are needed to modernize/increase capacity at ports of entry, increase the number of/access to lawful immigration pathways, and establish earned legalization programs for long-time undocumented residents. Suggested reforms are grounded in Catholic teaching, and recognize our country's right to regulate borders, balanced with our duty to uphold the sanctity of human life. For more resources: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

VOCATION CORNER:

"I once believed that becoming a priest was a fate worse than death! I always wanted to get married, have a family, and own a golden retriever. My plan was to become a doctor, and I was studying for a degree in science when I had an honest conversation with my childhood pastor. Without coercing me, he affirmed that I would be a great doctor, husband, father – or priest. "The most important thing," he said, "is to seek God's will, because that is where you will find true peace and happiness". Days later, I prayed as I had many times before: "God, I'll do anything you want me to do." But this time I added, "And if you want me to be a priest, I'd love to!" Immediately, I felt afraid, hoping no one had overheard me. Simultaneously, I felt a profound peace from the Holy Spirit. That fall, I decided to join the Companions of the Cross and found that God's plan fit like a glove." Fr. Simon Lobo; Companions of the Cross; Halifax, Nova Scotia, *Columbia Magazine* June 2022

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

This week, please pray for Greg Kassen as he continues his formation at Mundelein Seminary. Your prayers are a vital part of supporting vocations. Whether it's a Rosary, a Mass intention, or a simple prayer, please keep **Greg** in your prayers this week as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Greg Kassen, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Thank you for supporting vocations in the Diocese of Belleville.

Sunday, September 20, 2026 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.



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: First Saturdays 9:00am, 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
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****Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**
Fr. Levi: 618-240-3638, levi.jamessiu@gmail.com
****Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**
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****Ashley Hinterscher – Administrative Assistant**
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****Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**
Tyler: 507-530-2911; ttimm@stjoeolney.com
Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry

Sunday, September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✙ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✙

Mon. Sep. 21	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 22	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 23	8:05 am	<i>Alvin Zuber</i> <i>Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix</i>
Thu. Sep. 24	No Mass	
Fri. Sep. 25	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sat. Sep. 26	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	<i>Carl & Una Kocher</i> <i>Rod Kelley</i> <i>Mary Jane Kuenstler</i>
Sun. Sep. 27	8:00 am	<i>Dale Tibbs</i> <i>Debbie Rauch</i> <i>Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn</i>
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR SEPTEMBER SPONSORS
Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 13th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$10,453 (119) Guatemala: \$283 (8)
Loose: \$248 Retired Dio. Priests: \$1,081 (19)

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.

Deepest sympathy to the family of *Christine M. Weber*. May she rest in the peace of God’s love.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, September 19th

- Mass for *Jean, Norman, & Joseph Zwilling, Linda Gumble, and Debbie Jones.*
- Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Catechist Weekend:** If you are a teacher or parent of a school aged child please stand for a blessing at mass. Thank you for your commitment to teaching the works of Christ.

Sunday, September 20th

- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Catechist Weekend:** If you are a teacher or parent of a school aged child please stand for a blessing at mass. Thank you for your commitment to teaching the works of Christ.
- 9:00 am, Anniversary brunch in the MPR.

Monday, September 21st

- There will be no choir practice.

Tuesday, September 22nd

- 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. New Book Study for the Fall, *Friendship in the Lord*. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in joining.

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 8:05 am, mass for *Alvin Zuber* and *Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix.*
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Thursday, September 24th

- No mass at Holy Cross. Both priests will be gone for the beatification of Fulton Sheen in St. Louis.
- **Happy Birthday to Fr. Levi!** Card shower for Fr. Levi. Please send cards to Rectory or drop them by the church office.

Saturday, September 26th

- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

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CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25
Sep. 14: Kirk Wall (#809)
Sep. 15: Greg McPheron (#752)
Sep. 16: Corey & Emily Steber (#618)
Sep. 17: Jeremy & Laura Volk (#306)
Sep. 18: Mary Kocher (#477)

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- Congratulations to the couples in our parish celebrating their milestone anniversaries:
Steve and Donna Kuenstler – 40 years
Tim and Paula Kocher – 40 years
Tom and Julie Herring – 50 years
Bob and Joan Uhl – 60 years
Avery and Mary Jo McKinney – 60 years
- **Tri-Parish CYM** will be holding its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 27th, serving from 8:00-10:30 at the Stringtown Parish Center. Free will donation. Menu includes: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, sweets, and drinks. There will also be a basket raffle to support those attending the 2027 CHWC Mission Trip. Please join us!
- **Meals for Moms** would like to welcome *Boomer Andrew Britton*, born on Aug 29, 2026. Son of Phil and Taylor (Rauch) Britton. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal and dessert to this family, or other families who welcome little ones, please contact Laura Matthews at 618-924-5901 or lmathews@stjoeolney.com.
- **Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day** with your personalized tribute in *The Messenger*. Sign up forms are in the back of church on the table in the hallway.

