

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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HOLY CROSS WINE TASTING:

Join us for a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Holy Cross Parish Center from 6-10:30pm. \$10 admission will cover wine glass and all tastings and include wines from Berryville Vineyards, Castle Finn Vineyard, Irene's Vineyard, and The Pour Vineyard. Food trucks available and live music by Dakota Danielle! Domestic beer available for purchase. Wineries will serve until 9pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

If you are interested in donating a future cake and/or craft item, please sign up in the vestibule, contact a LAS Member or the Parish Office.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of March 1st:** Lent and New Life in Christ, Sts. Perpetua, The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

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SAINT ISIDORE SPRING BREAKFAST:

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast is Sunday, March 15 from 7am till Noon. Start your week off on a lucky note with a great breakfast. The menu will include sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade bread and rolls. We will also have a country store with baked goods, raffle items, quilt chances, and mystery boxes. Come out and help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

Parish E-mail: holycrosswendelin@outlook.com

Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.

Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

****Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**

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

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Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty

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✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Mar. 2 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Mar. 3 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Mar. 4 8:05 am Charlotte Hough
Thu. Mar. 5 6:30 pm at Wendelin
Fri. Mar. 6 8:00 am First Friday
Sat. Mar. 7 First Saturday
9:00 am at Wendelin
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Carl & Una Kocher
Frank Ginder
Living & Deceased members of
Hermina & Frances Zuber
Sun. Mar. 8
8:00 am Fr. Ron Weber
Tony Steber
Frank Ginder
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR MARCH SPONSORS

Bulletins: Marie Beal
Missalettes: Mark J. Kuenstler, CPA

OUR TITHES FOR FEBRUARY 22nd

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$19,959 (117) Loose: \$250
Guatemala: \$205 (6) First Offering: \$10 (2)
Black and Indian Missions: \$295 (15)
Building Fund: \$370 (10)

Let Us Pray For: 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.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, February 28th

- Mass for **Jim & Mary Steber, Carolyn & Joe Moran, and Henry Weiler.**
- 6:00 PM, Priestly Discernment Group meeting in the conference room at Olney. If interested in joining, contact Fr. Levi.

Sunday, March 1st

- Mass for **Ed Pool, Wilbert & Virginia Blank, and Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs.**
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Monday, March 2nd

- 5:30 PM, St. Raphael's Ministry of Care will meet in conference room B at Olney. This will be a space dedicated to prayer, listening, conversation and faithful support.

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: SB The Holy Mass. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, March 10th.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, March 4th

- Healing mass intention for **Charlotte Hough.**
- 9-11 am, St. Joseph at Good Samaritan.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Wendelin.

Friday, March 6th – First Friday

- 8:00 am mass followed by communion delivery.
- 9-11 am, St. Joseph at Good Samaritan.
- 6:30 PM, Stations at all Tri-Parish churches.

Saturday, March 7th – First Saturday

- 9:00 am, mass at Holy Cross.

Sunday, March 8th

- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!

Congratulations to newly baptized **Ayrton Lee Phillips**, son of Benjamin and Ladi (Stallard) Phillips.

Throughout Lent we will be **praying the Rosary** before all of the Masses. We will begin a half hour before each Mass.

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CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Feb. 23: Chester & Kim Kocher (#677)
Feb. 24: Bonnie Vail (#488)
Feb. 25: Shirley Ritter (#384)
Feb. 26: Graham Patterson (#155)
Feb. 27: Christy Blank (#608)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Rice Bowls:** When you are finished filling your Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services you can place them in the labeled tub in the church vestibule or drop them off at the parish office. You can also bring them to mass on **April 1st** at 8 am, where the school children will have a collection tub in front of the altar. Please have all Rice Bowls turned in by **April 6th**.
- **Choir practice** in the church every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Bruce Stout at 618-843-8100.

- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. We just need one more to start this ministry on Saturdays. Please contact the parish office.

• **Evening Vespers:**

- Vespers are Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.
- March 4th, St. Lawrence Lawrenceville
 - March 11th, St. Joseph Stringtown
 - March 18th, St. Joseph Olney

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- **Baby Crib Charity Drive** for WIC has baby cribs in the Tri-Parishes. Critical needed items, are new born diapers, baby wipes, onesies, baby clothing, and any generous donated items for 0-5 ages.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Second Sunday of Lent Weekly Prayers:

For Georgina and her family-whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl-and for all mothers and caregivers worldwide who provide nutrition and educational opportunities for their young children to thrive.

For our community, that we may support early childhood development opportunities in communities locally and around the world.

Faith. Fun. Friendship.

Totus Tuus 2026 is happening at five locations in our diocese! Open to grades 1-12. Day program for elementary students and evening program for middle and high school students. All parishes are welcome – even if you’re not hosting! Stay tuned for registration details. See flyer on bulletin boards for more information.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2026

Next weekend our parish and others throughout the diocese will have an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to serve thousands of people in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal at Mass next weekend; every contribution – large or small – is truly needed and appreciated. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the in-pew envelopes that will be available. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Respect Life Corner: March 1, 2026

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

Vocation Corner: March 1, 2026

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Gaudeamus – Let Us Rejoice!

