

*Sunday, August 9, 2026*  
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Aug. 10 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Aug. 11 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Aug. 12 8:05 am For the Parish**  
**1:30 PM at Carle 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
Thu. Aug. 13 6:30 PM at Wendelin  
**Fri. Aug. 14 8:00 am John Bowlby**  
**Sat. Aug. 15**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Ed Pool**  
**Maren Zuber**  
**Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn**  
**Sun. Aug. 16**  
**8:00 am James E. Hemrich, Jr.**  
**Brenda Ginder**  
**Cliff & Katie Hahn**  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

**OUR AUGUST SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Donald Brian Family  
Missalettes: Energy Insurance Services

**OUR TITHES FOR AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$8,689 (124) Outreach: \$357  
Guatemala: \$677 (27)

**Let Us Pray For:** Julia Eichhorst, Ed Steber, Rita Kocher, Carolyn 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.

- **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.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **James E. Hemrich, Jr., Jim Blank,** and **Esther Hickel.**
- Children’s Liturgy now at the 5 pm mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 6 PM, middle school youth group at Olney.

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **Rod Kelley, Jim & Mary Steber,** and **John & Caroline Zuber Family.**
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 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 Wendelin.

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church. New members welcome!! We are beginning to work on Christmas music and would love to have new voices to add to our choir.

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 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, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:05 am, Back to School Mass.
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 1:30 PM, mass at Carle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life meeting in the sewing room. New members are welcome!

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for **John Bowlby.**
- Deadline for Minister changes for the September and October schedules.

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

- **Summer Office Hours:** Monday & Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00pm.
- **Back to School Open House:** Monday, August 10 from 4-6pm.
- **First day of School K-8:** August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **First day of Preschool:** August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fr. Jerry 5K:** August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

There is still time to register for the **Fr. Jerry 5K.** Come out and support the sports and music programs at St. Joseph School. →



• **Nondiscrimination Policy**

The Catholic elementary and secondary schools of the Diocese of Belleville, listed in the official Catholic School Directory published annually, admits students of any race, color, gender, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and local programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- **UNBOUND SAYS “THANK YOU!”** I was pleased to visit the parishes of St. Joseph, Olney, St. Joseph, Stringtown, Holy Cross, Wendelin and St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville during the weekends of July 25-26 and August 1-2. Nineteen persons among the very poor in several developing countries were sponsored. Thank you! The poor who are sponsored give thanks to God for having been chosen. They or their families will soon send a note of appreciation to their new sponsor-friends. Gratitude is also extended to parishioners who are continuing commitments made in response to previous appeals. Still, more sponsors are needed for the many children and elders who are on waiting lists at various projects. Please go to [unbound.org](http://unbound.org) and select one.  
- Fr. George Knab, O.M.I.

• **Sisters in Christ:**

***NEW Book-Set the World on Fire!*** This awarding winning book offers a beautiful four-week personal retreat that immerses you in the dramatic lives, historical eras, and groundbreaking ideas of these formidable women saints and invites you to develop the grit, humility, pragmatism, hope, joy, and vision these women possessed.

Each woman’s experience of God, understanding of spirituality, and timeless wisdom gained her the title Doctor of the Church, which indicates that through her life, research, study, and writing, she has deepened and advanced the faith.

Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The books will be available **Tuesday, August 11** at St. Joseph Stringtown 10:00 am and **St. Joseph Olney 5:00 pm**, and Wednesday, August 12 at Holy Cross 5:30 pm. The cost of the book is \$15.00.

Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.

- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is **Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** to make any changes for the September and October schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries. We are currently in need of more Saturday evening ushers.
- **Bill & Judy Spitz** are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Their family is hosting an open house from 2-4 pm on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Brookstone and are inviting anyone to visit and bring a card. If you’d like to mail a card, their address is:  
1110 N. East St.  
Apt. 32  
Olney, IL 62450
- **Save the Date!!** Noodle making will be the morning of September 12<sup>th</sup>!

