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Sunday, October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

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Friday, October 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, October 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald & Wilmajean Geier & Deceased Family✝," 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 25, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Herman & Joan Rudolphi✝", "Kristen Kennedy", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

October 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, October 11, 2026
(86) Envelope Collection: $4,116.00, Loose: $286.00 – **Total: $4,402.00,** (5) Building: $175.00, (1) Retired Priest: $50.00

OCTOBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Bev Weidner	Penni Kuenstler
Celia Rudolphi	Phyllis Eggers
Lynn Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Kristy Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Amy Heuerman

Money Counters:
Tony & Penni Kuenstler

Ushers:	Ushers:
James Rudolphi	Ben Niebrugge
Carl Weidner	Paul Lybarger
Hank Weidner	Dusty Smithenry
Kelly Geier	Jim Rauch

Mass Servers:
Saturday, October 17 – Mattux Hart, Ethan & Chloe Deckard
Sunday, October 18 – Ian Kessler, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower
Saturday, October 24 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, October 25 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
October 18 – Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber
October 25 – Robin & Chloe Deckard

CRMH Communion:
October 11 – Lynn Weidner
October 18 – Martha Deimel

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Ruth Rauch, Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher, Julia Weber

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH-OLNEY SMORGASBORD:
The St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord will be held from 11am-1:30pm this Sunday, October 18th. Adults $12, Children 5-10 $8, and children four and under are free. Meal includes pork loin, child and noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potaotes, rolls, salads, and desserts. Games 10am-1:30pm. Bazaar includes chance stand, country store, and cake stand. Drawings at 2pm.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:
Last weekend October 2nd and 3rd, the October cake/craft drawing was held. Pat Staser won on Saturday afternoon and Chris & Stephanie Geier won on Sunday morning. Thanks to Dusty & Kim Smithenry & Family for donating a large garden mum and donuts for both the Saturday and Sunday drawings. Thank you to all who support these drawings. The next one will be held on November.

HOLY CROSS TRUNK OR TREAT:
All Saints Family Trunk or Treat will be held October 29th beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. Come join us at Mass dressed as a Saint and then join us for Trunk or Treat beginning at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

STRINGTOWN TRUNK OR TREAT:
Stringtown Community Club Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th from 3:30-5:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. There will be games, snacks, and prizes. Costumes are encouraged. Bring your friends and come join the fun. All are welcome!

STRINGTOWN SOUP SUPPER:
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MINISTRY TRAINING:
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ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:

Ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, or at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Sherry Geier or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
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, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi, if interested.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of October 18th – St. Luke: Catholic Saints, Pope John Paul II, and Slaves and Kings.**

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
What to Say to Someone Who Has Had an Abortion - Almost everyone knows someone who's had an abortion. Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Much as you'd like to make all her suffering go away with the right words, her grief and loss won't disappear after one conversation. Assure her of your friendship. Tell her you will be there for her and help her find healing. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. Invite her to visit these helpful websites: www.hopeafterabortion.org and http://archstl.org/hope-healing.

VOCATION CORNER:
"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it." – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:
This week, please keep Grant Fender in your prayers as he continues his formation at Glennon College Seminary. As Grant continues his journey of discernment and preparation for the priesthood, we invite you to keep him in your prayers. May the Lord strengthen him with faith, wisdom, and perseverance as he continues to follow God's call. Whether through a moment of prayer, a Rosary, or an intention offered at Mass, your spiritual support can be a powerful source of encouragement as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Fender, Glennon College Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119. Thank you for remembering Grant in your prayers this week. The support and encouragement of the faithful are a powerful witness to our seminarians and an important part of fostering vocations within the Church. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Sunday, October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin
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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
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Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

✞ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✞

Mon. Oct. 19	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Oct. 20	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Oct. 21	**8:05 am**	***Alvin Zuber***
		Christine Weber
	1:30 PM	**at Carle 3rd floor**
Thu. Oct. 22	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Oct. 23	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. Oct. 24

4:00 PM	at Wendelin
5:00 PM	***Joseph, Jean, & Norman Zwilling***
	Edmund, Anna, & Linda Volk
	Rod Kelley

Sun. Oct. 25

8:00 am	***Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn***
	Dale Tibbs
	Debbie Rauch
8:00 am	at Stringtown
10:00 am	at Wendelin
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR OCTOBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Scherer's Repair - Jim & Karen Scherer
Missalettes: Meyer Funeral Homes - Bruce Stout

OUR TITHES FOR OCTOBER 11th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $6,369 (105) Guatemala: $97 (7)
Loose: $354

Let Us Pray For: Bob Geiger, 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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of ***Kylie Rauch***. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, October 17th

- Mass for ***Carl & Una Kocher, Maren Zuber, and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.***
- Children's Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 7:00 PM, CYM bonfire at Stringtown.

