

HOLY CROSS – WENDELIN

Bulletins

Holy Cross – Wendelin	Page 2-3
St. Joseph - Olney	Page 4-5
St. Joseph - Stringtown	Page 6-7

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, August 16, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Francis & Hermina Zuber and Deceased Family Members†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, August 17, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Herman & Joan Rudolphi†”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, August 18, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, August 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, August 20, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, August 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”

Friday, August 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, August 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Arthur & Barbara Rauch†” “Judy & Jan Kocher†” 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, August 24, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Edwin & Luella Will†”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

August Bulletins: In Memory of Jerry Mix
August Missalettes: For the Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Tony & Penni Kuenstler	Holly Nettleton
EMHC:	EMHC:
Beverly Weidner	Phyllis Eggers
Lynn Weidner	Jason Warfel
Christine Hall	Sandi Kessler
Emma Tinder	Missy Buerster
Lectors:	Lectors:
Victoria Rudolphi	Melissa Weidner
Money Counters:	
Henry & Sandi Kessler	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Toby Hall	Aaron Eggers
Hank Weidner	Shad Street
Daniel Baker	Ben Street
James Rudolphi	Henry Kessler

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, August 10, 2025
(65) Envelope Collection: \$2,332.00
Loose: \$147.00 **Total: \$2,479.00** (1) Rebuild: \$100.00, (19) Religious Education Fund: \$538.00, (16) Building: \$1,310.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, August 13th – **\$274,838.57** has been received from 395 donations – thank you!



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer,
Gerry Carter, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Wilma Jean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Lee Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Tonya Hall

CRMH COMMUNION:
August 17 – Martha Deimel (217)-663-8275
August 31 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

MASS SERVERS:
Sat. August 16 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. August 17 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard

Sat. August 23 – Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert
Sun. August 24 – Alex Street, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower

PARISH EVENTS:
Monday, August 18– Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.
Tuesday, August 19 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
Wednesday, August 20 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Post Picnic Head of Stands Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 6:45pm.
Thursday, August 21– Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Saturday, August 23 – Middle School Youth Group Kickoff at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.
Sunday, August 24 – High School Youth Group Kickoff BBQ at Holy Cross at 12pm and Young Adults, Location and Topic TBD.
Tuesday, August 26 – Newton Knights of Columbus August Stag at Holy Cross-Wendelin Pavillion, 7pm.
Wednesday, August 27 – Opening Family Catechesis Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us!
Sunday, September 14 – Holy Cross Feast Day/Dedication Ceremony, 10am Mass followed by Meal at 11am and Dedication at 1pm.

ROOF BIDS:
St Joseph Parish in Olney is receiving bids for a shingle roof on the rectory at 215 S Elliott. Please submit bids to the parish office if interested.
Thank you!

POST-PICNIC STANDS MEETING:
Post picnic heads of stand meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:45pm in the Parish Center. If you can’t make it, please reach out to a committee member and provide them your feedback.

NATIVITY RESTORATION:
The Nativity statues will be professionally restored. The cost will be approximately \$3,000. Parishioners can contribute by placing their donation in an envelope marked for this purpose in the collection basket now through the Christmas season.

HC FEAST DAY/DEDICATION CELEBRATION:
The Holy Cross Church Feast Day and Dedication Celebration will be held on September 14, 2025. Mass will be celebrated at 10am, with meal at 11am, followed by Dedication at 1:00pm. Meal will be catered by Ochs St. Smoked Meats and menu will be pork loin, garlic grilled chicken breast, hashbrown casserole, green beans, tea/lemonade, and a dessert. Cookies and drinks will be provided after the Dedication. Please sign up in the back of church, call the parish office, or text Cindy Blank at 618-843-8018. Please RSVP by September 1st!

