

# **HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN**

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May 3, 2026

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**†Eucharistic Celebrations†**

**Saturday, May 2, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**“For the Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**“Wib & Virginia Blank†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, May 3, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**“For Our First Communicants”, 8:00am at St.**

**Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney;**

**10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

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**“For the Parish”**

**Friday, May 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, May 9, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**“Kenneth & Pauline Kistner†” “Harold &**

**RoseMarie Buerster† and Robert N. &**

**Bernadette Kocher†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, May 10, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**“For All Mothers, Living & Deceased”, 8:00am at**

**St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney;**

**10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**April Bulletins and Missalettes:**

***In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Carl & Judy Kessler Family***

**BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:**

To schedule, contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, April 26, 2026**

(75) Envelope Collection: \$2,843.00, Loose:

\$355.00 – **Total: \$3,198.00**, (4) Building: \$310.00,

(13) Home Mission: \$430.00, (1) CSMA: \$400.00

**HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**

As of Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – \$299,098.57 has been received from 419 donations – thank you!

**\*MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS\***

**SATURDAY                      SUNDAY**

**Open/Lock/Greet:              Open/Lock/Greet:**

Keith & Pam Blank              Eric & Kristi Sandschafer

**EMHC:                                      EMHC:**

Celia Rudolphi                      Paul Kocher

Bev Weidner                      Ellen Weber

Josy Hart                      Jason Warfel

Tammy Rudolphi                      Kim Smithenry

**Lectors:                                      Lectors:**

Maria Rudolphi                      Kristi Sandschafer

**Money Counters:**

\*Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster\*

**Ushers:                                      Ushers:**

Tim Weidner                      Austin Zwilling

James Rudolphi                      Kevin Blank

Mark Rudolphi                      Jerome Kistner

Michael Kuenstler                      Michael Kistner

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday, May 2** – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

**Sunday, May 3** – Bailey Kistner, Cora & Stella Warfel

**Saturday, May 9** – Noah Rudolphi & Levi Rudolphi, Mattux Hart

**Sunday, May 10** – Alex & Nora Street, Chloe Deckard

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:**

**May 3** – No Children’s Liturgy!

**May 10** – Marcia Street and Kinley Workman

**May 17** – Alli Kirts and Nora Street

**May 24** – Melissa, Brooke, and Clara Weidner

**May 31** – Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber

**CRMH Communion:**

**May 9** – Sheryl Klingler

**May 16** – Marge Kessler

**May 30** – Diane Herdes

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**



Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher

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**TRI-PARISH VBS:**



Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CYM QUILT RAFFLE:**

CYM will be selling quilt raffle tickets to support their mission trip. Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Cross-Wendelin 10am Mass. The quilt was donated Ann Bryan and quilted by Debbie Workman.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis, St. Philip the Apostle: Catholic Saints, Carlo Acutis: God’s Influencer**

**FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:**

Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church. They are located in the vestibule/gathering space. **Please note if these are not picked up before May 17<sup>th</sup>, they will be donated for use in the Parish Center.**

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

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hear and see quoted. Yet do we ever stop and think what does it mean?  
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**ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

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**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

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**BISHOP GODREY MULLEN, OSB:**

We congratulate Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB, on his ordination and installation of Bishop of Belleville. Please offer your prayers and best wishes as he begins his episcopal ministry.

**2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:**

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you!

**Congratulations to our 2026 First Communion Class!**



***Lord, as our First Communicants receive Your body and blood in this Holy Communion, I pray for Your continued guidance and blessings in their lives. Help them to always walk in Your light and to live according to Your will. May Your love and grace be with them now and forevermore. Amen.***

***Rhett Geier  
 Eli Kennedy  
 Wyatt Klingler  
 Blair Land  
 Ethan Phillips  
 Amelia Rauch  
 Carter Smith  
 Avrie Tinder  
 Vera Warfel  
 Colin Will***

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown deliverance, alleluia.



**Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**  
 5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448  
 Website - - [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)  
 Parish E-mail: [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)  
**\*\*Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**  
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**\*\*Ashley Hinterscher – Administrative Assistant**  
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**\*\*Tyler Timm – Youth Minister**  
 Tyler: 507-530-2911; [ttimm@stjoeolney.com](mailto: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

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**Sat. May 9**  
 4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Carl & Una Kocher**  
**Rod Kelley**  
*Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn*  
**Sun. May 10**  
**8:00 am For all mothers**  
 8:00 am at Stringtown  
 10:00 am at Wendelin  
 10:00 am at Lawrenceville

**OUR MAY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family  
 Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

**OUR TITHES FOR APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
 Envelopes: \$7,298 (115) Easter: \$15 (1)  
 Loose: \$172 Guatemala: \$25 (2)  
 Home Missions: \$355 (14) Building Fund: \$380 (10)

**Let Us Pray For:** Carolynn Buckels, Sandy Fehrenbacher, Sue Dickerson, Brett Stirnaman, 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, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

**Happy Birthday** to *Andy Schuetz* who celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 9<sup>th</sup>!

**Happy Birthday** to *James Hemrich* who celebrates his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 10<sup>th</sup>!

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Mass for *Joe O’Fallon, Clara Rose Wilson, and Rod & Sarah Kelley.*
- Congratulations to our First Communion Class! Names can be found on the back of the bulletin.

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Mass for *Mary Ann Kuenstler* and *Alma Hahn.*
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 10 am, CYM mass and meeting at Holy Cross.
- High School Youth Group - end of year party at 5:30pm at Holy Cross

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 PM, The Celebration of Women Banquet will take place in the church followed by a catered meal in the cafeteria. Please bring your tickets for the meal and some door prizes.

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:05 am, Honor’s Mass.
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis closing family gathering at Holy Cross.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Happy Mother’s Day!! Treat your mom to some delicious 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.

**For the month of May,** we will be **praying the rosary** before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass with the exception of the last Sunday which will be led by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am. **We need volunteers to lead** so, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the vestibule. Thank you.

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- **There has been an interest in adding Children’s Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office if interested.
- **Grief Care Group:**  
 Our meeting on Monday, May 4, has been moved to Monday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

April 27: Dan Zuber (#276)  
 April 28: Julie & Tom Herring (#224)  
 April 29: Steve & Kate Patterson (#146)  
 April 30: Katie Fehrenbacher (#392)  
 May 1: Ron Steber (#589)

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 Exploring the Nature of God  
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 Holy Cross Wendelin

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**Thank you** to the **58** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$9,711.25** to support this mission.

## Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Raylon Cowman  
Holden Deimel  
Chandler Foust  
Owen Graves  
Grace Jensen  
Georgia Kapper  
Jaxon Kocher  
Kasen Kuenstler  
Garrett Lathrop  
Easton Oilar  
Graelyn Smithenry  
Kaden Williams

## St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter



~ St. Joseph Church ~

Website .....[www.stjosephchurcholney.com](http://www.stjosephchurcholney.com)

Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty ..... Pastor

Fr. Steven’s Cell ..... 618-697-2632

E-mail.....[frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)

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Casey Hemrich ..... Administrative Assistant

Parish Office..... 618-392-8181

E-mail.....[stjosephchurch\\_olney@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com)

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](http://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 ~

Josy Hart.....Principal

Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager

School Office ..... 618-395-3081

E-mail.....[office@stjoeolney.com](mailto:office@stjoeolney.com)

Website ..... [www.stjoeolney.com](http://www.stjoeolney.com)

FAX ..... 618-395-8500

**School Advisory Council:** Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

**Collection Total for April 26, 2026**

Envelopes: \$1,139.00 (33)  
Loose: \$48.00  
**Total: \$1,187.00**

**Building Fund: \$125.00 (3)**

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal: \$249.00 (8)**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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**May Bulletins: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber Anniversary**

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The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. To honor her maternal love and protection, we invite you to bring a flower to Mass on May 2 and 3. Vases will be placed at the altar; please leave your flowers there prior to the start of Mass. Thank you for joining us in this gesture of love for our Blessed Mother.