- **The 2026 St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 18** in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$12, Children (ages 5-10): \$8, Children 4 & under: Free, All Takeout: \$12. The meal will include pork loin, chicken and noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call Casey Hemrich at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawings at 2:00 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

Help is needed to make this year another success. Please review the workers list! If you volunteered last year your name is still there!
Please contact Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268) or smorg@stjoeolney.com to volunteer or make changes.

Cash Raffle Tickets Available: The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391) or jar325@yahoo.com. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 18.

Chance Stand: It is time again to think about your contribution to the annual Smorgasbord. Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of \$35). Chances for those items are sold the day of the Smorgasbord with winners drawn at 2:00 PM. We ask that you secure multiple items together to display. Drop off items at the stand the morning of the Smorgasbord by 8:00 AM or dropped off earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610). Thank you!

- **To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese,** *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests’ pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. If you would like to submit a comment about your priests, please send comments to editor@bellevillemessenger.org.

- **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.

- **T-shirt Campaign for Kristen Kennedy**
Kristen was diagnosed with Colon Cancer; she will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy T-Shirt. The proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00 am Mass in Wendelin, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. Shirt order forms can be found on the table in the back of church. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

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The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appel
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

YOU have the opportunity to support the eleven men you have answered “YES” to God’s call to serve the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office: your pledge or one-time gift is truly and investment in our faith and the life of the Church here is southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

Thank you to the **70** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$17,012.75** to support this mission. We are 76% to our goal of \$22,468.

Eternal Light Concert

The Diocese of Belleville and the Cathedral of Saint Peter cordially invite you to attend:

Eternal Light Concert...Music of Remembrance and Hope Featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Fauré.
Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter
200 West Harrison Street, Belleville
Free Admission

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ **St. Joseph Church** ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

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Tyler Timm Youth Minister
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Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant
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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 8:05 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
Drop off box available outside office door

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** ~

Josy Hart.....Principal
Carol Potter Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle Office Manager
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School Advisory Council:

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*).

Collection Total for September 13, 2026
Envelopes: \$1,222.00 (32)
Loose: \$63.00
Total: \$1,285.00
Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)
Retired Diocesan Priests: \$160.00 (8)

September Bulletins: In Memory of Janice Zuber & Albert & Geneva Zuber
September Missalettes: In Memory of Bob & Francella Dhom & Pike & Mary Ginder Families

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IMPORTANT AED NOTICE:
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 holy fonts. Both machines are equipped to treat children and adults

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE:
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.

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“Remaining little means--to recognize one’s nothingness, to await everything from the Goodness of God, to avoid being too much troubled at our faults; finally, not to worry over amassing spiritual riches, not be solicitous about anything.” St. Therese of Lisieux
Let us be little in all that we do, say, share, and live. Let us be little so that only graciousness, kindness, smiles, and compassion show forth. Let us be little in that we LIVE trusting that God leads the way. Let us be little holding the hand of our Father, Mother, and Savior. Let us be little in that All are better when in our midst. Let us be little in self and big in God -and Love. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

T-SHIRT CAMPAIGN FOR KRISTEN KENNEDY:
Kristen was diagnosed with colon cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy t-shirt. Proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

VETERAN’S PHOTOS:
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 asap. 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.

SISTER’S IN CHRIST: New Book Study for the Fall! ***Friendship in the Lord*** is a timeless Catholic spiritual classic that reveals how authentic friendship, when rooted in Christ, becomes a path to holiness, healing, and joy. Reflecting on saintly friendships such as St. Catherine of Siena and Bl. Raymond of Capua, St. Jane Frances de Chantal and St. Francis de Sales, and others, this book invites readers to reclaim the art of seeing, honoring, and loving others as Christ does. In a culture marked by loneliness, ***Friendship in the Lord*** is a powerful invitation to rediscover the beauty of spiritual friendship—and to become the kind of friend your soul, and the Church, needs. This 8-week study begins Sept 22/23 and the cost of the book is \$12.00. Contact Caroline Trimble, if you would be interested in joining. Sister’s in Christ Schedule: †Tuesday mornings - 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm St. Joseph-Olney †Wednesday evenings - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

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, if interested.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues - we meet the first Wednesday of the month-May from 6:30-7:45pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:
The next blood drive is scheduled for Sun., November 1, 2026, from 7am -12 noon. Pre-schedule your appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. <https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

