

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Oct. 5	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Oct. 6	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Oct. 7	8:05 am	<i>Eleanor Steber</i>
Thu. Oct. 8	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Oct. 9	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sat. Oct. 10	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	<i>Loren & Lucille Ginder</i> <i>Mary Jane Kuenstler</i> <i>Living & Deceased Hermina & Frances Zuber Family</i>
Sun. Oct. 11	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
	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 SEPTEMBER 27th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,595 (107) Guatemala: \$135 (4)
Loose: \$270 Retired Dio. Priests: \$75 (3)
Building Fund: \$295 (9)

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 ***John Luthe*** who celebrates his 93rd birthday on October 8th!
Card Shower for ***Fr. Steven*** who celebrates his birthday on October 14th.

~ ***AROUND OUR PARISHES*** ~

Saturday, October 3rd

- Mass for ***Linda Volk, The Bodenberg Family,*** and ***a Special Intention.***
- Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Confirmation Commitment Weekend:** Confirmandi should bring their confirmation preparation covenant papers to mass.

Sunday, October 4th

- Mass for ***Carl & Una Kocher*** and ***Rod Kelley.***
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Confirmation Commitment Weekend:** Confirmandi should bring their confirmation preparation covenant papers to mass.

Monday, October 5th

- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church.

Tuesday, October 6th

- 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 Olney.

Wednesday, October 7th

- 8:05 am, mass for ***Eleanor Steber***
- October Rosary: One decade by the St. Joe students before mass. Full rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- **6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross:** *Our Focus this month will be Sacrifice of Praise.* Why do we call the Mass a "Sacrifice"? We know Jesus died once for all, so what are *we* bringing to the altar every Sunday? Come to our family presentation, "The Sacrifice of Praise," to unlock the ancient Jewish roots of the Mass, see how Jesus perfectly fulfills His role as the New Adam, and learn how your family can actively participate in the greatest prayer on Earth. As a Catholic, a sacrifice of praise represents the intentional offering of worship and thanksgiving to God, particularly through the Eucharist or during personal trials.

Thursday, October 8th

- 5:30 PM, The Parish and Family Life Committee will meet in the sewing room at Olney.

Saturday & Sunday, October 10-11th

- Chalices will be given out at all masses for all 2nd graders as part of the kitchen table catechesis.

Sunday, October 11th

- **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, Youth Group at Stringtown.

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

- **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–8th grade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery.
- **Congratulations** to our regional champion baseball team and good luck at the state competition!
- **Friday, October 9:** 7th and 8th grade fall dance
- ***May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen our confirmands as they make their commitment to walk faithfully with Christ.***

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25	
Sep. 28:	Josie Goff (#277)
Sep. 29:	Casey Hemrich (#493)
Sep. 30:	Archer Laughlin (#455)
Oct. 1:	Kristen Eagleson (#281)
Oct. 2:	Lynn Tolliver (#098)

~ ***PARISH NEWS*** ~

- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is ***Friday, October 16th*** to make any changes for the November and December schedules. 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.

- **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. We need volunteers to lead so, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the vestibule. 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."
- **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!
- **Family Life Center may be coming to the Olney Community!!** Informational meeting on October 19th at 6 pm at the Olney Community Building at the City Park. If you are interested in Family Life coming to Olney please attend.
- **World Mission Rosary:** Pray the rosary will us daily via live stream at 2 pm → 

2026 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar

Join us Sunday, October 18 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$12, Children (ages 5-10): \$8, Children 4 & under: Free, All Takeout: \$12. The meal will include pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call Casey Hemrich at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawings at 2:00 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship.

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.

Quilt Raffle Tickets: You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked 'Quilt Raffle' and place them in the collection.

Please review the workers list. If your name is not listed or if you would like to fill an empty spot, call Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268). If you volunteered last year your name is still there!

Please complete the donation form for pies and cakes, etc. Mark what you would like to bring and return form by October 11. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Country Store: Many items are needed for the Country Store. These include canned produce, baked goods, cookies, bread, sweet rolls, etc. Call Mischelle Doll (618-843-4925) with any questions.

