

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for August 17, 2025

Envelopes: \$1,189.00 (31)
Loose: \$63.00
Total: \$1,252.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund: \$475.00 (7)

Religious Education Fund: \$50.00 (1)

Assumption of Mary: \$160.00 (7)

August Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

**August Missalettes: In Memory of Albert &
Geneva Zuber, Gene & Ester Kistner, & Carol
Kistner**

****Contact Ashley to schedule for 2026!**

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, August 23 – Middle School Youth Group
Kickoff at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Sunday, August 24 – High School Youth Group
Kickoff BBQ at Holy Cross at 12pm

Young Adults Gathering, Location and Topic, TBD
Monday, August 25 – Young Adults Bible Study at
Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, August 26 – **ASAP Prayer Service and
Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at
St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

**Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish
Center, 10am.**

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

Wednesday, August 27 – Sisters in Christ at Holy
Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Opening Family Catechesis Mass at Holy Cross-
Wendelin, 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us!

Thursday, August 28 – Eucharistic Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin,
5:30pm.

Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Do
you tell the Good News? Do you live the Good

News? Do you only share the “goodness of the
Lord” with those in your circle? Do you spend time
each and every day talking, sharing, conversing
with God- praying? The gate is narrowing- which
implies it is closing- Make Haste- Strive- Persevere-
Eyes toward Heaven. Let everything you are- be an
extension of kindness, share a smile, offer a
compliment, pray for one another, help your
fellow man, include others, show mercy, give
forgiveness... They will know you are of God -when
your Life reflects the Good News! Go Out to All the
World and tell the Good News! Our Lady of Fatima,
pray for us!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

**The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of
Lisieux.**

Tuesday - 10:00am at St. Joseph- Stringtown,
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Wednesday - 5:30pm Holy Cross-Wendelin

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step
in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire
about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date,
contact Caroline Trimble.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Registration still open. Opening Mass will be held
at Holy Cross-Wendelin on August 27th at 6:30pm!

ROOF BIDS:

St Joseph Parish in Olney is receiving bids for a
shingle roof on the rectory at 215 S Elliott. Please
submit bids to the parish office if interested. Thank
you!

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Big, beautiful mum fundraiser going on NOW! See
any St. Joseph School student to order or contact
the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the
school and school programs.

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. Schools in the Diocese of
Belleville do not prohibit hairstyles that are
historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair
texture, including, but not limited to, protective
hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. (Policy
5111.1)

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU AND RESULTS:

Thank you to all who were able to come out and
supported the Stringtown Community Blood Drive
last Sunday (August 17th). It was a very successful
blood drive with 36 productive units of blood
being collected. We appreciate everyone's help in
supporting the Stringtown Community Blood
Drive. Congratulations to Morry Feutz and Anita
Seiler winners of Sunday's gift cards.

Thank you to everyone who made this a successful
drive, including all the donors, volunteers, those
who donated food items, and the American Red
Cross staff! The next Stringtown Community Blood
Drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2025,
from 7-11:30am. Mark your calendar and go ahead
and pre-schedule your November 2nd
appointment by clicking below and using zip code
62450.

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-
drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, August 31: Knight Volunteer Ministry at
8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship

breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary
before the 8AM Mass.

Kudos to the Doll Families for the Annual Family
Member Picnic! Approximately 43 in attendance.
Tootsie Roll Volunteers, contact Scott Seiler!
September 19th, Olney Football Game: September
20th, Wal-Mart: October 3rd, IGA: October 4th, 1-
6PM.

Knight of the Month - Fr. Levi James-Transfer
member.

Current Service 2025-2026 Program Personnel
Directors: Faith -Elmer Weiler, Community-
Preston Kuenstler, Program-Kurt Ginder, Health
Service-Brad Doll, Vocations Raffle-Mike Ginder,
Life-Kyle Kuenstler, Public Relations-Scott Seiler,
Family-Hank Ginder, Membership-Mike Ginder,
Recruitment- Mike Ginder, Dan Kuenstler, Rodney
Ochs, & Chris Doll; Retention- Kurt Ginder, and
Insurance-Mike Ginder.

