

Sunday, August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Aug. 24	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 25	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 26	8:05 am	Alvin Zuber Living & Deceased Members of Florine & Marj Weidner Family
Thu. Aug. 27	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 28	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. Aug. 29	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	Carl & Una Kocher Rod Kelley Roy & Viola Fehrenbacher
Sun. Aug. 30	8:00 am	Linda Gumble Don & Ruth Matheny Maren Zuber
	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 16th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$10,155 (113) Loose: \$157
Guatemala: \$90 (3)

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 Belated Birthday to Shirley Kuenstler who celebrated her 92nd birthday on August 21st!!

Happy Birthday to Marian Eagleson who celebrates her 93rd Birthday today, August 23rd!

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, August 22nd

- Mass for Loren & Lucille Ginder, Byron & Virginia Weiler, and Jim Blank.
- Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 6 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, August 23rd

- Mass for Mary Jane Kuenstler, Debbie Jones, and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Monday, August 24th

- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church. New members welcome!!

Tuesday, August 25th

- 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 26th

- 8:05 am, School Mass for Alvin Zuber and Florine & Marj Weidner Family.
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Wednesday, September 2nd

- 6:30-7:45 PM, Family Catechesis begins at Holy Cross.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25
Aug. 17: Susan Mitchell (#793)
Aug. 18: Anne Schrey (#299)
Aug. 19: Beth & Lucas Williams (#498)
Aug. 20: Anne Hahn (#482)
Aug. 21: Michelle Deimel (#522)

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- Big Mums fundraiser has started!! See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs. Order forms are due on Friday, August 28th. Pick up day is September 11th at the Olney City Park cattle barn from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. Make checks payable to St. Joe School. This year we are going to have the option of purchasing tri-colored mums for \$20 each. The other colors available yellow, orange, burgundy, and purple. They will be \$18 each or two for \$35.

Early release on Wed. August 26th at 1:50pm

~ PARISH NEWS ~

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.
- Meals for Moms: Henry Edward Kuhlig was born on July 9, 2026. He was 5 lbs 8 oz, 17 inches long. His parents are Tony and Madelyn (Dunn) Kuhlig. They would like meals to begin on Aug 13, 2026. Please use this link to sign up to provide a meal and dessert. <https://mealtrain.com/06z274>

- Our Guatemala sister parish, San Jose Obrero El Rancho, has sent us their report on how our collection has been helping their parish. From June to December 2025, we collected \$4,066. Please see the report and pictures on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.
- Save the Date!! Noodle making will be the morning of September 12th!
- 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.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- Sunday, Aug. 30: Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following Mass. Any 3rd and 4th Degree members and their family are welcome to attend.
- Thanks to the 41 in attendance at the Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin!

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.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Who do people say that the Son of Man is? What might your response be to this question? Possibly, you would respond the second person of the Divine Trinity, Lord, Savior, Friend, and prayerfully so. What would be your response if Jesus asked you the question, *"Who do you say I am?"* Does your life dictate the Who you say? Does your life reflect a relationship with the I Am? Do you know Who He is? Are you a child of the Kingdom of God, or a child of the world? St. Therese of Lisieux, tells us *"The world is thy ship and not thy home!"* Begin anew this day living a life that radiates the response of *"Yes, I know who you are- You are My God! My Everything! I am Yours! You are Mine!"* Do not get swayed by the worries and changes of our day- keep your focus upon the I Am! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Respect Life Corner: August 23, 2026

Walking With Those Who Wait

"When are you guys going to have kids?" It's a question asked with love, but for couples facing infertility or recurrent miscarriages, it can quietly reopen a wound. This week, we invite you to learn how to accompany them well instead of offering advice or platitudes. For couples walking this road, know you're not alone. Enkindle Ministry, located in St. Louis and Springs in the Desert, offers community, prayer, and support for exactly this kind of struggle. Let us all commit to praying for these couples and their marriages, trusting that even here, God is writing a story of hope. Whether you're in the wait or walking beside someone who is, you can scan the QR code for resources.



