

Mon. July 13	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. July 14	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. July 15	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
	1:30 PM	at Carle 3rd Floor
Thu. July 16	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. July 17	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sat. July 18		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	<i>Jeff, Jeanette, & Jamie Ping</i>	
	<i>Bob Hunt</i>	
	<i>Living & Deceased Hermina &</i>	
	<i>Frances Zuber Family</i>	
Sun. July 19		
8:00 am	<i>James E. Hemrich, Jr.</i>	
	<i>Malachi William Jaxon Baltzell</i>	
	<i>Linda Gumble</i>	
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

Bulletins: Edward Jones – Rob David
Missalettes: Ochs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$7,932 (105) Outreach: \$149
 Guatemala: \$571 (23) Peter's Pence: \$280 (2)

Let Us Pray For: Ed Steber, Rita Kocher, Carolyn Buckels, Sue Dickerson, 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.

- **Flocknote!** Keep in touch with us via email and text. To join Flocknote text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 to register, or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.

What type of soil represents your life? Is it rich and producing fruit or shallow and dying? You might be thinking, “How do you know if your life is fruitful or dying?” If you look at it through the lens of the world and -compare - speculate - boast - you might be pleased- satisfied- content

Thank you to the **68** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$16,312.75** to support this mission. We are 73% to our goal of \$22,468.

Respect Life Corner: July 12, 2026

“**Discover the Power of Natural Family Planning**” NFP is a church-approved, scientifically validated system of fertility awareness that honors your marriage vows to love Freely, Totally, Faithfully, and Fruitfully. But how many children should you have? The Church leaves that to your prayerful discernment through “responsible parenthood” balancing a generous heart with a prudent look at your life circumstances. NFP also empowers ALL women by decoding the body's natural signs. It provides deep insight into reproductive health, helps uncover underlying medical issues, and fosters true marital connection. Follow the QR code to learn about several different methods of NFP, Responsible Parenthood, and more. Contact mejooost@gmail.com for more help in finding the right method for you.



Vocation Corner: July 12, 2026

“I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life, and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!” Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. *Columbia, September 2022*

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

The O2 Youth Center

Great opportunity for the youth in our community! Free Entry and snacks available for purchase. Games include; racing simulator, ping pong, shuffleboard, foosball, pool table, glow dodgeball, Nintendo, reflex game, and NBA Jam.

Summer Hours:

Wed. Open to 6th-12th grades, 3:30-8 pm
Thurs. Discipleship Night, 6th-12th grades 5:45-8 pm
Fri. Open to 6th-12th grades 3:30-8 pm
Also available to rent for an event!
Located at 215 S. Whittle Ave. Olney. IL

Bluegrass in the Bend - Oblong, IL

The Bend Ice Cream Social and Bluegrass music by freewill donations. All are invited! Join us from 3pm-5pm at St. Valentine Hall -The Bend on **Sunday, July 26, 2026**. Pork Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and drinks for sale. Rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ St. Joseph Church ~

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~ Welcome ~

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

Join us for mass:

Wednesday 8:00 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

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 ~

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God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:
Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth, word, sent.

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The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2026

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on on the ,



came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky

ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was

not deep, and when the  rose it was

scorched, and it withered for lack of .

Some  fell among ,

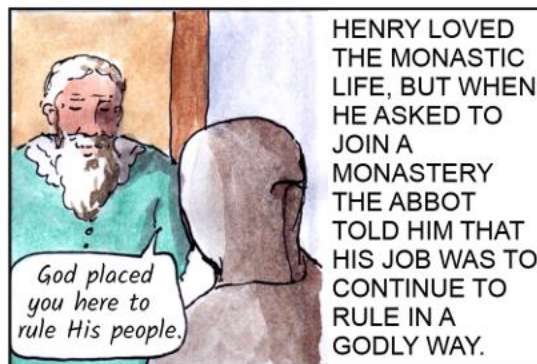
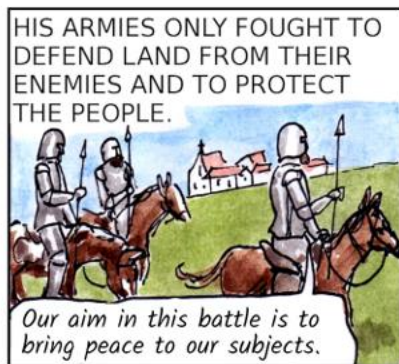
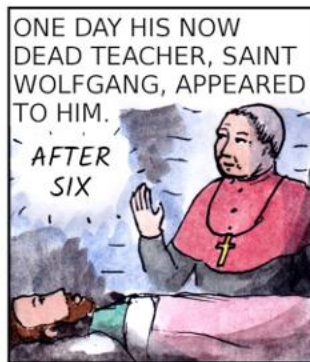
and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on

rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or

sixty, or thirty-fold.

Saint Henry

Holy Roman Emperor
July 13



SAINT HENRY DIED IN 1024. HE HAD THE HIGHEST POSITION OF POWER IN EUROPE, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE KNEW THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO RESPECT PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE ARE IN AUTHORITY.

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

so shall my word be

that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]

my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.