Sunday, October 18th

- Mass for ***Mary Jane Kuenstler and Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Smorgasbord is today!** 11 AM- 1:30 PM, Annual Smorgasbord and Bazaar. Adults: $12, Children (ages 5-10): $8, Children 4 & under: Free, All Takeout: $12. The meal will include pork loin, noodles, salad bar, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles are drawn at 2:00 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!

Monday, October 19th

- 6:00 PM, **Family Life Center may be coming to the Olney Community!**! Informational meeting at the Olney Community Building at the City Park. If you are interested in Family Life coming to Olney please attend.
- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church.

Tuesday, October 20th

- 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, October 21st

- 8:05 am, mass for ***Alvin Zuber*** and ***Christine Weber.***
- October Rosary: One decade by the St. Joe students before mass. Full rosary after mass.
- 1:30 PM, Mass at Carle on the 3rd floor.

Sunday, October 25th

- **Team Kennedy:** 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. Following mass there will be a carry-in meal and basket raffle. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Thank you for your support!
- 5:30 PM, Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Tuesday, October 27th

- 5:30 PM, Mass with **Bishop Godfrey** at St. Joseph, Olney. All are welcome for the mass, and those who were asked to stay for the workshop to follow please do so.

Happy Birthday to ***Frank Weiler*** who celebrates his 90th birthday on October 23rd!!

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- **Thank you** to all school families who donated their time and talent to the Smorgasbord success!
- **Oct 21-23:** 8th grade retreat to Camp Ondessonk!
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CALENDAR WINNERS - $25

Oct. 12: Sue Pixley (#557)
Oct. 13: Dr. & Mrs. Luis DeVenecia (#516)
Oct. 14: Mike Hahn (#802)
Oct. 15: Sallie VanBlaricum (#772)
Oct. 16: Mark & Deb Kuenstler (#800)

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- **World Mission Rosary:** Pray the rosary ⟶ with us daily via live stream at 2 pm central.
- **For the month of October,** we will be praying the rosary before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, October 3 through Saturday, October 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass with the exception of the last Sunday which will be led by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am. Thank you.
- The annual **October Count** of mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend masses during the month of October.
- **Parish & Family Life Committee:**
  The committee is sponsoring a Veteran's Thanksgiving Project for local Veteran's in our community. We will be collecting Thanksgiving cards from Parish members (please sign your name), as well as small donated items to be shared with these local Veteran's. Deadline for collection is Sunday, November 15th. Suggested items are: socks, gloves, hats, stocking caps, snack items such as hard candy, juice boxes, snack crackers & cookies. Items can be brought to back of church & placed in the designated collection box. Monetary donations can be turned into the church office as well.
  Let us remember Matthew 25:40 ***"The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."***
- **Operation Christmas Child:** The Parish will be collecting gift packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These boxes will bring joy to many children during the Christmas season. We will be collecting shoeboxes now, until **November 15th**. Shoeboxes will be available after masses this weekend (or any shoebox will do). Please drop off packed shoeboxes to the parish office or leave in the tub in the back of the church. There is also a shipping fee that is needed to ship each box. Please include $10 in an envelope, along with a label (which can be found on the back table of church) for shipping, or purchase your own shipping label online. For gift ideas see bulletin insert or bulletin board flyers. Please join us as we pray, pack, and ship these gifts in the spirit of Christmas!

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
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Diocesan Blessing of the Harvest
All are invited to join Bishop Godfrey for the Blessing of the Harvest which will be held on Friday, October 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Mike & Julie Dietz Farm, 9920 Reider Road, Lebanon, IL. See bulletin board for full directions.