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Registration still open. Opening Mass will be held at Holy Cross-Wendelin on August 27th at 6:30pm!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Our Lord journeyed every day of His life towards Jerusalem – towards Calvary to embrace the cross. We too journey onto pathways that are filled with sorrows and crosses. There is no running from the cross - it must be embraced. One does not need to look very far to find the crosses of division – discord - loneliness – hardship – sickness - etc. A typical day pursuing social media showcases this point very well. While there is truly much hardship, there is a greater joy that is to be found – to be lived- to behold! Did you know that you

have an internal compass that draws you towards God? This longing for God is where our soul wants to be – heaven is our HOME. Our Lord Jesus Christ bore the weight of our sins upon a cross that was not His – it was ours! There will be trials upon this earth, but when we unite them to the Cross of Calvary that bore the Son of Man - we will find a Life a flamed with God's Love! *I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!* Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Tuesday - 10:00am at St. Joseph- Stringtown, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, **Wednesday** - 5:30pm Holy Cross-Wendelin "**The Story of the Soul**" the **life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.**" If you are interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble. Study will begin next Wednesday, Aug 20th.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN:

On Sunday, August 31 we will be offering a rosary for the unborn before mass starting at 9:30am. A rosary for the unborn will be offered each month on the last Sunday of the month. Jesus, protect and save the unborn!

NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:



Newton Knights of Columbus Stag will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at Holy Cross-Wendelin. The meal will be at 7pm and feature porkburgers, sweet corn, and baked beans. The meal is a free will donation, and all are welcome.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you, parishioners! Your generous support of St. Joseph School is a true blessing. As we begin this new school year, we're filled with gratitude for your commitment to the students we serve. **Big, beautiful mum** fundraiser kicks off next Friday, August 22. See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, August 17: Annual Free Family Member Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. Bring a lawn chair or sit at the tables. Bring a dessert if possible.
Thursday, August 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, August 31: Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the Mass. **Consider being a Tootsie Roll volunteer** in mid-September. Contact Scott Seiler.

PRIEST APPRECIATION:

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE. This year's Priesthood issue falls on Sept. 11. Our priests' pastoral ministries affect people's spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married in the church; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home, receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual. 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. Please send brief comments to: messenger@diobelle.org or email, text to Ashley. **Deadline: 5pm on Thursday, August 28.**

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

VOCATION CORNER:

"When I was 7, my older sister joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and took the name Sister Celine. This sparked in me a deep curiosity about her religious vocation, which eventually led me to spend several weeks with her community in a remote island mission in the Bicol region of the Philippines. The conditions were stark; the area lacked electricity and clean water. Yet, I discovered extraordinary richness in the lives of the people. And, undiminished by material poverty, the SOLT sisters radiated joy that stemmed from their faith and dedication to serving others. During my stay, I felt an unprecedented sense of peace, as if enveloped by God's love. I saw Jesus in the faces of those we served, each interaction revealing the transformative beauty and power of faith. Now, as a SOLT sister, I find fulfillment in living the Gospel's message, witnessing to hope and the miracle of faith in action. Sr. Mary Louis Granadillos; Society of Our Lady of the most Holy Trinity; Columbia Magazine April 2025



Sunday, August 17, 2025 **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin
5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448
Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com
Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671
Parish E-mail: holycrosswendelin@outlook.com
Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am
Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 5:30pm
****Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**
Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632
E-mail: frsteven.beatty@gmail.com
****Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**
****Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**
Caroline's Cell: 618-263-7106
E-mail: 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 & Sherry Geier; Pastoral Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry

Sunday, August 17th, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Aug. 18 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 19 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 20 8:05 am Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher
Thu. Aug. 21 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 22 8:00 am For the Parish
Sat. Aug. 23
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM For the Parish
Sun. Aug. 24
8:00 am In Thanksgiving
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 10TH

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,153 (94) Loose: \$252
Guatemala: \$130 (4) CSMA: \$600 (2)

Let Us Pray For: Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Richard Leonard Griesemer**. May he rest in the peace of God’s love.

Happy Birthday to **Shirley Kuenstler** who celebrates her 91st birthday on August 21st.

Happy Birthday to **James Blank** who celebrates his 90th birthday on August 24th.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, August 16th

- Mass for **Maren Zuber** and **Bernie Seiler**.

Sunday, August 17th

- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, August 19th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sister’s in Christ meet in conference room B at St. Joseph, Olney. This group will meet every Tuesday until September 30th, with the exception of September 9th.

Wednesday, August 20th

- Mass for **Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher**.
- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline.

Saturday, August 23rd

- 6:00 PM, middle school youth group meets after the 5 pm mass in Olney.

Sunday, August 24th

- 12 Noon, CYM kickoff BBQ at Holy Cross.
- Young Adults Gathering.

