

HOLY CROSS - WENDELIN

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Sunday, September 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, September 12, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Edwin, Mary, & Patricia Fehrenbacher† and Robert & Rita Fehrenbacher†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 13, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Gerald & Linda Blank†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, September 14, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, September 15, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”
Friday, September 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, September 19, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Shirley Kessler†” “Melvin & Helen Rudolphi†” 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 20, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Kevin Frohning†” “Living & Deceased Members of the JV & Florine Weidner Families and Ronald Hemrich†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, September 6, 2026 (77) Envelope Collection: \$6,126.00, Loose: \$378.00 – **Total: \$6,504.00**, (24) Building: \$1,080.00, (1) CSMA: \$50.00, (5) Retired Diocesan Priests: \$135.00

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Dusty & Kim Smithenry
EMHC:	EMHC:
Kathy Kuenstler	Ellen Weber
Jeannie Nix	Phyllis Eggers
Diane Schackmann	Travis Weber
Josy Hart	Marcia Street
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Marge Kessler
Money Counters:	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Michael Kuenstler	Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Eric Sandschafer
Daniel Baker	Victor Sandschafer
Henry Weidner	Aaron Eggers
Mass Servers:	
Saturday, September 13 – Mattux Hart, Chloe & Ethan Deckard	
Sunday, September 14 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
Saturday, September 19 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, September 20 – Ian Kessler, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
September 13 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare	
September 20 – Marcia Street & Nora Street	
September 27 – Stephanie Geier	
CRMH Communion:	
September 13 – Diane Herdes	
September 20 – Sheryl Klingler	

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Ruth Rauch (Ruth would appreciate cards and they can be sent to 3069 North 250th Street, Newton, IL 62448!), Leah Finley, Keith

Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher, Julia Weber

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, September 12 and 13 – 1st Grade Red Plate Blessing at ALL Parishes During ALL Masses.
Sunday, September 13 – CYM Mass & Meeting at St. Joseph-Olney, 8am.
CYM Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 5:30pm.
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T-SHIRT CAMPAIGN FOR KRISTEN KENNEDY:
Kristen was diagnosed with colon cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy t-shirt. Proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

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

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Have you thanked our Lord for His kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and love? Do you extend that to others? Or offer ridicule, slander, and judgment? One may think that you have a lifetime to make amends -or live validated- none of us are promised the next breath. Do not let your status, position, pride, greed... etc. cost you your soul or taint anyone else! *Nunc Coepi-* Begin again- and extend kindness, share a smile, offer a compliment, show mercy, give forgiveness - Love! The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion, live a Christ-like life-Live a Life of Love! Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

SISTER’S IN CHRIST:
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loneliness, ***Friendship in the Lord*** is a powerful invitation to rediscover the beauty of spiritual friendship and to become the kind of friend your soul, and the Church needs. This 8-week study begins Sept 22/23 and the cost of the book is \$12.00. Contact Caroline Trimble, if you would be interested in joining. Sister's in Christ Schedule: † Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney † Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

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

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

MARIAN FAMILY EXHIBIT:

This will be held Monday, September 14th - Wednesday, September 16th at St. Joseph-Olney in the Multi-Purpose Room. Statues and images of over 33 visitations from all over the world with relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Jochim & St. Anne, and St. Carlo Acutis. Please bring any religious articles you would like to touch the relics. **Monday, Sept. 14th** – Exhibit held 10am-Noon and 1-4pm with Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6:30pm. **Tuesday, Sept. 15th** – Exhibit held 10am-Noon, 1-4pm, and 5-7pm. **Wednesday, Sept. 16** – 8am School Mass followed by Exhibit 9am-Noon, 1-4pm and 5-7pm. Also available at St. Mary's on Thursday, September 17th. See flyer for more details.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of September 13th – The Seven Sorrows of Blessed Virgin Mary, Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Human Trafficking Awareness "Migrant communities encompass a variety of demographics and are all vulnerable to exploitation given their marginalized situation. Traffickers thrive where vulnerability is high, especially in the circumstances and challenges that occur in the lives of migrant individuals. Individuals migrating from their country of origin to the United States through irregular means are often trapped in situations of labor and sexual trafficking. Such migrants are often less likely to turn to local law enforcement, government, and other organizations because of a distrust for these types of entities. The lack of status enhances their vulnerability to traffickers who prey on these individuals due to their precarious situations." USCCB

VOCATION CORNER:

"I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God's extravagant love and unfailing presence..Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me and he was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could never satisfy. He showed me that he wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life so that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus." Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas; Sisters of Life *Columbia Magazine Jan-Feb. 2023*

MESSENGER PRIEST APPRECIATION:

To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests' pastoral ministries affect their lives or the parish community for a Priesthood Sunday issue on October 8, 2026. Please send brief comments to: editor@bellevillemessenger.org. **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17.**

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

This week, please pray for Terry Marmion as he continues his formation in Configuration III at Mundelein Seminary. Your prayers are a vital part of supporting vocations. Whether it's a Rosary, a Mass intention, or a simple prayer, please keep Terry in your prayers this week as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Want to send a note of encouragement? Terry Marmion, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Thank you for supporting vocations in the Diocese of Belleville. **St. John Vianney, pray for us.**

Sunday, September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayer of your servant, and of your people Israel.