PRIEST APPRECIATION:

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood
Sunday and our diocesan priests with a special
PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE. This year’s
Priesthood issue falls on Sept. 11th. Our priests’
pastoral ministries affect people’s spiritual and
personal lives in many ways, often at significant
times: the baptism of children or adults; first
Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing
to be married in the church; visitations to a
parishioner in the hospital or nursing home,
receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral
liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be
made more meaningful or less difficult when a
priest walks alongside a family or individual. To
celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese,
The Messenger invites parishioners to comment on
how priests’ pastoral ministries affect their
spiritual and personal lives or the parish
community. Please send brief comments to:
messenger@diobelle.org or email, text to Ashley.

Deadline: 5pm on Thursday, August 28.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

VOCATION CORNER:

“I was born in a small town in Michoacan, Mexico. My mother, a woman of great faith, instilled in me and my five siblings trust in God and kindness toward others. When I turned 15, my family moved to California. It was difficult to leave home, but I soon got used to the new school, friends, and culture. One afternoon, I accompanied a friend to church, more out of duty than desire, and Jesus reminded me that had been waiting for me. I realized how much I had been moving away from him, how much I needed him, and I went to confession. I later encountered the Servants of Mary, Ministers of the Sick, who were visiting the parish. I began to discern, and after high school, I entered my postulancy. I am now a professed junior sister.”
Sister Maritza Madrigal; Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick; New York City; Columbia Magazine, June 2020

RETREAT CANCELLED:

The retreat for Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry in Vandalia, IL on September 5th and 6th is now **cancelled.**

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Hope in the Lord - Do you remember your or your children’s or, perhaps, your grandchildren’s first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a “family” member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman’s students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Carolyn Elie, Linda McWhirter, Deacon Jack Shuster

188th Annual Pre-Labor Day Church PICNIC

St. Mary's in Sainte Marie

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Sainte Marie Style Chicken 3-6 pm

Meal - \$12 Includes Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert & Water
1/2 Chicken only \$12

Serving inside the Parish Center in to-go containers
Leftover chicken will be sold from 6-7 pm inside also

FOOD & GAMES - 3-7 PM

Pork Burgers - Chips - Pop
Homewood Grill Ice Cream
Big Ticket Raffle
Hand-Made Quilt Raffle
Basket Raffle
Raffle Drawings 7 PM
Bingo
Kids Games
Beer Garden - 3-9 PM

Sunday, August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, “Barbara Ann Ochs†”
Monday, August 25, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For The Parish”
Tuesday, August 26, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, August 27, 8:05am at Saint Joseph-Olney
Thursday, August 28, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, August 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 30, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 31, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Bill & Catherine Zwilling†” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

08/24/2025
Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Hank Ginder
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Ian Kocher
Gifts:
Elmer & Mary Ochs

Ushers:
Tom Kocher
Mallory Kocher
Greeters:
Caden Kocher

Children’s Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

08/31/2025
Servers:
Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jamie Kocher
Gifts:
Tom Kocher
Family
Ushers:
Brian Ochs
Mitchell Ochs
Greeters:
Sam & Mary
Zwilling
Children’s Liturgy:
Jenny & Kylie

St. Joseph Church
In Stringtown, Illinois
P.O. Box 10, Dundas, IL 62425



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Website: www.stjosephstringtown.com
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

Very Rev. Fr. Steven Beatty _____ **Pastor**
Cell _____ 618-697-2632
E-mail _____ frsteven.beatty@gmail.com

Reverend Levi James _____ **Parochial Vicar**

Caroline Trimble _____ **Pastoral Associate**
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Tyler Timm _____ **Youth Minister**
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Sunday, August 24th, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Aug. 25 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 26 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 27 8:05 am Alvin Zuber
Thu. Aug. 28 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 29 8:00 am Ed Pool

Sat. Aug. 30
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Linda Gumble
Donald Kocher

Sun. Aug. 31
8:00 am For the Parish
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 17TH

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,934 (119) Loose: \$231
Guatemala: \$160 (6) Cemetery: \$250 (2)

Let Us Pray For: Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, John Bower, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of **John C. Bowlby**. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, August 23rd

- 6:00 PM, middle school youth group meets after the 5 pm mass in Olney.

Sunday, August 24th

- Mass for **Leo & Theresa Doll, Maren Zuber**, and **Ruth Matheny**.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 12 Noon, CYM kickoff BBQ at Holy Cross.
- 6:00 PM, Young Adults Gathering at Rotary Park.