Seminarian Gala

Saturday, April 11 at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Hts., IL

To register for this event please visit <http://www.diobelle.org/> or for more information please contact Mary Fleming at mfleming@diobelle.org. There are flyers posted on the bulletin boards as well.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



~ St. Joseph Church ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee

Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:

Wednesday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com

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

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

Website 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 February 22, 2026

Envelopes: \$4,564.00 (36)

Loose: \$37.00

Total: \$4,601.00

Building Fund: \$180.00 (4)

Black & Indian Collection: \$100.00 (1)

Easter Flower Memorials: \$225.00 (9)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

March Bulletins: For the Families of Sam & Mary Zwillig

March Missalettes: In Memory of Janice Zuber

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, February 28 – Priest Discernment Group, St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6pm.

Monday, March 2 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

St. Raphael Ministry of Care Grief Support Group, St. Joseph-Olney, 5:30pm.

Tuesday, March 3 – **ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

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

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

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

OCIA, St. Joseph-Olney Conference Room, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, March 4 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.

Family Catechesis Confirmation Retreat at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-8:00pm.

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm.

Thursday, March 5 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm until Mass at 6:30pm.

Brother's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Friday, February 27 – **Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, available at ALL parishes! St. Joseph-Stringtown, St. Joseph-Olney, Holy Cross-Wendelin, and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville.**

Saturday, March 7 – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Sunday, March 8 – **Stringtown Community Club Senior Citizen Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center following 8am Mass.**

Wednesday, March 11 – **Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 6:30pm.**

Friday, March 13 – Euchre at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.

Sunday, March 15 – **Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive, Stringtown Parish Center, 6:30am-12pm.**

PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGNUPS:

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LENTEN VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):



Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm, *Evening Vespers, or Evening Prayer*, is a Catholic liturgical service

part of the Liturgy of the Hours that sanctifies the end of the day through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Typically held at dusk, its primary purpose is to offer an "evening sacrifice" to God, reflect on the day's events, thank Him for graces received, and seek forgiveness for sins. March 4th at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, **March 11th at St. Joseph-Stringtown**, March 18th at St. Joseph-Olney

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ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



This ministry will focus on providing pastoral care through spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, those grieving and their caregivers, and families. Reminder to contact the St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representative or the parish office, if your loved one is sick, anticipating a surgery, recovering from surgery, relocating from home, or might need a pastoral visit. The Grief Care Group, a space dedicated to prayer, listening, conversation and faithful support, will have their first meeting on Monday, March 2, from 5:30-6:30pm at St. Joseph-Olney, Room B! **St. Raphael's Ministry of Care Representatives:** St. Joseph-Stringtown - Janette Kocher, Holy Cross-Wendelin - Sherry Geier, St. Joseph- Olney - Elaine Grimes, Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, Fr. Levi James and Fr. Steven Beatty

HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir practices for Holy Week will be held on Monday, March 2, Thursday, March 5, Thursday, March 12, Monday, March 16, Tuesday, March 24, Thursday, March 26, and Tuesday, March 31. All practices are at 6:30pm in the choir loft. All are welcome to join. You do not have to attend all the practices, just come when can!

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting the annual Senior Citizen Breakfast on Sunday, March 8th after 8am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please **RSVP by March 1st** to Anne Crites at 618-838-3935.

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FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT:

St. Isidore Parish will hold a retreat on Saturday, March 7th at 10am at St. Aloysius Hall. Talks, Mass, adoration, and confession offered. Lunch provided. No cost to attend, but a free will offering accepted. Sign up by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org.

KING’S HOUSE LADIES RETREAT:

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ST. MARY’S BRUNCH:

St. Mary’s Brunch will be held Sunday, March 1 from 8-11:30am at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Ste. Marie. Menu will include sausage links and ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, breads and fruits, and juice, milk, and coffee. Adults \$10, Children (4-10) \$5, and 3 and under are FREE. Bake sale sponsored by the Youth Group.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Dalton Linder (Linda McWhirter’s son), Linda McWhirter

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Louis & Lelia Volk†”, “Carl & Una Kocher†”

Monday, March 2, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”

Tuesday, March 3, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, March 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, March 5, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, March 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, March 7, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, March 8, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of that moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



Answer to Word Find: until He had risen.