Journey to Justice Pilgrimage to Cairo, IL
Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:30am-3:30pm
Hosted by Diocesan CCHD Committee
To register go to forms.gle/Yn7UHoSEw2yeuKF67
For registration questions and schedule please email cchddiobelle@gmail.com or call 618-624-2838.
Cost: $30 charge includes breakfast and lunch provided by local businesses. Participants are invited to make a donation of their choice to The Cairo Historical Preservation Project for the historical tour.

Today, October 18, the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday which invites all of us to respond to Christ's call to be missionary disciples. This year, we mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, 2026. The theme "One in Christ, United in Mission" speaks eloquently, beautifully, and powerfully of the unfading, ongoing work of divine love living and effective in our humble acts of sharing God-given gifts in faith. Please consider donating to this mission.

St. Thomas Catholic Church, Newton
Candlelight Rosary Procession
Join us for an evening of prayer, peace, and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm
(Don't forget to bring a rosary and a candle)

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
✞
Sunday, October 18, 2026
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~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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 8:05 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 ~

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

Collection Total for October 11, 2026

Envelopes: $1,489.00 (32)

Loose: $47.00

Total: $1,536.00

Building Fund: $20.00 (1)

Retired Diocesan Priest: $100.00 (1)

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Our deepest sympathy to all family and friends of ***Myron Lybarger***. Myron died on October 6, 2026. All services were held at Holy Cross with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. ***"Eternal rest unto Myron, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."***

VETERAN'S PHOTOS:

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.

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:

Friendship in the Lord – Sister's in Christ Schedule: ✝ Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney ✝Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

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 Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TRUNK OR TREAT:

Stringtown Community Club Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th from 3:30-5:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. There will be games, snacks, and prizes. Costumes are encouraged. Bring your friends and come join the fun. All are welcome!

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

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

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SOUP SUPPER:

The Stringtown Community Club will host a soup supper on Sunday, November 1 at the St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Serving times are 4-6pm. There is a full meal deal for $10.00 which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. Menu consists of: chili, vegetable soup, chicken noodle with free refills, hot dog or grilled cheese, pie or ice cream, tea, lemonade, and coffee. We will also have a cake walk, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you all there!

HOLY CROSS TRUNK OR TREAT:

All Saints Family Trunk or Treat will be held October 29th beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. Come join us at Mass dressed as a Saint and then join us for Trunk or Treat beginning at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

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, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The**

Week of October 18th – St. Luke: Catholic Saints, Pope John Paul II, and Slaves and Kings.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Daily Rosary in October: Throughout October, St. Joseph School students will focus on the Rosary by praying a decade together to begin each school day. On All Souls' Day, our 5th–8thgrade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery. **Thank you** to all school families who donated their time and talent to the Smorgasbord success! **October 21-23 –** 8th Grade Retreat to Camp Ondessonk! **October 22 –** 11:50 Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences. **October 23 –** No School.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Sunday, October 25: Knights led Rosary before the Olney, 8AM Mass. and 4th Degree Exemplification, Mt. Carmel begins with the 10:30AM Mass. **Saturday, October 31:** Regional Soccer Kick Shoot-Out at Linder Sports Complex in Charleston. 11 St. Joe students qualify; Kaden Williams, Haven Hemrich. Gavin Ochs, Haven Hensley, Jett Royse, Hazel Fehrenbacher, Rylan Ochs Delana Sterchi, Josiah Williams, Ella Fitch, and Ray Zuber. Registration begins at 11AM. **Friday, November 13:** Mass for KC Deceased Members, 7PM. Refreshments after Mass in the MPR. Families and parishes are welcome to attend to honor: James Blank, Tom Zuber, Dave Zerkle, Jim Hemrich, Dale Tibbs, Ken Ochs, Frank Ginder, John Resor, Tony Steber, Rod Kelly, Fr. Ron Weber, and Deacon Jack Shuster. **November 19th:** Deadline for Vocation Raffle Books due to Rodney Ochs. Please support our local Seminarians!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
What to Say to Someone Who Has Had an Abortion - Almost everyone knows someone who's had an abortion. Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Much as you'd like to make all her suffering go away with the right words, her grief and loss won't disappear after one conversation. Assure her of your friendship. Tell her you will be there for her and help her find healing. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. Invite her to visit these helpful websites: www.hopeafterabortion.org and http://archstl.org/hope-healing.