O.C.I.A. – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Have You Been Curiously Seeking More?
Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. **Who is OCIA for?**
• Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church.
• Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church.
• Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion.
There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of September 20th – Padre Pio: Miracle Man, Saint Matthew: Catholic Saints, Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to St. Joseph School next week! Public shopping is available on Thursday, September 24 from 1:00-2:30 in the MPR. **Wednesday, September 23-** Walk and Bike to School Day! **Thursday, September 24** is early release at 1:50pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Tuesday, September 22: Soccer Challenge 15 Kick Competition during St. Joe School PE Classes, 3rd - 8th Grades. Students, please wear tennis shoes. Winners qualify for the Regional in Charleston on October 31st at Linder Sorts Complex. **Sunday, September 27:** Knight led Rosary at the Olney 8AM Mass. **Do you know of a Practical Catholic that is considering to be a Knight of Columbus Member?** 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degrees can be in Olney. There is a 4th Degree Exemplification in Mt. Carmel on October 25th. Contact Steve Kuenstler, Rodney Ochs, Matt Zuber or Mike Ginder for more information. **Knight of the Month:** Brad Doll - Master Chef- Annual Family Picnic.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

US Immigration Reform - The current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, communities, and immigrants themselves. Reforms and investments are needed to modernize/increase capacity at ports of entry, increase the number of/access to lawful immigration pathways, and establish earned legalization programs for long-time undocumented residents. Suggested reforms are grounded in Catholic teaching, and recognize our country's right to regulate borders, balanced with our duty to uphold the sanctity of human life. For more resources: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

The Diocese of Belleville is blessed with 11 seminarians who are discerning God's call to the priesthood. This week, please pray for Greg Kassen as he continues his formation at Mundelein Seminary.

Your prayers are a vital part of supporting vocations. Whether it's a Rosary, a Mass intention, or a simple prayer, please keep **Greg** in your prayers this week as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Want to send a note of encouragement? Greg Kassen, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Thank you for supporting vocations in the Diocese of Belleville. **St. John Vianney, pray for us.** ****Please note we were not able to publish the last couple week's seminarians in the bulletin due to limited room so please keep Casmir Cozzi (September 5-6) and Terry Marmion (September 12-13) in your prayers, as well. You can send them cards and notes to the same address at Mundelein Seminary.***

VOCATION CORNER:

"I once believed that becoming a priest was a fate worse than death! I always wanted to get married, have a family, and own a golden retriever. My plan was to become a doctor, and I was studying for a degree in science when I had an honest conversation with my childhood pastor. Without coercing me, he affirmed that I would be a great doctor, husband, father – or priest. "The most important thing," he said, "is to seek God's will, because that is where you will find true peace and happiness". Days later, I prayed as I had many times before: "God, I'll do anything you want me to do." But this time I added, "And if you want me to be a priest, I'd love to!" Immediately, I felt afraid, hoping no one had overheard me. Simultaneously, I felt a profound peace from the Holy Spirit. That fall, I decided to join the Companions of the Cross and found that God's plan fit like a glove." Fr. Simon Lobo; Companions of the Cross; Halifax, Nova Scotia, *Columbia Magazine* June 2022



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Franklin Hinterscher, Mary Rowark, Linda McWhirter

Sunday, September 20, 2026

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling†", "Carolyn Zuber†"

Monday, September 21, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Tuesday, September 22, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, September 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, September 24, NO MASS

Friday, September 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, September 26, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney

Sunday, September 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Mel & Brad Hahn†", "Rita Kocher†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

09/20/2026

Servers:

Izzy Volk
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Ian Kocher

Gifts:

Wayne Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Doug Kocher
Caden Kocher

Greeters:

Caden Kocher

Children's Liturgy:

Anne & Kaitlin

09/27/2026

Servers:

Emmitt Kocher
Roland Sager
Silas Sager

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Ray & Jennifer
Schneider Family

Ushers:

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A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