Wednesday, August 27th

- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis opening mass at Holy Cross.

 St. Joseph School News

- **Thank you, parishioners!** Your generous support of St. Joseph School is a true blessing. As we begin this new school year, we're filled with gratitude for your commitment to the students we serve.
- **Big, beautiful mum** fundraiser kicks off next Friday, August 22. See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Parish Council** will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 pm in conference room B.
- If any parishioner is interested in a black and white **Sharp copier machine** please contact the parish office. We have one we will not be using anymore.
- There is a person in need of a **hospital bed** to use in their home. If anyone has one available or information on one, please contact the parish office. Thank you!
- St Joseph Parish in Olney is **receiving bids** for a shingle roof on the rectory at 215 S. Elliott. Please submit bids to the parish office if interested. Thank you!
- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Wednesday, August 20th to make any changes for the September and October schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. We still need your help, especially for ushers on Saturday evening mass. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.
- **Noodle Making**, Saturday 9-13-2025 at 7:30am – Noon in Cafeteria. Volunteers Needed - No experience necessary just a willing attitude. 8th grade Confirmadees welcomed to make noodles and Sunday for sweeping up after 8am Mass. Please join us for some fun and laughter Saturday morning 9-13-2024 and/or cleanup after Mass Sunday morning. Call Julie Hearring 618-562-9655 or Vicki Stuckey 618-292-4357 with questions.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Aug. 11: Becky Weiss (#305)
Aug. 12: Hazel Eagleson (#852)
Aug. 13: Molly Murray (#820)
Aug. 14: Cindy & Bruce Peters (#047)
Aug. 15: Penny Bulla (#531)

- **Attention All Anniversary Couples:** This year, the Parish and Family Life Committee will be sponsoring an Anniversary Brunch celebration on Sunday, September 21, following the 8:00 am mass. Any couple of the parish who already has or will be celebrating in 2025 their 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary is invited to attend the Mass celebration that Sunday and stay for brunch in the multipurpose room. Please contact the Parish office M-W-F to make reservations by **Wednesday, September 17**. Those attending will be asked to bring a wedding picture to share with everyone in attendance.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Sunday, August 17:** Annual Member Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. Bring a dessert if possible. Bring a lawn chair or sit at tables provided.
- **Thursday, August 21:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Sunday, August 31:** Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the Mass.
- Consider being a **Tootsie Roll volunteer** in mid-September. Contact Scott Seiler.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

Please consider a gift to the appeal today!
Our parish financial target is \$21,855. We have received pledges for \$12,844.10. Thank you!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Our Lord journeyed every day of His life towards Jerusalem – towards Calvary to embrace the cross. We too journey onto pathways that are filled with sorrows and crosses. There is no running from the cross - it must be embraced. One does not need to look very far to find the crosses of division – discord - loneliness – hardship – sickness - etc... A typical day pursuing social media showcases this point very well. While there is truly much hardship, there is a greater joy that is to be found – to be lived- to behold! Did you know that you have an internal compass that draws you towards God? This longing for God is where our soul wants to be – heaven is our HOME. Our Lord Jesus Christ bore the weight of our sins upon a cross that was not His – it was ours! There will be trials upon this earth, but when we unite them to the Cross of Calvary that bore the Son of Man - we will find a Life a flamed with God’s Love! *I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!* Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Vocation Corner: August 17th

“When I was 7, my older sister joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and took the name Sister Celine. This sparked in me a deep curiosity about her religious vocation, which eventually led me to spend several weeks with her community in a remote island mission in the Bicol region of the Philippines. The conditions were stark; the area lacked electricity and clean water. Yet, I discovered extraordinary richness in the lives of the people. And, undiminished by material poverty, the SOLT sisters radiated joy that stemmed from their faith and dedication to serving others. During my stay, I felt an unprecedented sense of peace, as if enveloped by God’s love. I saw Jesus in the faces of those we served, each interaction revealing the transformative beauty and power of faith. Now, as a SOLT sister, I find fulfillment in living the Gospel’s message, witnessing to hope and the miracle of faith in action. Sr. Mary Louis Granadillos; Society of Our Lady of the most Holy Trinity; Columbia Magazine April 2025

Respect Life Corner: August 17th

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life”

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



-Mother Teresa

~ St. Joseph Church ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty Pastor