**TRI-PARISH VBS:**



Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

**2026 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET:**

The 2026 Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Stringtown Parish Center, starting at 6 pm and lasting until ?, with the theme, "Don't Worry, Bee Happy." Menu is chicken strips, potatoes, salads and desserts. We are asking members with the last name starting with A-M to bring a salad, while members with the last name starting with N-Z to bring a dessert. We have invited Jeff Fleming, a humorist and local attorney, to be our guest speaker on "Laughing is the Best Medicine." We will be having a meeting. Also, Delaney will lead the installation of 2026-2027 officers. A Photo Booth will be available to take pictures at. Games and door prizes will be available.

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis, St. Philip the Apostle: Catholic Saints, Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer**

**2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. **Donations** - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Raffles** - Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. There are still several places available to contact if you are interested in helping. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. **All raffle donations should be turned in TODAY at the Parish Center.** If you are unable to drop items off today, please contact Jenny Hancock (618-843-6625) **Quilt & Craft Raffle** – Items are still needed for the Quilt and Craft Raffle. If you have anything you'd like to donate to this raffle, please contact Jenny. **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Stringtown Parish Center. **Donation Sheets for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date are available in the back of church. Also, we are accepting cash donations for supplies.** **Wine Pull** – The Wine Pull Stand is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year's Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Thank you! Picnic Chairs are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance) **ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:** **Congratulations** to all children receiving the sacrament of Eucharist in their First Holy

Communion! **Wednesday, May 6** - Honors Awards Ceremony after school Mass. **Friday, May 8** - Band Program in gymnasium at 3pm

**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, May 14:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM. Please attend, the first reading of the 2026-2027 Officers. **Thursday, May 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting, 7PM. Please attend, the second reading of the 2026-2027 Officers. **Sunday, May 31:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney Mass. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member volunteer mass ministry, followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic” [usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic](http://usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic)

**VOCATION CORNER:**

Today our reading from the Acts of the Apostles declares the institution of the Diaconate ministry. This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate.” They are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister are under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)”

**BISHOP GODREY MULLEN, OSB:**

We congratulate Bishop Godrey Mullen, OSB, on his ordination and installation of Bishop of Belleville. Please offer your prayers and best wishes as he begins his episcopal ministry.



**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire



**Lord, as our First Communicants receive Your body and blood in this Holy Communion, I pray for Your continued guidance and blessings in their lives. Help them to always walk in Your light and to live according to Your will. May Your love and grace be with them now and forevermore. Amen.**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 3, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**“For Our First Communicants”**

**Monday, May 4, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**“For the Parish”**

**Tuesday, May 5, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, May 6, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, May 7, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, May 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, May 9, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, May 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**

**“For All Mothers, Living & Deceased”, 8:00am at**

**St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin,**

**10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**05/03/2026**

**Servers:**

Amity Zuber  
Hallie Ochs  
Nathaniel Zwilling

**Lector:**

Joselyn Kocher

**EMHC:**

Scott Seiler  
Jenny Hancock  
Josie Kocher

**Gifts:**

First  
Communicants

**Ushers:**

Byron Zwilling  
Isaac Zwilling

**Greeters:**

Bill Zuber

**Children’s Liturgy:**

No Children’s Liturgy!

**05/10/2026**

**Servers:**

Roland Sager  
Silas Sager  
Brady Ochs

**Lector:**

Kathy Kocher

**EMHC:**

Owen Kocher  
Janette Kocher  
Scott Seiler

**Gifts:**

Jean Kocher  
Family

**Ushers:**

Brian Ochs  
Mitchell Ochs

**Greeters:**

Elmer & Mary Ochs

**Children’s Liturgy:**

Madison & Natalie

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# Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