Tuesday, August 26th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sister's in Christ meet in conference room B at St. Joseph, Olney. This group will meet every Tuesday until September 30th, with the exception of September 9th.

Wednesday, August 27th

- Mass for **Alvin Zuber**.
- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis opening mass at Holy Cross.

Friday, August 29th

- Mass for **Ed Pool**.

Sunday, August 31st

- Knights lead rosary before the 8 am mass. Knights Volunteer Ministry, followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.
- 3:00-9:00 PM, Sainte Marie Picnic.

On behalf of the family of Donald Kocher, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, support, and presence. Your thoughtful gestures have truly meant so much. We'd also like to give a special thanks to Fr. Steven and Fr. Levi for the beautiful service, to Fr. Bill for leading the Rosary, and to the ladies who prepared such a comforting meal. Thank you for your kindness and for everything you did for our family.

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- Big, beautiful mum** 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 September 5th**. Pick up day is September 12 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 new option of purchasing tri-colored mums for \$20 each. The other colors available are burgundy, orange, and yellow. They will be \$17 each or two for \$32.

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~ PARISH NEWS ~

- Parish Council** will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 pm in conference room B.
- St Joseph Parish in Olney is **receiving bids** for a shingle roof on the rectory at 215 S. Elliott. Please submit bids to the parish office if interested. Thank you!

Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

August/September Family Catechesis
Join us for the Opening Mass!

Wed. Aug. 27, 6:30 pm Holy Cross Church

- Our families will receive their "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" booklet with a social afterwards. The next Family Catechesis gathering is on Wed. Sept 3, 6:30 pm in the Holy Cross Parish Center we will have a brief parent meeting, youth activity, and more "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints." See you at Family Catechesis where we learn to live, and love like the Saints!
- Noodle Making, Saturday 9-13-2025** at 7:30am – Noon in Cafeteria. Volunteers Needed - No experience necessary just a willing attitude. 8th grade Confirmandees welcomed to make noodles and Sunday for sweeping up after 8am Mass. Please join us for some fun and laughter Saturday morning 9-13-2024 and/or cleanup after Mass Sunday morning. Call Julie Herring 618-562-9655 or Vicki Stuckey 618-292-4357 with questions.
- Attention All Anniversary Couples:** This year, the Parish and Family Life Committee will be sponsoring an Anniversary Brunch celebration on Sunday, September 21, following the 8:00 am mass. Any couple of the parish who already has or will be celebrating in 2025 their 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary is invited to attend the Mass celebration that Sunday and stay for brunch in the multipurpose room. Please contact the Parish office M-W-F to make reservations by **Wednesday, September 17**. Those attending will be asked to bring a wedding picture to share with everyone in attendance.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Aug. 18: Heather Colwell (#040)
Aug. 19: Zavior Zuber (#140)
Aug. 20: Reta Kocher (#605)
Aug. 21: Lauren Eagleson (#678)
Aug. 22: Ann Muston (#113)

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- **Sunday, August 31:** Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8 AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the Mass.
- Kudos to the Doll Families for the Annual Family Member Picnic! Approximately 43 in attendance.
- **Tootsie Roll volunteers** contact Scott Seiler! September 19th, Olney Football Game; September 20th, Wal-Mart; October 3rd, IGA, October 4th, IGA 1-6PM.
- **Knight of the Month** - Fr. Levi James-Transfer member.
- Current Service 2025-2026 Program Personnel Directors: Faith -Elmer Weiler, Community- Preston Kuentler, Program-Kurt Ginder, Health Service-Brad Doll, Vocations Raffle-Mike Ginder, Life-Kyle Kuentler, Public Relations-Scott Seiler, Family-Hank Ginder, Membership-Mike Ginder, Recruitment- Mike Ginder, Dan Kuentler, Rodney Ochs, & Chris Doll; Retention- Kurt Ginder, and Insurance-Mike Ginder.

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

♪ Sunday, August 31, 2025 ♪
3pm - 9pm

Sainte Marie Style Chicken and meal served in to-go containers in parish center. Serving from 3-6 pm.

🍗 Meal: \$12 🗑️
1/2 Chicken only: \$12

Fun for the whole family!
Bingo, food, kids' games, live music, beer garden, Homewood Grill ice cream, and raffle starts at 7 pm.