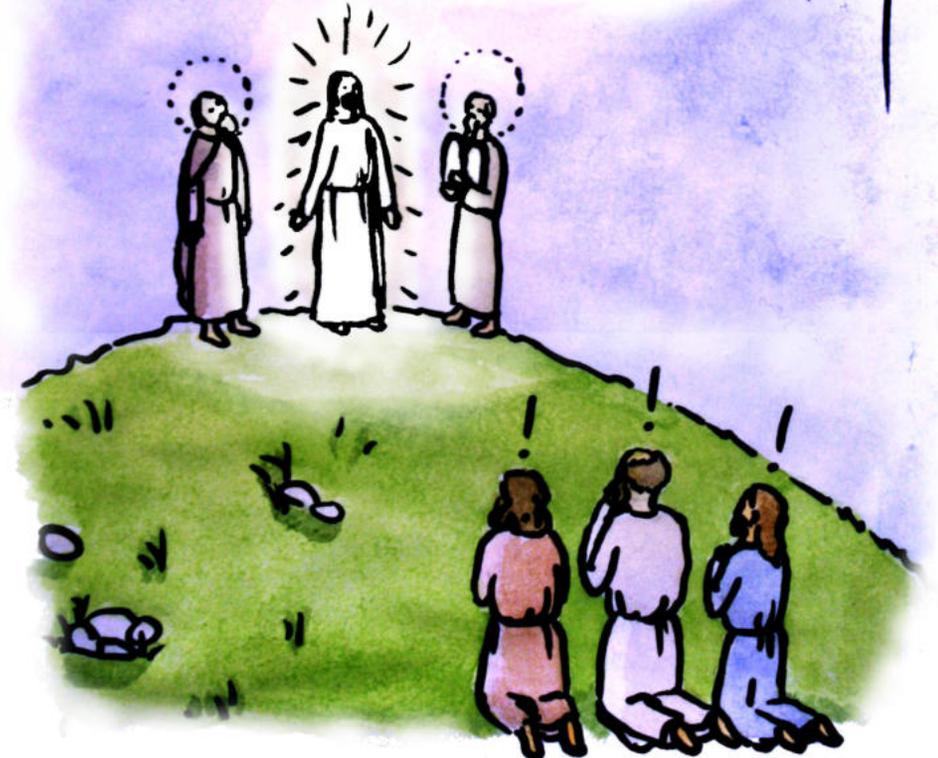
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THIS IS MY BELOVED SON
WITH WHOM I AM WELL
PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.

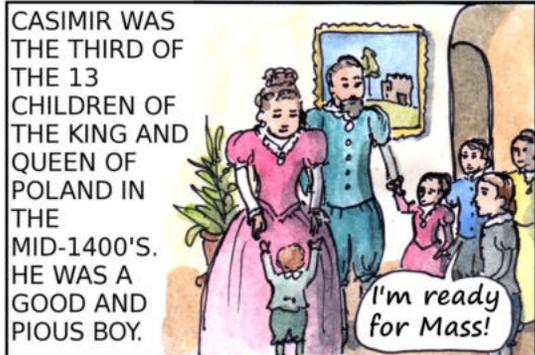


What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Saint Casimir

March 4



CASIMIR WAS THE THIRD OF THE 13 CHILDREN OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF POLAND IN THE MID-1400'S. HE WAS A GOOD AND PIOUS BOY.



EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE HE WOULD STAY UP AT NIGHT TO PRAY, OR SLEEP ON THE FLOOR.



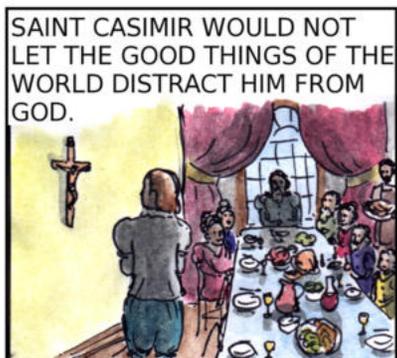
WHEN HE WAS STILL A TEENAGER HIS FATHER SENT HIM TO RULE HUNGARY.



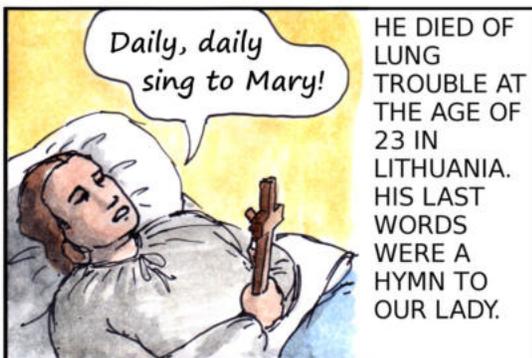
BUT HE LEFT AFTER HE WAS TOLD TO FIGHT A BATTLE THAT THEY COULDN'T WIN.



HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO MARRY SO THAT HE COULD DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO GOD.



SAINT CASIMIR WOULD NOT LET THE GOOD THINGS OF THE WORLD DISTRACT HIM FROM GOD.



HE DIED OF LUNG TROUBLE AT THE AGE OF 23 IN LITHUANIA. HIS LAST WORDS WERE A HYMN TO OUR LADY.

SAINT CASIMIR WAS OBEDIENT TO HIS FATHER AS LONG AS HE WAS ALSO BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE LISTEN TO OUR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TEACH US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS AND PLEASE GOD?

Word Find

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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