**Pray to Jesus.** Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



**Try to be like Jesus.** Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.



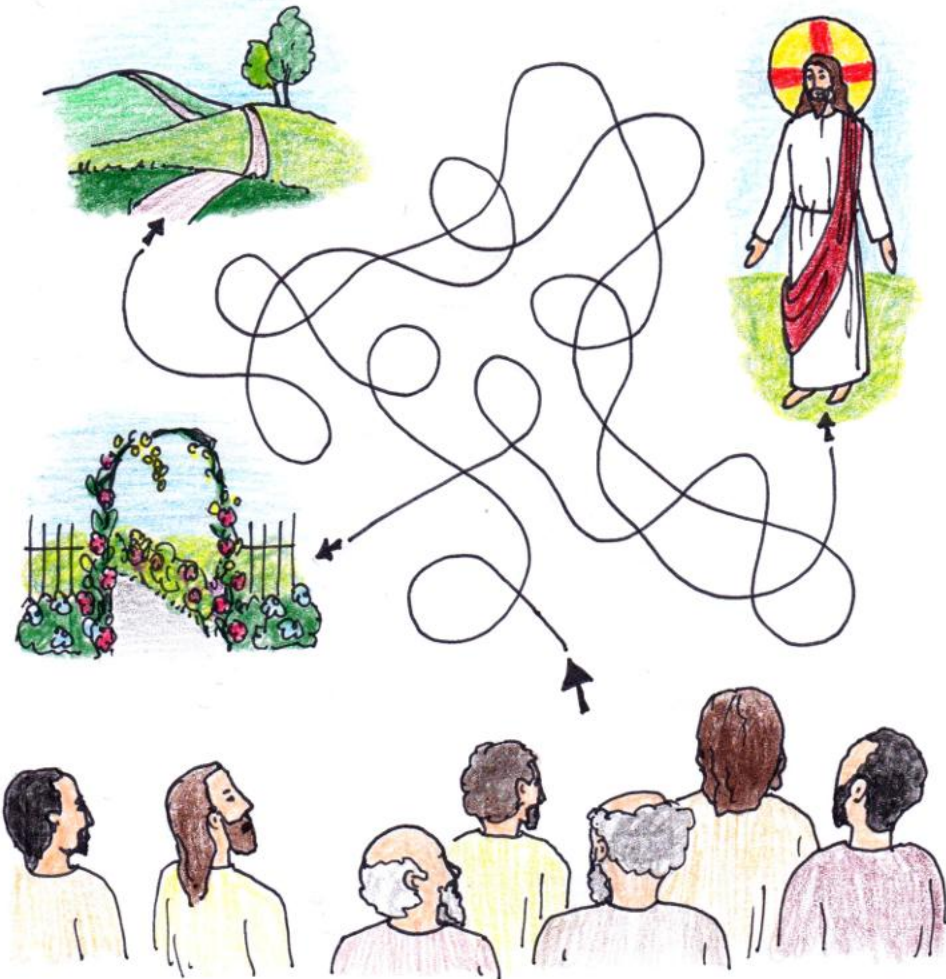
**Receive Jesus in Holy Communion.** The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Answers to Cross-Word-Across: 3.Father 5.is 9.time 10.because 11.on 13.will 15.and 17.whoever 18.who 20.than 22.speak Down: 1.of 2.Jesus 4.amen 6.still 7.seen 8.believe 11.own 12.know 14.you 16.doing 17.works 19.show 21.me

# The Kids' Bulletin

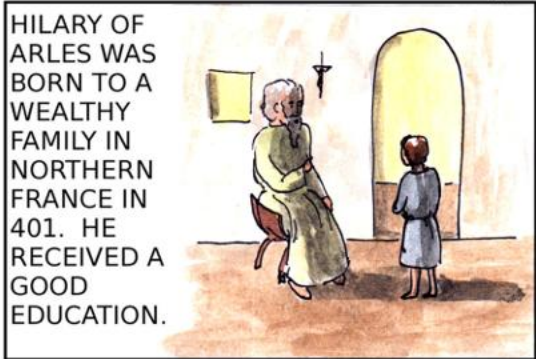
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May 3rd, 2026



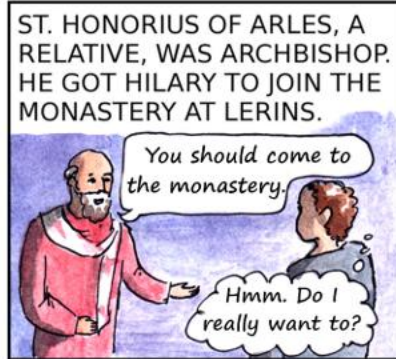
**In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!**

# Saint Hilary of Arles

May 5

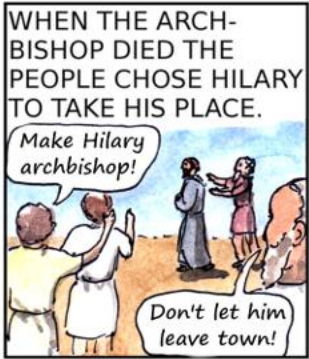


HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.



