ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Collection Total for August 3, 2025

Envelopes: $1,526.00 (27)
Loose: $97.00
Total: $1,623.00

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
Building Fund: $20.00 (1)
Religious Education Fund: $10.00 (2)
Assumption of Mary: $10.00 (1)

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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!

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PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, August 10 – Student Backpack Blessing During 8AM Mass with Donut Sunday Following at St. Joseph-Stringtown.
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Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
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Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm and St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville at 6:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Friday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph-Olney, 8am.
Sunday, August 17 – Stringtown Community Club Sponsored Blood Drive, 7-11:30am.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. We are told to be prepared for the glorious return of the Son of Man - Jesus Christ! How does one prepare for such an arrival? When we expect guests we prepare a room, provide nice linens, plan meals, activities, etc… How does one plan for the arrival of this Divine Guest - the Son of Man? The preparations should begin internally, yes, within our hearts. Our hearts must be open to His Love, Mercy, and Truth. Our lives should also reflect the Divine Guest that dwell internally. No, the hour is not known - if it was – one would be most diligent with their life. The Son of Man will come! Will you be prepared to meet this expected Divine Guest? Make haste today, return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Live in His Eucharistic Love! Do not miss the present moment to prepare your heart - to prepare your soul for its eternal destination. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:

Please note there was an issue with the August ministry schedule regarding **ONLY** the greeters. Please follow the schedule listed below:
August 10 – The Seaman Family
August 17 – Elmer & Mary Ochs
August 24 – Caden Kocher
August 31 – Sam & Mary Zwilling

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Our New Book will be, "**The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux**." In this short work, full of Thérèse's joyful spontaneity and fervor, you will discover the great themes of her spirituality, called the "Little Way": joy and confidence, complete abandonment to God's merciful love, and her passion for the Church's missions, for which she is the patron saint. If you are interested contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate. The book will be shared on Tues. Aug 12, St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00 a.m. and the study will begin on Aug 19th.

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:

Thank you for registering. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. Opening Mass will be held at Holy Cross-Wendelin on August 27th at 6:30pm!

STUDENT BACKPACK BLESSING:

Sunday, August 10th – The Social & Service Committee would like to invite all students (grade school, high school, and college) to bring their backpacks to church on August 10 for a blessing of God's love to guide them through the school year. Following the blessing will be donuts in the Parish Center.

QUILTS FOR A CURE:

This year, my project to raise money for a cure for dementia and Alzheimer's will be a raffle. Tickets will be sold for $1.00 per ticket. There will be two school spirit quilts (orange and black) along with one other quilt. There will also be baby quilts and throws at reasonable prices. All donations will go to the Charleston Walk on September 13th. They will be on display on August 10th in the Parish Center after Mass during Donut Sunday. Winners will be announced the following weekend in the bulletin. If any questions, call Kathy Zuber at 618-869-2306.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all of those at supported Holy Cross Parish Picnic this past weekend! It was a wonderful day with beautiful weather!

FATHER JERRY 5K:

Today is a great day to sign up for this year's annual Fr. Jerry 5K. This 5K run/walk and the 1-mile fun run will start at the entrance to the Musgrove Aquatic Center on August 16, 2025. The 5K race begins at 8 am and the 1-mile fun run will follow. The first 125 youth sign ups are free, but hurry there are only 65 free spots left! Sign up here **http**://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Olney/2023FatherJerry5K**.**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

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- Confirmation meeting at 5:30pm in the MPR

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Want to make a difference in our classrooms? We're always looking for caring individuals to join us as **substitute teachers or aides**. If you're interested, please stop by the school office to pick up the necessary Diocesan paperwork.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, August 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.**Sunday, August 17:** Annual Free Family Member Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. Bring a lawn chair or sit at the tables. Bring a dessert if possible.
Thursday, August 21: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, August 31: Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the Mass.
Consider being a Tootsie Roll volunteer in mid-September. Contact Scott Seiler.