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin

5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448

Website - - www.holycrosswendelin.com

Parish E-mail: holycrosswendelin@outlook.com

Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671

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

Mass Schedule: First Saturdays 9:00am,

Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm,

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am

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

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

E-mail: frsteven.beatty@gmail.com

****Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**

Fr. Levi: 618-240-3638, levi.jamessiu@gmail.com

****Caroline Trimble – Pastoral Associate**

Caroline: 618-263-7106, 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 & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral

Council: Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier,

Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty

Smithenry

Sunday, September 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)

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~ ***PARISH NEWS*** ~

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- **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.
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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.

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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.

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St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ St. Joseph Church ~

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Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty Pastor
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Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate
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Tyler Timm Youth Minister
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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 8:05 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

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

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm
Drop off box available outside office door

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

Josy Hart Principal
Carol Potter Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle Office Manager
School Office 618-395-3081
E-mail office@stjoeolney.com
Website www.stjoeolney.com
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School Advisory Council:

Brianne Fehrenbacher, Ladi Phillips, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Tyler Ochs, Andrea Kuentler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), and Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

Envelopes: \$1,197.00 (39)
Loose: \$36.00
Total: \$1,233.00

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September Missalettes: In Memory of Bob & Francella Dhom & Pike & Mary Ginder Families

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Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Following 8am Mass.

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The parish now has an AED inside the church as well as the previous one in parish center. The one in the church is located in the vestibule near the holy fonts. Both machines are equipped to treat children and adults

The parish recently replaced both 12 foot trees and has the old ones available for free will donation. One is prelit and the other has lights that do not work. Both are 5 ft. diameter. Please contact Janette Kocher if you are interested 618-843-1650.

Please note Parish Center will be closed from September 12-September 14th for floor cleaning and waxing! Please do not enter for any reason. Due to the closure, there will **NOT** be Children Liturgy on September 13th. Thank you!

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The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Have you thanked our Lord for His kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and love? Do you extend that to others? Or offer ridicule, slander, and judgment? One may think that you have a lifetime to make amends -or live validated- none of us are promised the next breath. Do not let your status, position, pride, greed... etc. cost you your

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

If you are veteran or have a veteran within your family and have not submitted photos in the past to be included in the veteran wall, please submit a picture and short biography about service to give to Janette Kocher, Kathy Zuber, or you can bring by the Parish Office asap. These photos will be returned. Our Veteran's will be celebrated during Donut Sunday in November. Kaleb Beavers will also give a presentation that day with uniforms and artifacts to share with the parish.

A Marian Family Exhibit will be held beginning Monday, September 14th-Wednesday, September 16th at St. Joseph-Olney in the Multi-Purpose Room. Statues and images of over 33 visitations from all over the world with relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Jochim & St. Anne, and St. Carlo Acutis. Please bring any religious articles you would like to touch the relics.

Monday, September 14th – Exhibit held 10am-Noon and 1-4pm with Mass at St. Joseph-

Wednesday, September 16 – 8am School Mass followed by Exhibit 9am-Noon, 1-4pm and 5-7pm. Also available at St. Mary's on Thurs., Sept. 17th. See flyer for details.

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

Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble, if interested.

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

The next blood drive is scheduled for Sun., November 1, 2026, from 7am -12 noon. Pre-schedule your

appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. <https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of September 13th – The Seven Sorrows of Blessed Virgin Mary, Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, September 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 Kuenstler, Rodney Ochs, Matt Zuber or Mike Ginder. There is an Exemplification to be a 4th Degree member.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: Human Trafficking Awareness “Migrant communities encompass a variety of demographics and are all vulnerable to exploitation given their marginalized situation. Traffickers thrive where vulnerability is high, especially in the circumstances and challenges that occur in the lives of migrant individuals. Individuals migrating from their country of origin to the United States through irregular means are often trapped in situations of labor and sexual trafficking. Such migrants are often less likely to turn to local law enforcement, government, and other organizations because of a distrust for these

types of entities. The lack of status enhances their vulnerability to traffickers who prey on these individuals due to their precarious situations.”
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VOCATION CORNER:

“I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God’s extravagant love and unfailing presence... Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me...and he was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could never satisfy. He showed me that he wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life so that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus.” sr. Maris Stella Karalekas; Sisters of Life *Columbia Magazine Jan-Feb. 2023*

MESSENGER PRIEST APPRECIATION:

The Messenger celebrates Priesthood Sunday with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE on Oct. 8th. 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. Send brief comments to: editor@bellevillemessenger.org. **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17.**

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



Sunday, September 13, 2026
24TH Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 13, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Herman, Ethel, & Kathy Zwilling†”
Monday, September 14, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Kathy Zwilling†”
Tuesday, September 15, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, September 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, September 19, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 20, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling†”, “Carolyn Zuber†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

09/13/2026

Servers:

Amity Zuber
Levi Weidner
Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Beth Kocher

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Werner & Janette Kocher

Ushers:

Jack Weidner
Jared Weidner

Greeters:

Sam & Mary Zwilling

Children’s Liturgy:

No Children Liturgy!

09/20/2026

Servers:

Izzy Volk
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk

Lector:

Anita Seiler

EMHC:

Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Ian Kocher

Gifts:

Wayne Kocher Family

Ushers:

Doug Kocher
Caden Kocher

Greeters:

Caden Kocher

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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.

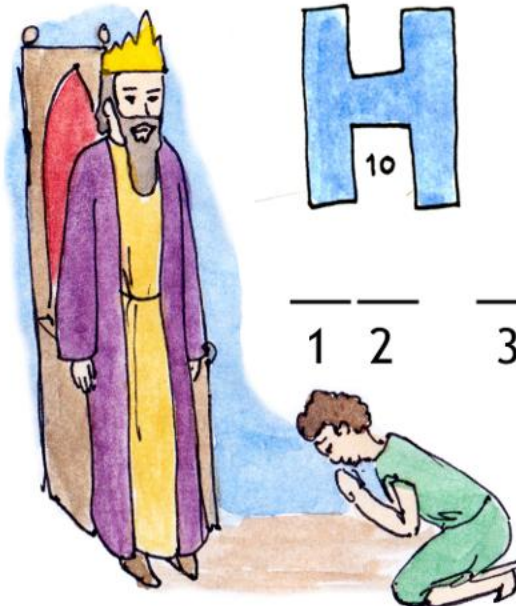
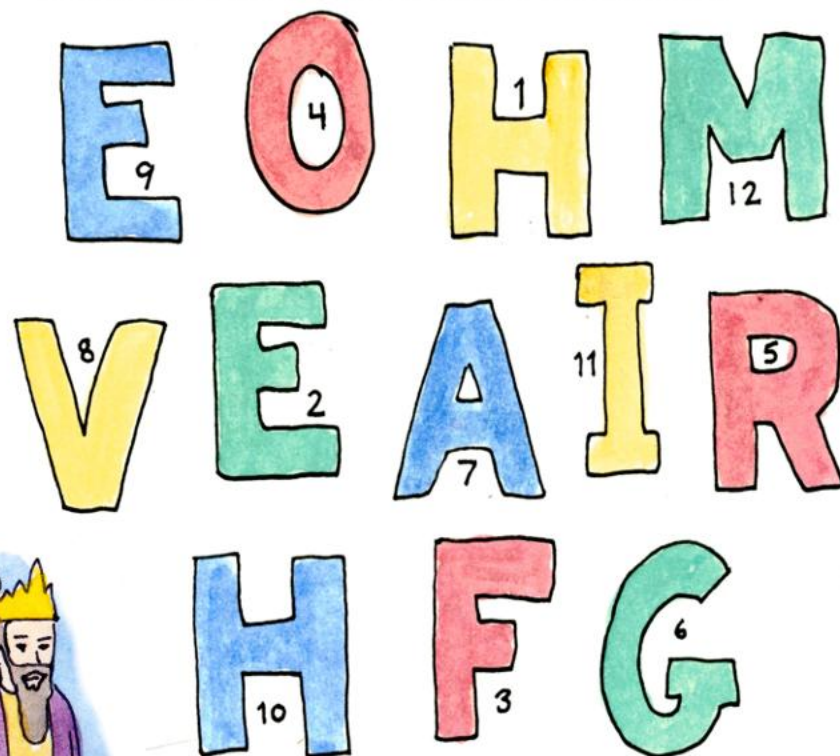
I'M SORRY FOR
TALKING RUDELY
TO YOU.



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 puzzle on front:
He forgave him.
Answer to Sort-out-the-Pictures:
top to bottom: 4, 6, 3, 1, 2, 5

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.