Vocation Corner: August 23, 2026

"In early 2020, I returned to the United States from a visit to Ghana. My family stayed behind, and I expected them to follow a week later. But the next day, the airports closed due to the onset of COVID-19. As I prayed for their safe and swift return, I

grappled with the fear of the unknown in my work as a registered nurse. Amid daily silence at home, I turned to Jesus, whom I knew had the answers. My relationship with Him deepened, and I invited Him into every aspect of my life. I will always cherish my first "date" with Jesus – setting the table for two and sharing a delightful supper. That evening, the Holy Spirit led me to watch a film about Venerable Henriette DeLille, who founded the Sisters of the Holy Family. Moved by her courage and perseverance, I discerned a call to religious life and entered the community in 2021. I now serve at the oldest Catholic nursing home in the country. Sr. Seyram Mary Adzokpa; Sisters of the Holy Family, New Orleans, Columbia Dec. 2025

Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic St. Mary's in Ste. Marie

Sunday, September 6, 2026
3pm - 10pm

**Brisket and/or BBQ Pork Chop served
with potato salad, baked beans, drink,
and dessert. Serving from 3-6 pm.**



1 Meat Meal: \$10

2 Meat Meal: \$15



Fun for the whole family!
Bingo, food, kids' games, live music,
beer garden, Homewood Grill ice
cream, and raffle starts at 6:30 pm.

SOCO playing 7-10 pm!

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 8:00 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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Marian Family Exhibit

September 14th -16th
Saint Joseph Church
208 South Elliott Street
Olney, Illinois 62450
(Exhibit Located in
Church Multi-Purpose Room)

September 17th
St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
125 W 5th St
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(Exhibit Located in
Parish Gathering Hall)



Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th

Come, see, and learn about Our Blessed Mother's Love and Visits, noting that "in the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph."

Visit & see the FATHER's great love for us as revealed in choosing Mary as JESUS' Mother with the HOLY SPIRIT as her spouse, with St. Joseph as Foster Father.

Statues & images of over 33 visitations from all over the world. Relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Joachim & St. Anne, & St. Carlo Acutis.

If you have any religious articles that you would like to touch to the relics, please bring them with you.

Monday, Sept. 14th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 10 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 pm - 4 pm Exhibit
- 6:30 pm Mass
- (Mass at: Saint Joseph Church, Stringtown, Illinois)

Tuesday, Sept. 15th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 10 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 pm - 4 pm Exhibit
- 5pm - 7 pm Exhibit

Wednesday, Sept. 16th: St. Joseph in Olney, IL

- 8 am All School Mass in Olney
- 9 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 - 4 pm Exhibit
- 5 pm - 7 pm Exhibit

Thursday, Sept. 17th: St. Mary in Mt. Carmel, IL

- 8 am Mass
- 9 am - Noon Exhibit
- 1 - 7 pm Exhibit

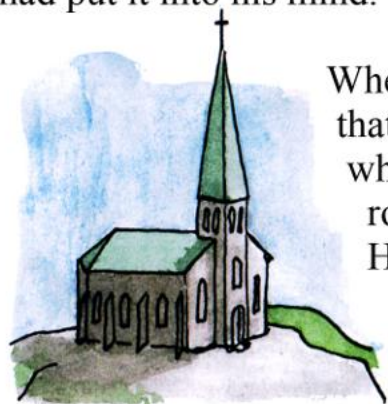
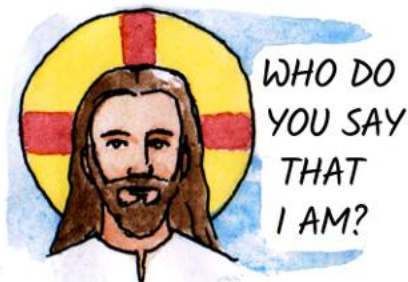
20 minute presentations will be given on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at St. Joseph's Church.



"You Are Peter."

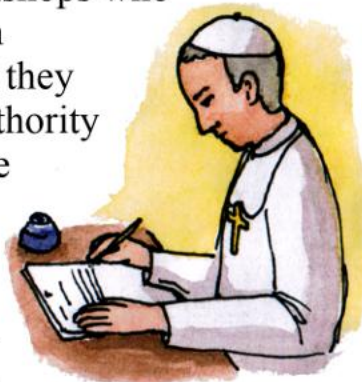
Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.