SOCO playing 6-9 pm!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Vocation Corner: August 24th

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Respect Life Corner: August 24th

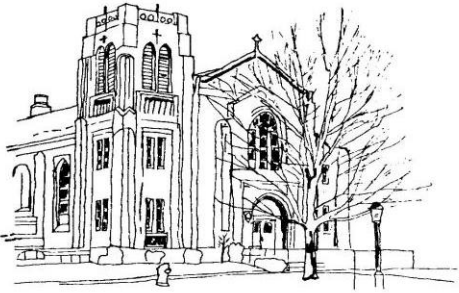
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Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee

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 School Mass 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 or replay anytime.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 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** ~

Josy Hart.....Principal

Carol Potter Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle Office Manager

School Office 618-395-3081

E-mail..... office@stjoeolney.com

Website www.stjoeolney.com

FAX 618-395-8500

Kristen Eagleson.....Financial Manager

School Advisory Council: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuentler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

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+Eucharistic Celebrations+

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Sunday, August 24, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Edwin & Luella Will†”
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Friday, August 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 30, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin ‘Royal & Emma Weidner+†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 31, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Isaac & Reese Kessler†+”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown; 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

August Bulletins: In Memory of Jerry Mix
August Missalettes: For the Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Tony & Penni Kuentler	Holly Nettleton
EMHC:	EMHC:
Beverly Weidner	Phyllis Eggers
Lynn Weidner	Jason Warfel
Christine Hall	Sandi Kessler
Emma Tinder	Missy Buerster
Lectors:	Lectors:
Victoria Rudolphi	Melissa Weidner
Money Counters:	
Henry & Sandi Kessler	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Toby Hall	Aaron Eggers
Hank Weidner	Shad Street
Daniel Baker	Ben Street
James Rudolphi	Henry Kessler

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, August 17, 2025
(76) Envelope Collection: \$2,083.00
Loose: \$439.00 **Total: \$2,522.00** (8) Religious Education Fund: \$545.00, (5) Building: \$270.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, August 20th – **\$274,838.57** has been received from 395 donations – thank you!


REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer,
Gerry Carter, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler), Lee Patridge, Valerie Weidner, Tonya Hall, Deacon Jack Shuster (Deacon at St. Joseph-Olney)

CRMH COMMUNION:
August 31 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506
September 14 – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361
September 21 – Ellen Weber (618)-771-7752
October 12 – Marge Kessler (618)-843-6841
October 19 – Sheryl Klingler (618)-843-3083

MASS SERVERS:
Sat. August 23 – Ian Kessler, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert
Sun. August 24 – Alex Street, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower
Sat. August 30 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi
Sun. August 31 – Ellee Nettleton, Brooke & Braden Weidner

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Newton Knights of Columbus August Stag at Holy Cross-Wendelin Pavillion, 7pm.
Wednesday, August 27 – Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Opening Family Catechesis Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us!
Thursday, August 21– Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Saturday, August 23 – Middle School Youth Group Kickoff at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.
Sunday, August 24 – **High School Youth Group Kickoff BBQ at Holy Cross at 12pm and Young Adults, Location and Topic TBD.**
Friday, September 12 – **American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 1:30-5:30pm.**
Sunday, September 14 – **Holy Cross Feast Day/Dedication Ceremony, 10am Mass followed by Meal at 11am and Dedication at 1pm.**

NATIVITY RESTORATION THANK YOU:
A huge thank you to the parishioner that donated the complete \$3,000 for the Nativity statue restoration. All though, this donation was made anonymously, Holy Cross expresses sincere gratitude for this donation for all parishioners to enjoy for many Christmas seasons to come! Thank you on behalf of all of us! May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

HC FEAST DAY/DEDICATION CELEBRATION:
The Holy Cross Church Feast Day and Dedication Celebration will be held on September 14, 2025. Mass will be celebrated at 10am, with meal at 11am, followed by Dedication at 1pm. Meal will be catered by Ochs St. Smoked Meats and menu will be pork loin, garlic grilled chicken breast, hashbrown casserole, green beans, tea/lemonade, and a dessert. Cookies and drinks will be provided after the Dedication. Please sign up in the back of church, call the parish office, or text Cindy Blank at 618-843-8018. **Please RSVP by September 1st!**