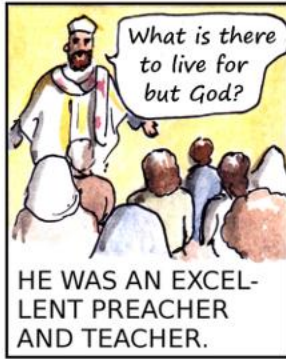
ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.

You should come to the monastery.  
 Hmm. Do I really want to?



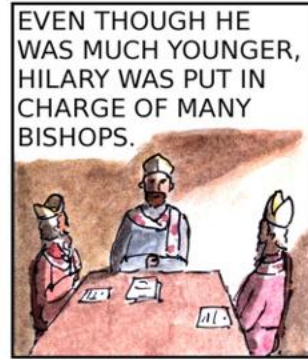
WHEN THE ARCH-BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

Make Hilary archbishop!  
 Don't let him leave town!



What is there to live for but God?

HE WAS AN EXCELLENT PREACHER AND TEACHER.



EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANY BISHOPS.



HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.

You should not have done that.



Your excellency, my brother has been taken captive!

I will find a ransom for him.

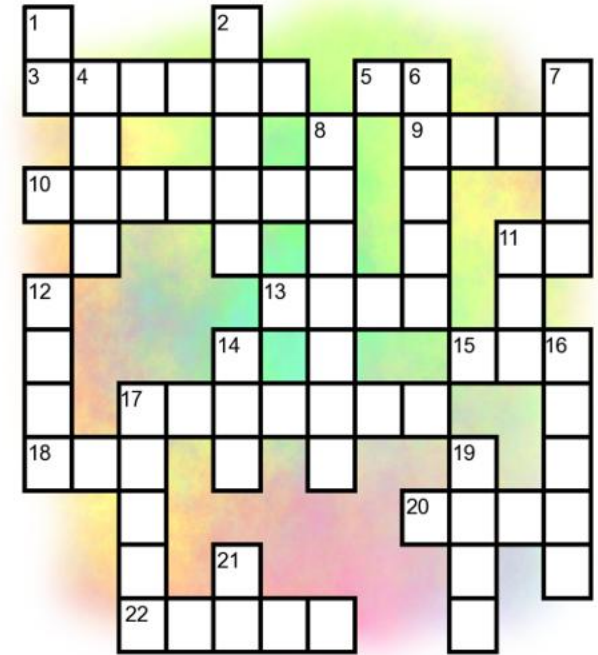
ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

## "Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER  
 OF BECAUSE  
 ON BELIEVE  
 ME FATHER  
 YOU WORKS  
 AND DOING  
 WHO SPEAK  
 WILL AMEN  
 OWN JESUS  
 TIME THAN  
 SHOW STILL  
 KNOW SEEN



\_\_\_\_\_ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a \_\_\_\_\_ (9a) and you \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) do not \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) me, Philip? \_\_\_\_\_ (17a) has seen me has \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' \_\_\_\_\_ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in \_\_\_\_\_ (21d) The words that I \_\_\_\_\_ (22a) to you I do not speak \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) my \_\_\_\_\_ (11d). The Father \_\_\_\_\_ (18a) dwells in me is \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) his works. \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) me that I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) and the Father \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) in me, or else, believe \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) the works themselves. \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) amen, I say to \_\_\_\_\_ (14d), whoever believes in me \_\_\_\_\_ (13a) do the \_\_\_\_\_ (17d) that I do, \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) will do greater ones \_\_\_\_\_ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."