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. 11, 2024. 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: 5 pm on Thursday, August 28.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of pre-born children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?
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RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:
Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting a retreat on the evening of Sept 5 and all day on Sept 6. Join us for this upcoming retreat titled "The Power and Protection of the Seven Swords of St Michael". Fr. Giacomo Capoverdi will be our retreat leader for this event. Come and learn how virtues empower you to reach holiness and give protection for yourself and your family. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is $45 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber

Sunday, August 10, 2025
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Friday, August 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Norman Kocher✝" "Carolyn Zuber✝" "Living & Deceased Members of the Fred & Catherine Zwilling Family✝" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

08/10/2025	**08/17/2025**
Servers:	**Servers:**
Emmitt Kocher	Kerigan Kocher
Ian Kocher	Hallie Ochs
Hallie Ochs	Julian Seaman
Lector:	**Lector:**
Kylie Kocher	Shelly Seaman
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Elmer Ochs	Owen Kocher
Mary Ochs	Gary Zwilling
John Ochs	Janette Kocher
Gifts:	**Gifts:**
David Muhs	Werner &
Family	Janette Kocher
Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Ray Schneider	Elmer Ochs
Alex Schneider	Ian Kocher
Greeters:	**Greeters:**
The Seaman Family	Elmer & Mary Ochs
Children's Liturgy:	**Children's Liturgy**:
Joselyn & Mallory	Madison & Natalie

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✞ Eucharistic Celebrations ✞

Mon. Aug. 11	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 12	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 13	**8:15 am**	***For the Parish***
	1:30 PM	***Carle 3rd Floor***
Thu. Aug. 14	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 15	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. Aug. 16
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM ***Maren Zuber***
Bernie Seiler

Sun. Aug. 17
8:00 am ***For the Parish***
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR AUGUST SPONSORS
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OUR TITHES FOR AUGUST 3RD
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $10,633 (108) Outreach: $275
Guatemala: $426 (19)

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

Deepest sympathy to the families of ***Judith Ann Zuber, Jake Thomas Kuykendall,*** and ***Donald A. Kocher***. May they rest in the peace of God's love.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, August 9th
- Mass for ***Jean Zwilling.***

Sunday, August 10th
- Mass for ***Jim & Mary Steber and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students entering grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!

Monday, August 11th
- 4 PM - 6 PM, St. Joseph School open house for students and parents.
- 5:30 PM, Confirmation meeting in the MPR for 8th grade students and parents.

Tuesday, August 12th
- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.

Wednesday, August 13th
- 8:15, First day of school mass.
- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline.
- 1:30 PM, Mass at Carle 3rd floor.

Thursday, August 14th
- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life committee meeting in the quilting room.

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CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Aug. 4: Kerry Constantin (#318)
Aug. 5: Robert Zuber (#153)
Aug. 6: Jamia Joyce (#189)
Aug. 7: Amanda Schlick (#489)
Aug. 8: Scott Ritter (#106)

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- **Sisters in Christ:** Our New Book will be, "The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. In this short work, full of Thérèse's joyful spontaneity and fervor, you will discover the great themes of her spirituality, called the "Little Way": joy and confidence, complete abandonment to God's merciful love, and her passion for the Church's missions, for which she is the patron saint. If you are interested in joining, text Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate. **Pick up your books on Tuesday, August 12th.** The book study will begin **August 19th.**
- **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. Thank you!
- **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 Hearring 618-562-9655 or Vicki Stuckey 618-292-4357 with questions.
- **Reminder:** Please remember to take off any labels from soup cans when you bring them by for recycling. The recycling place will not accept them with labels still attached. Thank you!

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Vocation Corner: August 10th

"I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!" Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. Columbia, September 2022

Respect Life Corner: August 10th

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of pre-born children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?
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St. Joseph Church

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Sunday, August 10, 2025
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Mother Teresa

~ 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 8:15 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am mass on Sunday is 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 ~

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Kristen Eagleson……...Financial Manager

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August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, August 9, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Jack & Lavera Bryan✝ and Larry Bryan✝" "Arthur & Barbara Rauch✝", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, August 10, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Ferd & Stella Westendorf✝" "Jerry Mix✝"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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Friday, August 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

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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 Kuenstler	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 3, 2025
(53) Envelope Collection: $2,090.00
Loose: $719.00 **Total: $2,809.00** (1) Rebuild: $30.00, (2) Religious Education Fund: $30.00, (27) Building: $1,570.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, August 6th – **$274,738.57** has been received from 394 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

CRMH COMMUNION:
August 10 – Diane Schackmann (217)-343-8799
August 17 – Martha Deimel (217)-663-8275
August 31 – Diane Herdes (618)-723-2506

MASS SERVERS:
Sat. August 9 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi
Sun. August 10 – Ellee Nettleton, Brooke & Braden Weidner
Sat. August 16 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. August 17 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard

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THANK YOU:
We would like to thank everyone for their help in making Holy Cross Picnic 2025 a success. From setup, donations to the various stands, delicious desserts, working your shifts, to cleaning up, the committee greatly appreciates everything everyone did! We could not have done it without you. Thank you! – 2025 Picnic Committee

THANK YOU FROM MAREAH:
Thank you to the entire picnic committee for all your help this past weekend. From all your efforts in planning to the actual picnic weekend activities, I appreciate you! The work you have done and the hours you put in, did not go unnoticed. Thank you!
– Mareah Rauch

DINNER TICKETS SOLD:
There were 1,055 adult meals and 85 children tickets sold! Thank you for your support!

POST-PICNIC STANDS MEETING:
Post picnic heads of stand meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:45pm in the Parish Center. If you can't make it, please reach out to a committee member and provide them your feedback.

NATIVITY RESTORATION:
The Nativity statues will be professionally restored. The cost will be approximately $3,000. Parishioners can contribute by placing their donation in an envelope marked for this purpose in the collection basket now through the Christmas season.

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

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. We are told to be prepared for the glorious return of the Son of Man - Jesus Christ! How does one prepare for such an arrival? When we expect guests we prepare a room, provide nice linens, plan meals, activities, etc. How does one plan for the arrival of this Divine Guest - the Son of Man? The preparations should begin internally, yes, within our hearts. Our hearts must be open to His Love, Mercy, and Truth. Our lives should also reflect the Divine Guest that dwell internally. No, the hour is not known - if it was – one would be most diligent with their life. The Son of Man will come! Will you be prepared to meet this expected Divine Guest? Make haste today, return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Live in His Eucharistic Love! Do not miss the present moment to prepare your heart - to prepare your soul for its eternal destination. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Tuesday - 10:00am at St. Joseph- Stringtown, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney, **Wednesday -** 5:30pm Holy Cross-Wendelin; Our New Book will be, "**The Story of the Soul" the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux**." In this short work, full of Thérèse's joyful spontaneity and fervor, you will discover the great themes of her spirituality, called the "Little Way": joy and confidence, complete abandonment to God's merciful love, and her passion for the Church's missions, for which she is the patron saint. If you are interested in joining, contact Kristi Sandschafer, or Caroline Trimble. The book will be shared on Wed. Aug 13, Holy Cross Parish Center 5:30pm and the study will begin on Aug 20th.

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.

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 by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Playground renovation: After a few years of broken and cracked parts making our playground less safe, St. Joseph School made a plan to replace our playground equipment. Over the past few years, we have been the recipient of bequests from parishioners' wills, which helped make our plan financially feasible. We are also grateful to have the support of the Johnsie Fiock Fildes grant and Doll's, Inc. While we didn't need a public funding campaign due to these bequests, we recently accepted another donation. If anyone wants to participate in our playground renovation, please contact Carol Potter. Donations over $10,000 will be recognized in our fall newsletter. **Monday, August 11th** - Open House from 4-6 pm, Confirmation meeting at 5:30pm in the MPR **Wednesday, August 13th** - First Day of School for K-8 Students and Opening Mass, 8:15 am, **Thursday, August 14th and Friday, August 15th** - First Days for Preschool Students, **Saturday, August 16 –** Father Jerry 5K; **Get ready for fall and support the school!** Our annual **mum fundraiser** kicks off on August 22. Your beautiful mums will be delivered on September 12, just in time to decorate for the season. **Want to make a difference in our classrooms?** We're always looking for caring individuals to join us as **substitute teachers or aides**. If you're interested, please stop by the school office to pick up the necessary Diocesan paperwork.

FATHER JERRY 5K:

This 5K run/walk and the 1-mile fun run will start at the entrance to the Musgrove Aquatic Center on August 16, 2025. Sign up here https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Olney/2023FatherJerry5K.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, August 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, August 17:** Annual Free Family Member Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. Bring a lawn chair or sit at the tables. Bring a dessert if possible. **Thursday, August 21:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, August 31:** Knight Volunteer Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass followed by a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. Knight led Rosary before the Mass. **Consider being a Tootsie Roll volunteer** in mid-September. Contact Scott Seiler.

PRIEST APPRECIATION:

Every fall *The Messenger* celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE. This year's Priesthood issue falls on Sept. 11, 2024. 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:

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of pre-born children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?

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Sunday, August 10, 2025
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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