Fr. Steven’s Cell 618-697-2632

E-mail.....frsteven.beatty@gmail.com

Reverend Levi James Parochial Vicar

E-mail..... levi.jamessiu@gmail.com

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Caroline’s Cell 618-263-7106

E-mail.....CtrimblePA@gmail.com

Tyler Timm Youth Minister

Tyler’s Cell 507-530-2911

E-mail..... ttimm@stjoeolney.com

Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant

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

E-mail.....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 School Mass 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 or replay anytime.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 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

Website www.stjoeolney.com

FAX 618-395-8500

Kristen Eagleson.....Financial Manager

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 August 10, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,452.00 (44)
Loose: \$48.00
Total: \$1,500.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$75.00 (2)

Religious Education Fund: \$70.00 (2)

August Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

August Missalettes: In Memory of Albert &

Geneva Zuber, Gene & Ester Kistner, & Carol

Kistner

****Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!**

PARISH EVENTS:

**Sunday, August 17 – Stringtown Community Club
Sponsored Blood Drive, 7-11:30am.**

**Monday, August 18 – Young Adults Bible Study at
Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.**

**Tuesday, August 19 – ASAP Prayer Service and
Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

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

**Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish
Center, 10am.**

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

**Wednesday, August 20 – Sisters in Christ at Holy
Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.**

**Thursday, August 21 – Eucharistic Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin,
5:30pm.**

Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

**Saturday, August 23 – Middle School Youth Group
Kickoff at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.**

**Sunday, August 24 – High School Youth Group
Kickoff BBQ at Holy Cross at 12pm and Young
Adults, Location and Topic TBD.**

**Wednesday, August 27 – Opening Family
Catechesis Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.
All are welcome to join us!**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Our Lord journeyed every day of His life towards Jerusalem – towards Calvary to embrace the cross. We too journey onto pathways that are filled with sorrows and crosses. There is no running from the cross - it must be embraced. One does not need to look very far to find the crosses of division – discord - loneliness – hardship – sickness - etc... A typical day pursuing social media showcases this point very well. While there is truly much hardship, there is a greater joy that is to be found – to be lived- to behold! Did you know that you have an internal compass that draws you towards God? This longing for God is where our soul wants to be – heaven is our HOME. Our Lord Jesus Christ bore the weight of our sins upon a cross that was not His – it was ours! There will be trials upon this earth, but when we unite them to the Cross of Calvary that bore the Son of Man - we will find a Life a flamed with God’s Love! *I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!* Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:

Please note there was an issue with the August ministry schedule regarding **ONLY** the greeters. Please follow the schedule listed below:

August 17 – Elmer & Mary Ochs

August 24 – Caden Kocher

August 31 – Sam & Mary Zwilling

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Our New Book will be, "**The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.**" In this short work, full of Thérèse's joyful spontaneity and fervor, you will discover the great themes of her spirituality, called the “Little Way”: joy and confidence, complete abandonment to God's merciful love, and her passion for the Church’s missions, for which she is the patron saint. If you are interested contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate. The study will begin on Aug 19th.

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Registration still open. Opening Mass will be held at Holy Cross-Wendelin on August 27th at 6:30pm!

QUILTS FOR A CURE:

A big wonderful thank you to all who bought quilts or entered the “raffle”. The winners of the Quilt Raffle were:

1. Across the Square: Ashley Hinterscher
2. Nine Patch Star: Mary Zwilling
3. Grandmothers Flower Garden: Gary Zwilling

The total income was \$646.00. St. Joseph-Stringtown is an amazing and giving parish. If you have questions about the walk on September 13th, please call me. Kathy Zuber

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:



To all family and friends of Judy Zuber. Judy died on Thursday, July 31. ***Eternal rest grant unto Judy, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

THANK YOU:

The family of Judy Zuber wishes to thank everyone for their kindness, generosity, and love given to us during the time of our loss. The organist, choir, lector, Eucharistic ministers, servers, Fr. Steven, and Fr. Levi created a beautiful Mass. We also want to extend our gratitude to all who prepared and served the delicious dinner which followed the burial. We are very thankful for all the prayers, cards, and support shown to our family.