**WOW! HE PAID US
A FULL DAY'S WAGE!**



**THAT'S NOT
FAIR - THEY
GOT A
WHOLE
DAY'S
PAY!**



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

**I PAID YOU
AS MUCH
AS I
SAID I
WOULD.**

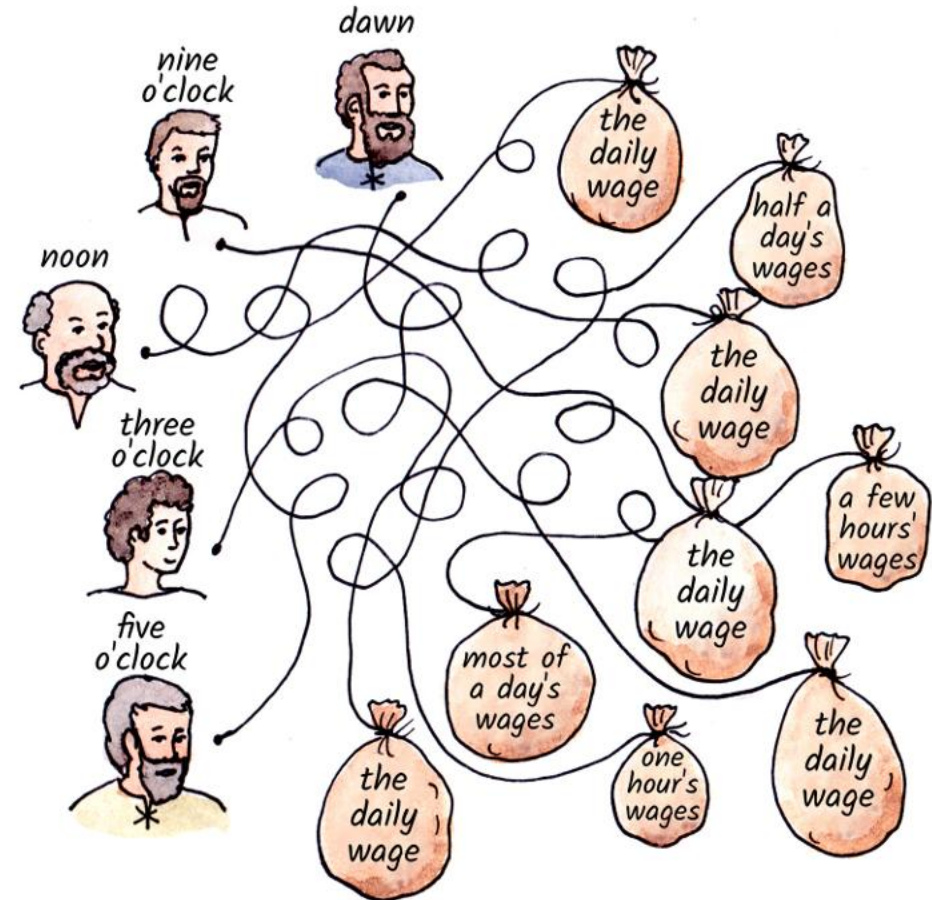


Answers: front page - all received the full day's wage.
Inside page - Christ.

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The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2026

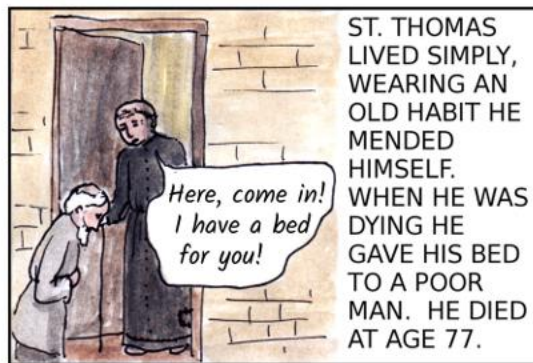
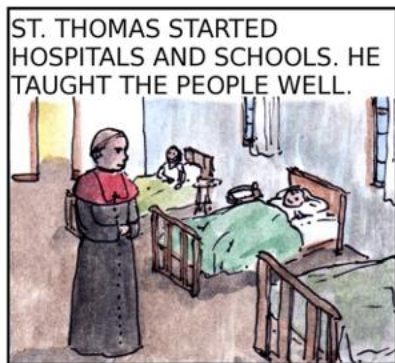
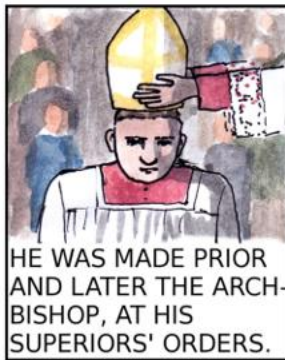
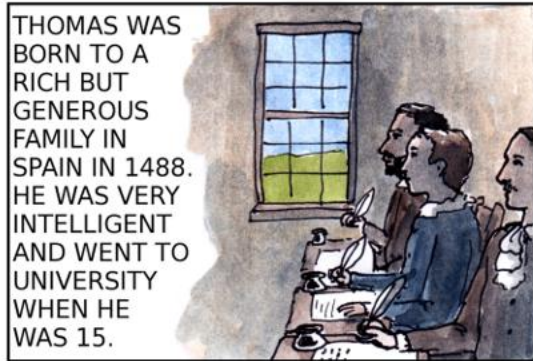


In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

*At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

Saint Thomas of Villanova

September 22



PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

between
death
sisters
your
fruitful
choose

Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for

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