When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that amazing?



Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5. Neitherworld 7. on 9. be
10. give 11. rock 13. head 14. in 17. flesh 19. Jesus 21. set (or put)
22. name 23. have 24. son DOWN: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are
4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father
18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he

The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2026

Who do you say that I am?



You are
the Christ,
the Son of
the living
God.

Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah,
For flesh and blood
have not revealed
this to you, but my
heavenly Father.

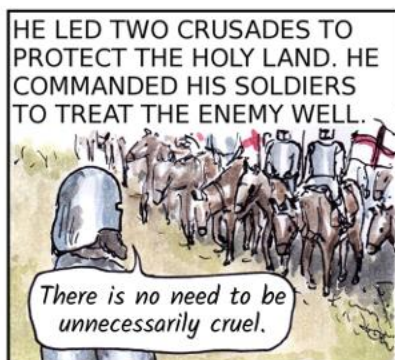
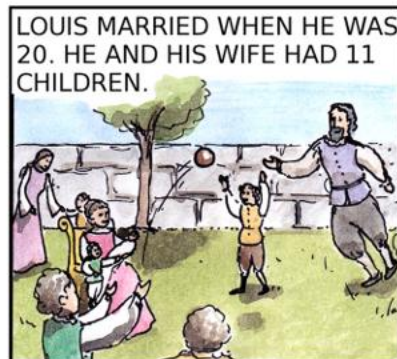
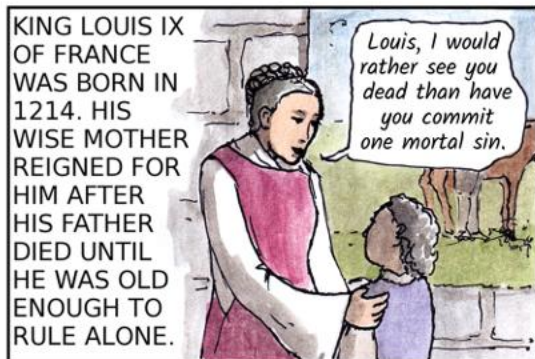
What were Peter and
Jesus saying in today's
Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror
to find out!



Saint Louis of France

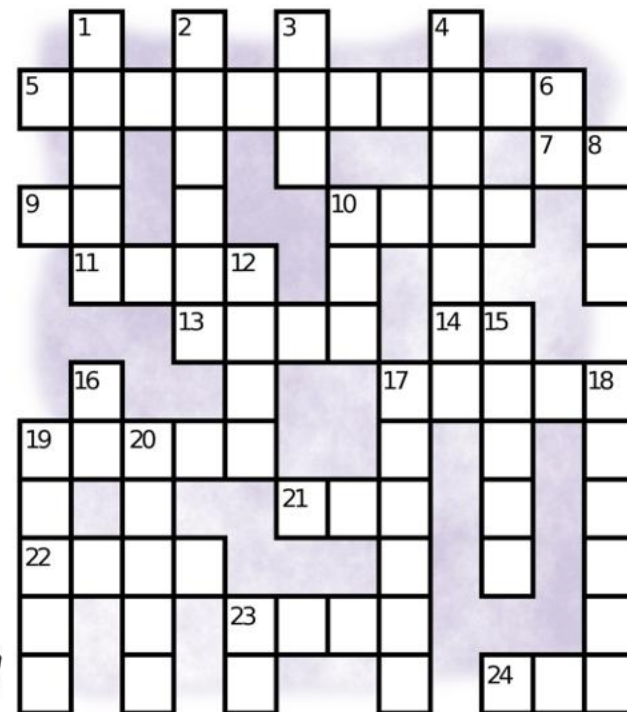
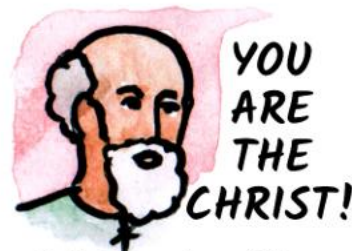
August 25



KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY AND KINDLY.

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ACROSS**
5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 7. "..._____ this rock I will build my Church..."
 9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 19. _____ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
 21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- DOWN**
1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
 6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
 10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
 19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____..."
 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.