ROOF BIDS:

St Joseph Parish in Olney is receiving bids for a shingle roof on the rectory at 215 S Elliott. Please submit bids to the parish office if interested. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thank you, parishioners! Your generous support of St. Joseph School is a true blessing. As we begin this new school year, we're filled with gratitude for your commitment to the students we serve. **Big, beautiful mum** fundraiser kicks off next Friday, August 22. See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, August 17: Annual Free Family Member Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. Bring a lawn chair or sit at the tables. Bring a dessert if possible.

Thursday, August 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, August 31: Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the Mass. **Consider being a Tootsie Roll volunteer** in mid-September. Contact Scott Seiler.

PRIEST APPRECIATION:

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our diocesan priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE. This year’s Priesthood issue falls on Sept. 11th. Our priests’ pastoral ministries affect people’s spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married in the church; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home, receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual. 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. Please send brief comments to: messenger@diobelle.org or email, text to Ashley. **Deadline: 5pm on Thursday, August 28.**

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life”

VOCATION CORNER:

“When I was 7, my older sister joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and took the name Sister Celine. This sparked in me a deep curiosity about her religious vocation, which eventually led me to spend several weeks with her community in a remote island mission in the Bicol region of the Philippines. The conditions were stark; the area lacked electricity and clean water. Yet, I discovered extraordinary richness in the lives of the people. And, undiminished by material poverty, the SOLT sisters radiated joy that stemmed from their faith and dedication to serving others. During my stay, I felt an unprecedented sense of peace, as if enveloped by God’s love. I saw Jesus in the faces of those we served, each interaction revealing the transformative beauty and power of faith. Now, as a SOLT sister, I find fulfillment in living the Gospel’s message, witnessing to hope and the miracle of faith in action. Sr. Mary Louis Granadillos; Society of Our Lady of the most Holy Trinity; Columbia Magazine April 2025

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on the evening of Sept 5 and all day on Sept 6. Join us for this upcoming retreat

titled “The Power and Protection of the Seven Swords of St Michael”. Fr. Giacomo Capoverdi will be our retreat leader for this event. Come and learn how virtues empower you to reach holiness and give protection for yourself and your family. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is \$45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Hope in the Lord - Do you remember your or your children’s or, perhaps, your grandchildren’s first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a “family” member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman’s students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Linda McWhirter



Sunday, August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, “Norman Kocher†” “Carolyn Zuber†” “Living & Deceased Members of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family†”
Monday, August 18, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Mike & Ellie Kocher† & Deceased Members of the Bob & Bernadette Kocher Family†”
Tuesday, August 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, August 20, 8:05am at Saint Joseph-Olney
Thursday, August 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, August 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Barbara Ann Ochs†”8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
08/17/2025
Servers:
Kerigan Kocher
Hallie Ochs
Julian Seaman
Lector:
Shelly Seaman
EMHC:
Owen Kocher
Gary Zwilling
Janette Kocher
Gifts:
Werner & Janette Kocher
Ushers:
Elmer Ochs
Ian Kocher
Greeters:
Elmer & Mary Ochs
Children’s Liturgy:
Madison & Natalie
08/24/2025
Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Hank Ginder
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Ian Kocher
Gifts:
Elmer & Mary Ochs
Ushers:
Tom Kocher
Mallory Kocher
Greeters:
Caden Kocher
Children’s Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

St. Joseph Church
In Stringtown, Illinois
P.O. Box 10, Dundas, IL 62425



(GPS address: 6342 N. Stringtown Rd, Olney, IL 62450) Phone: 618-754-3676
Email: stjoestringtown@hotmail.com
Website: www.stjosephstringtown.com
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

Very Rev. Fr. Steven Beatty_____ **Pastor**
Cell_____ 618-697-2632
E-mail_____ frsteven.beatty@gmail.com

Reverend Levi James_____ **Parochial Vicar**

Caroline Trimble_____ **Pastoral Associate**
Caroline’s Cell_____ 618-263-7106
E-mail_____ ctrimblePA@gmail.com

Tyler Timm_____ **Youth Minister**
Tyler’s Cell_____ 507-530-2911
Tyler’s E-mail_____ ttimm@stjoeolney.com

Ashley Hinterscher_____ **Administrative Assistant**
Ashley’s Cell_____ 618-843-1892
Office Phone_____ 618-754-3676
E-mail_____ stjoestringtown@hotmail.com