VOCATION CORNER:
"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it." – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:
This week, please keep Grant Fender in your prayers as he continues his formation at Glennon College Seminary. As Grant continues his journey of discernment and preparation for the priesthood, we invite you to keep him in your prayers. May the Lord strengthen him with faith, wisdom, and perseverance as he continues to follow God's call. Whether through a moment of prayer, a Rosary, or an intention offered at Mass, your spiritual support can be a powerful source of encouragement as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Fender, Glennon College Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119. The support, encouragement, and prayers of the faithful are a powerful witness to our seminarians and an important part of fostering vocations within the Church. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS*:*
Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Franklin Hinterscher, Mary Rowark, Linda McWhirter

Sunday, October 18, 2026
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bob & Francella Dhom✝ and Mary and Holly Kocher✝", "Alberta Zuber", "Donna Boehl✝ and David & Betty Zwilling✝"
Monday, October 19, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Tuesday, October 20, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, October 21, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, October 22, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, October 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, October 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, October 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Norman Kocher✝", "Judy Zuber✝"8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10/18/2026
Servers:
Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Gary Zwilling
Gifts:
Ellen Steber
Family
Ushers:
Gary Kocher
Owen Kocher
Greeters:
Gary & Beth Kocher Family
Children's Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

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Nathaniel Zwilling
Levi Weidner
Lector:
Natalie Zwilling
EMHC:
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs
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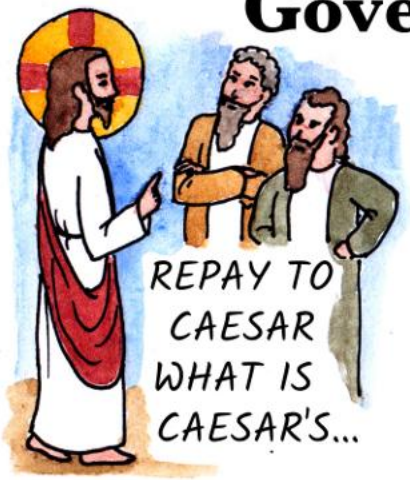
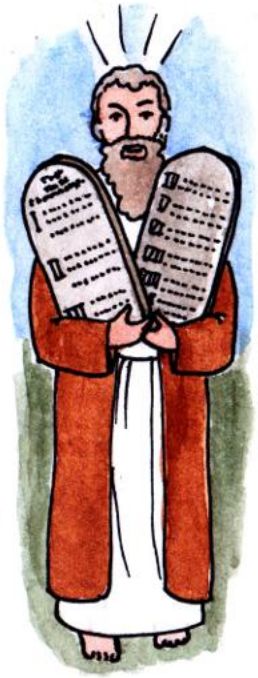
Should we Obey the Government?



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8:Lord, 5:song, 6:sing, 9:lands, 7:glory, 2:nations, 3:peoples 4:deeds.