Cake Stand: We will need many varieties of cakes! Example: Bundt cakes, cupcakes, decorated fun cakes and more. Please put these cakes on/in disposable containers.

Chance Stand: Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of \$35) for this stand. When possible, please secure multiple small items together to display. Drop off items by 8 AM on Smorgasbord Day or earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610).

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Thurs. October 8:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7pm.
- **Thurs. October 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7pm.
- **Sun. October 25:** Knights led Rosary before the 8 am Olney Mass beginning at 7:40 am.
- **Sun. October 25:** 4th Degree Exemplification at Mt. Carmel. Contact Steve Kuenstler or Mike Ginder.
- If you are interested in Vocational Raffle books to support local Seminarians, contact Rodney Ochs. \$10,000 1st prize and a total of \$20,000 in cash awards.
- **Olney Council Soccer Challenge** winners out of 148 participants are: *Owen Graves, Remi Hancock, Kaden Williams, Haven Hemrich, Gavin Ochs, Haven Hensley, Jett Royse, Brooklyn VanBlaricum, Rylan Ochs, Riley Meadows, Josiah Williams, Halle Cummins, and Ray Zuber.* The two 8 year olds cannot advance because they participate for fun in the 3rd Grade with the 9 year olds. 9 -14 year winners qualify for the Regional Competition in Charleston. Registration is at 11AM and the competition begins at 11:30. If these winners cannot participate, the 2nd place winners are notified to participate.

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.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



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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 8:05 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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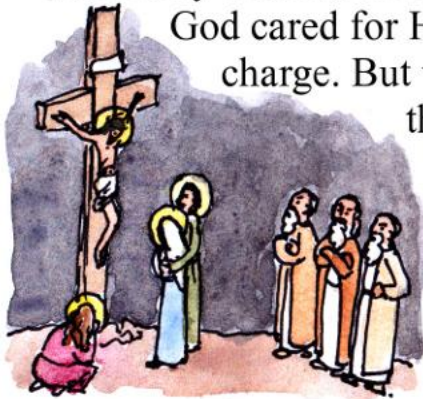
Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



THEY
SHOULD
RESPECT
MY SON!

This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him.



In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!

GOD GAVE ME TALENTS TO HELP OTHERS...



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Answer to front puzzle: They killed him.
Answer to Word-Find: God sent His Son.

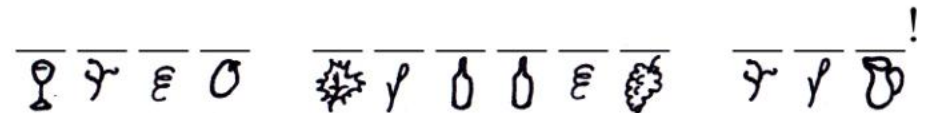
The Kids' Bulletin

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What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?

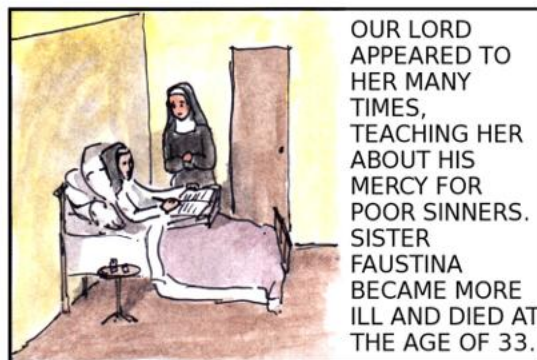
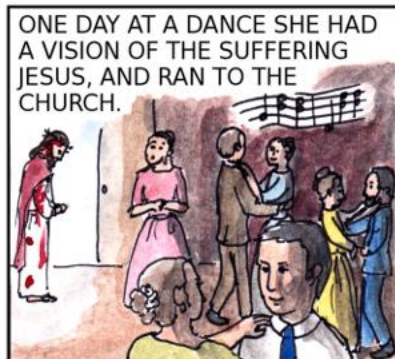
Use the code below to find out.



D E H I K L M T Y

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

October 5



OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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T S E E A R A S E T L
H E I R N O B P R O L
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S O I C O M E S S N E
O W N E R K I L L E D

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."