- **We are now accepting mass intentions through December 31, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (ex. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (ex. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day. These days will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

Aug. 3: Marjorie Coleman (#170)  
Aug. 4: Steve Rotcliffe (#737)  
Aug. 5: Jillian Scherer (#433)  
Aug. 6: Jesse Neikirk (#195)  
Aug. 7: Cindy Watters (#541)

- ~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
- **Thursday, Aug. 13:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM
  - **Sunday, Aug. 16:** Members and Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. If possible, bring a dessert.
  - **Thursday, Aug. 20:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7PM.
  - **Sunday, Aug. 30:** Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following Mass.

**The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
*Those who are kind to the needy honor Him*

The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program's** mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT** to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

**Thank you** to the **69** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$16,912.75** to support this mission. We are 75% to our goal of \$22,468.

**Respect Life Corner: August 9, 2026**

***Children Are A Gift, Not a Right***

Last week we talked about God entering into the cross of infertility so why wouldn't we also promote IVF or surrogacy as a path forward? Because IVF treats infertility as something to work around rather than a symptom to understand and heal, and the process itself raises serious ethical questions the Church takes seriously, including how it handles the many embryonic lives created along the way. It also asks a great deal of women's bodies, carries real medical risks, and comes with steep costs, all for success rates lower than many people realize. Underneath these concerns is a beautiful truth: every child, however they came to be, is deeply loved by God and a gift to their family—and we believe children deserve to be conceived through an act of love, not a medical procedure. See the QR code below to dive deeper into these truths. Next week, we'll return to the loving, life-respecting path we introduced last time—one that treats both the couple and their future children with the dignity they deserve.



**Vocation Corner: August 9, 2026**

Whenever there's a mountain involved in Scripture, it is a moment to pay close attention to. The Lord has brought Elijah here for a "close encounter." Leaving the shelter of the cave, Elijah stands outside waiting because "the Lord is passing by." A strong wind that crushes rocks and then an earthquake, followed by fire, all do not contain the Lord's voice. The Lord revealed himself to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound". This story tells us that to hear God's call, we must find time for silence in our lives; a quiet, peaceful time to hear what our call in life is to be – maybe a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

**St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
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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](http://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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# Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

# The Kids' Bulletin

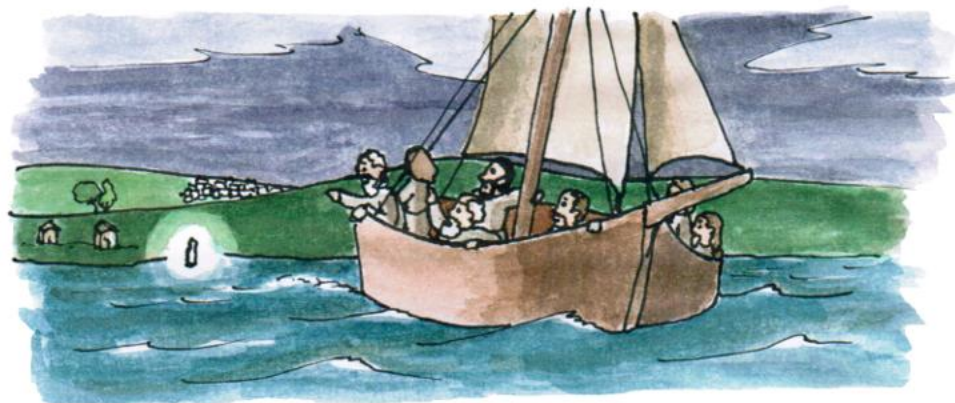
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*In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.*