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS:
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER FAMILY CATECHESIS
Join us for the Opening Mass on Wed. Aug. 27 at 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin. Our families will receive their "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints" booklet with a social afterwards. The next Family Catechesis gathering is on Wed. Sept 3, 6:30 pm in the Holy Cross Parish Center we will have a brief parent meeting, youth activity, and more "Following in the Footsteps of the Saints." See you at Family Catechesis where we learn to live, and love like the Saints!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Do you tell the Good News? Do you live the Good News? Do you only share the “goodness of the Lord” with those in your circle? Do you spend time each and every day talking, sharing, conversing with God- praying? The gate is narrowing- which implies it is closing- Make Haste- Strive- Persevere-

Eyes toward Heaven. Let everything you are- be an extension of kindness, share a smile, offer a compliment, pray for one another, help your fellow man, include others, show mercy, give forgiveness... They will know you are of God - when your Life reflects the Good News! Go Out to All the World and tell the Good News! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ROOF BIDS:

St Joseph Parish in Olney is receiving bids for a shingle roof on the rectory at 215 S Elliott. Please submit bids to the parish office if interested. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy will begin on Sundays with September 7th as our first date. Parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 3 years-kindergarten for the Liturgy. We are hoping the first grade students will be attending church with their parents to prepare for the Holy Eucharist during their second grade class year. Please bring your child to the Parish House basement before Mass for a simplified lesson on the weekend's Liturgy readings. Children will return to their parents during the offertory. Questions, contact Anna Land (618)-508-2011 or Maria Street (618)-783-9310.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

"The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux". **Tuesday** - 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Wednesday - 5:30pm Holy Cross-Wendelin

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN:

On Sunday, August 31 we will be offering a rosary for the unborn before mass starting at 9:30am. A rosary for the unborn will be offered each month on the last Sunday of the month. Jesus, protect and save the unborn!

NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:



Newton Knights of Columbus Stag will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at Holy Cross-Wendelin. The meal will be at 7pm and feature porkburgers, sweet corn, and baked beans. The meal is a free will donation, and all are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Big, beautiful mum fundraiser going on NOW! See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs. **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. Schools in the Diocese of Belleville do not prohibit hairstyles that are historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. (Policy 5111.1)

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, August 31: Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the 8AM Mass. **Kudos** to the Doll Families for the Annual Family Member Picnic! Approximately 43 in attendance.
Tootsie Roll Volunteers, contact Scott Seiler!
September 19th, Olney Football Game: September

20th, Wal-Mart: October 3rd, IGA: October 4th, 1-6PM. **Knight of the Month** - Fr. Levi James-Transfer member. **Current Service 2025-2026 Program Personnel Directors:** Faith -Elmer Weiler, Community- Preston Kuenstler, Program-Kurt Ginder, Health Service-Brad Doll, Vocations Raffle-Mike Ginder, Life-Kyle Kuenstler, Public Relations-Scott Seiler, Family-Hank Ginder, Membership-Mike Ginder, Recruitment- Mike Ginder, Dan Kuenstler, Rodney Ochs, & Chris Doll; Retention-Kurt Ginder, and Insurance-Mike Ginder.

PRIEST APPRECIATION:

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE. To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests' pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. Please send brief comments to: messenger@diobelle.org or email, text to Ashley. **Deadline: 5pm on Thursday, August 28.**

ST. MARY'S-STE. MARIE PRE-LABOR DAY PICNIC:

188th Annual Pre-Labor Day Church PICNIC
St. Mary's in Sainte Marie
Sunday, August 31, 2025
Sainte Marie Style Chicken 3-6 pm
Meal - \$12 Includes Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert & Water
1/2 Chicken only \$12
Serving inside the Parish Center in to-go containers
Leftover chicken will be sold from 6-7 pm inside also

SOCO
'a little southern comfort'
Playing 6 - 9 PM

FOOD & GAMES - 3-7 PM
Pork Burgers - Chips - Pop
Homewood Grill Ice Cream
Big Ticket Raffle
Hand-Made Quilt Raffle
Basket Raffle
Raffle Drawings 7 PM
Bingo
Kids Games
Beer Garden - 3-9 PM

Sunday, August 24, 2025 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.



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