

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Sep. 14	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 15	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 16	8:05 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Thu. Sep. 17	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Sep. 18	no mass	
Sat. Sep. 19	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	<i>Jean, Norman, & Joseph Zwilling</i>
		<i>Linda Gumble</i>
		<i>Debbie Jones</i>
Sun. Sep. 20	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</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 6th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$10,235 (118) Outreach: \$335
Guatemala: \$510 (18)

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 Birthday to ***Milly Zuber*** who celebrates her 90th birthday on September 22nd!!

Baby Bottle Project for the Family Life Center:
Our total contribution was **\$49.04**

~ ***AROUND OUR PARISHES*** ~

Saturday, September 12th

- Mass for ***Loren & Lucille Ginder, Maren Zuber, and Living & Deceased members of Dan & Helen Steber Family.***
- Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- At all masses and at all the parishes, 1st grade students may receive a red plate as a part of the Kitchen Table Catechesis.
- Quilting ladies will be selling quilt raffle ticket chances after the 5 pm mass at Olney.
- 6 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, September 13th

- Mass for ***James E. Hemrich, Jr., Cleone & Delbert Gumble, and Mary Jane Kuenstler.***
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- At all masses and at all the parishes, 1st grade students may receive a red plate as a part of the Kitchen Table Catechesis.
- Quilting ladies will be selling quilt raffle ticket chances after the 8 am mass at Olney.
- 8:00 am, CYM led mass and meeting after mass.
- 9:00 am, Donut Social! Come and enjoy donuts and coffee that will be available after the 8 am mass. Don’t miss this special time to spend with family and fellow parishioners.
- 5:30 pm, High School Youth Group at Olney.

September 14th-16th

- **Marian Family Exhibit:** There will be a Marian Exhibit in the MPR on September 14-16th. A 20-minute presentation will be giving on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the MPR. For the complete schedule, see the flyer on the boards.

Monday, September 14th

- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church. There will be no choir practice on September 21st.

Tuesday, September 15th

- 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, September 16th

- 8:05 am, school mass.
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, CYM small group bible study at Holy Cross.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sep. 7: Jerry Shan (#546)
Sep. 8: Pam Miller (#192)
Sep. 9: Steve & Donna Kuenstler (#039)
Sep. 10: Betty Richards (#750)
Sep. 11: Katy Kraeger (#134)

 St. Joseph School News

- **Tuesday, September 15-** Softball 8th grade recognition
- **Wednesday, September 16-** Early release at 11:50; Teacher Inservice
- **Thursday, September 17-** Boosters Meeting at 5pm in MPR
- **Friday, September 18-** PreK-8 attends Homecoming Parade

~ ***PARISH NEWS*** ~

- **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.

- **Mark Your Calendars** for the St. Joseph-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar which will be held on Sunday, October 18.

Help is needed to make this year another success. Please review the worker list and contact Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268) to volunteer.

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.

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be handed out after Masses this weekend. The items will be on display this weekend also.

- **Attention All Anniversary Couples!** The Parish and Family Life Committee will once again sponsor an Anniversary Brunch on **Sunday, September 20**, following the 8:00 AM Mass, for the couples in our parish who have celebrated or will be celebrating their 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 year wedding anniversary in 2026. We invite you to attend the 8:00 AM Mass celebration that Sunday and to stay for brunch in the multipurpose room. Please contact the Parish office M-W-F to make your reservation by **Wednesday, September 16**. Those attending are asked to bring your wedding photo to share with everyone in attendance.
- **Sisters 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 Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in joining.

Sisters in Christ Schedule

- Stringtown Tuesday mornings 10:00 a.m.
 - Olney Tuesday evenings 5:00 p.m.
 - Wendelin Wednesday evenings 5:30 p.m.
- **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.