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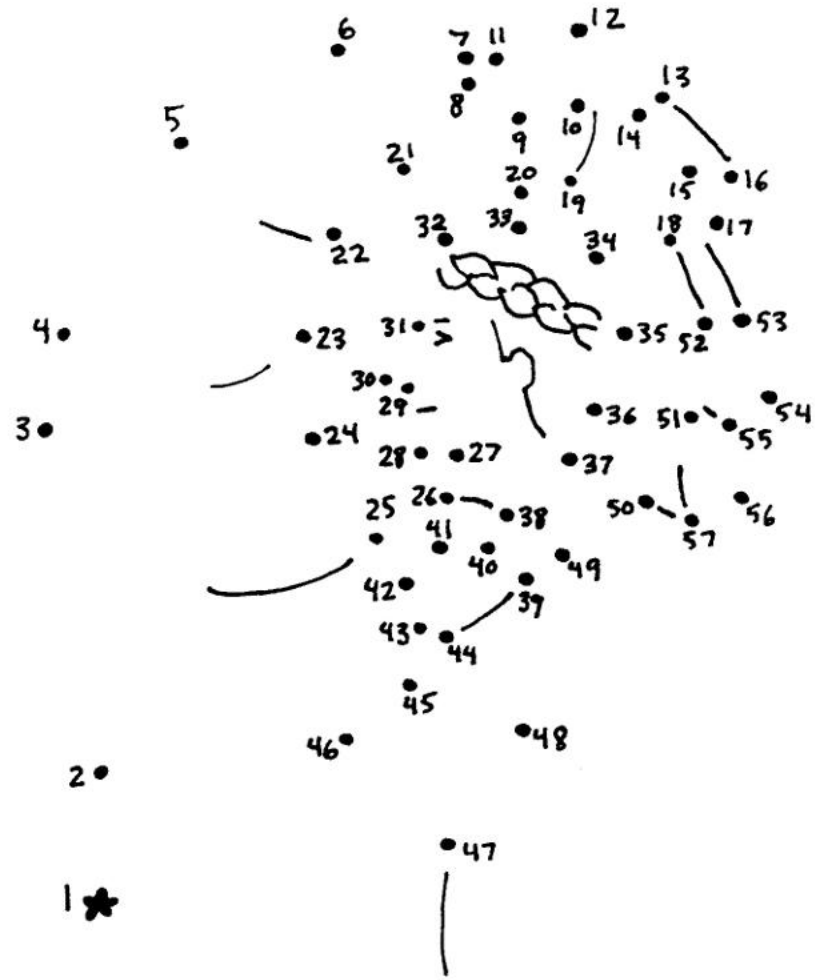
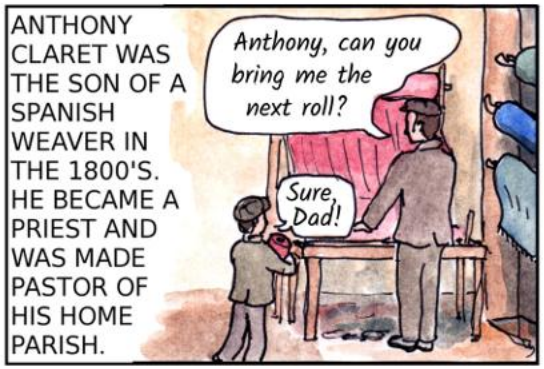
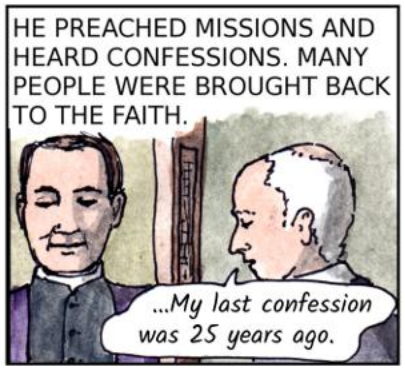


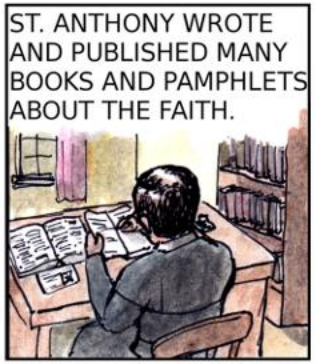
In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

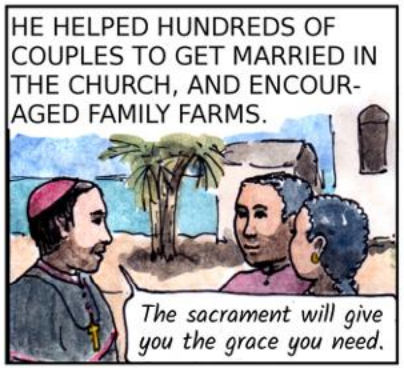
Saint Anthony Mary Claret

October 24









THE QUEEN CALLED HIM BACK TO BE HER CONFESSOR, SO HE CONTINUED TO PREACH IN SPAIN. DURING POLITICAL PROBLEMS, HE DIED IN EXILE IN FRANCE.

SAINT ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND OUR LADY. THIS GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO BRING MANY SOULS BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS PREACHING, WRITING AND HEARING CONFESSIONS. WE, TOO, GET STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S WORK FROM THE SACRAMENTS.

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Sing 2 the Lord...

a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.

Sing to the _____ a new _____;
4+4=__ 1+4=__

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
4+2=__ 6+3=__

Tell his _____ among the _____;
3+4=__ 1+1=__

among all _____,
2+1=__

his wondrous _____.
2+2=__

2 nations	6 sing
3 peoples	7 glory
4 deeds	8 Lord
5 song	9 lands