*What was it?*

*Use the code to find out!*

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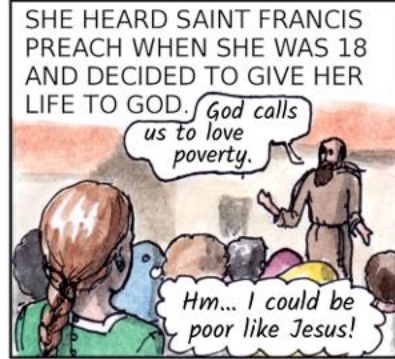
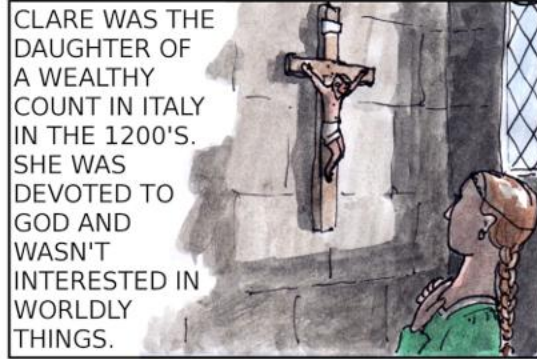
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# Saint Claire of Assisi

## August 11



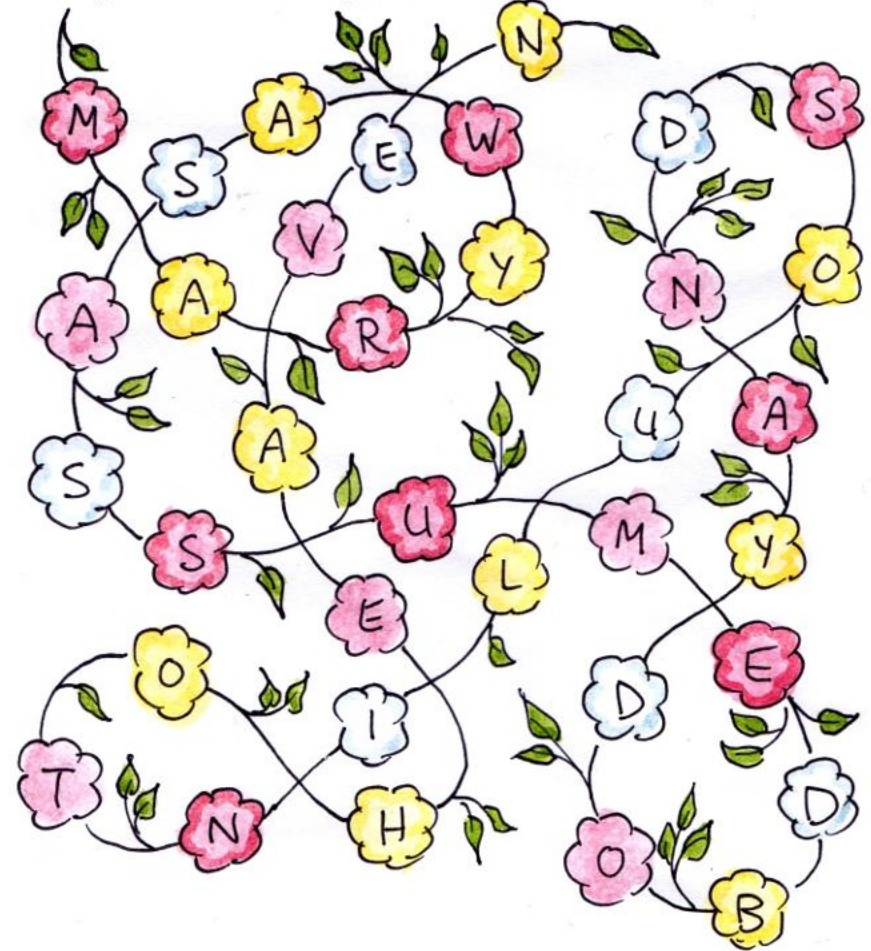
ST. CLAIRE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.

# Flowers for Our Lady

This Saturday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady.

What are we celebrating?

Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.



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