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.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Thursday, Sep. 17:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Tuesday, September 22:** Soccer Challenge Kick for St. Joe students in grades 3rd - 8th. Practice without casual or work shoe footwear.
- **Are you a Practical Catholic considering joining the Knights of Columbus?** Contact Steve Kuentler, Rodney Ochs, Matt Zuber or Mike Ginder. There is an Exemplification to be a 4th Degree member.

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.

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.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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~ 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 ~

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If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY I RIPPED
YOUR BOOK
A BIT.

In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.



Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.

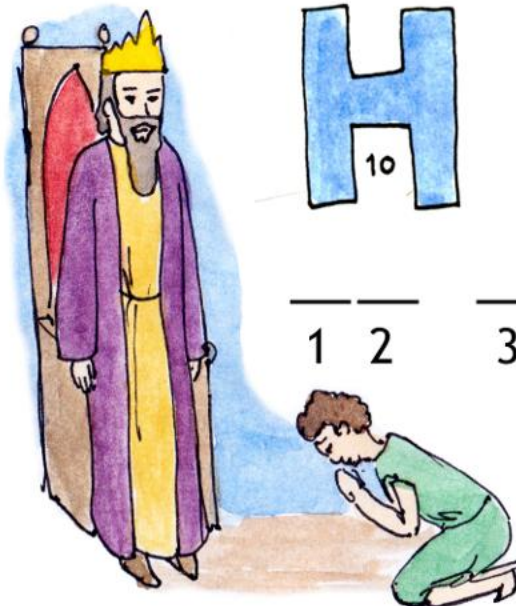
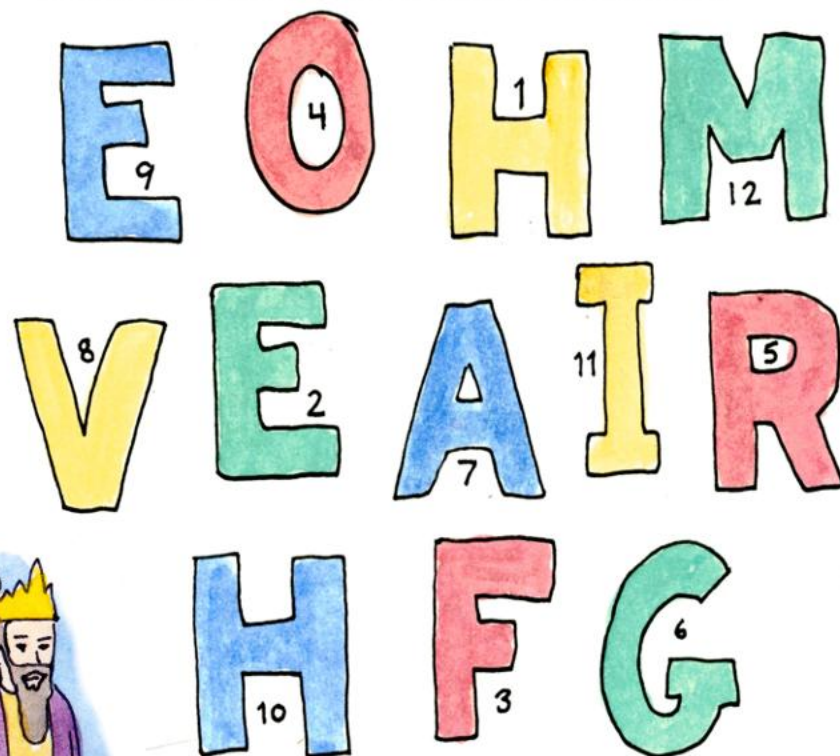
I'M SORRY FOR
TALKING RUDELY
TO YOU.



The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2026

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

10 11 12

Answer to Sort-out-the-Pictures:
top to bottom: 4, 6, 3, 1, 2, 5

Answer to puzzle on front:
He forgave him.

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.

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The Unforgiving Servant

sort-out-the-pictures

What happened in today's parable?
Figure out the order of the story
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

