

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

Bulletins

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Collection Total for August 2, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,344.00 (29)
Loose: \$77.00
Total: \$1,421.00

Building Fund: \$70.00 (2)

Assumption of Mary: \$25.00 (1)

Religious Education: \$260.00 (7)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

August Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

August Missalettes: For the Families of Sam &

Mary Zwilling

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PARISH EVENTS:

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Joseph-Stringtown During 8am Mass.

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Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 2-3pm.

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Wednesday, August 12 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Saturday, August 15 – Father Jerry 5k in Olney.

Run or walk to support the sports and music programs at St. Joseph.

Sunday, August 16 – **Ice Cream Social at St.**

Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 2-4pm.

Saturday, August 22 – Middle School Youth Group at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Sunday, August 23 – High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:

Please note PO Box change on the front of the bulletin. Our PO Box is now located in Olney. Thank you!

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:

A group of ladies "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together. Our new study will begin in a few weeks -watch bulletins for upcoming information. Consider joining us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, or 5:00pm St. Joseph-Olney, and Wednesday evening 5:30pm. Holy Cross-Wendelin. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! **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 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and Wednesday, August 12 at Holy Cross-Wendelin at 5:30pm. The cost of the book is \$15.00.* Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes.

Contact Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our focus for the year. Registration is open and you can register at the parish website. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May from 6:30pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

THANK YOU FROM HOLY CROSS:

Thanks to all the Tri-Parish friends and family of Holy Cross that attended and supported the 2026 Parish Picnic last Sunday, August 2nd. It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces and it was a day!

BACKPACK BLESSING TODAY:

The Social & Service Committee would like to invite all students grade school, high school & college to bring their backpacks to church on August 9th for a blessing of God's love to guide them through the school year.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

Stringtown Community BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled **SUNDAY, August 16th, (appointments are recommended)** from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center. **American Red Cross August Promo:** The heat is on to find lifesaving donors! Come to give blood in August and get a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/August for details. **Also, all donors will be eligible to be entered in a chance for a gift card and receive a free individual size ice cream.** Our goal is 38 units, and we were told that it is very important that we reach our goal so we can continue having our future drives. Walkins will be welcome, but pre-scheduled appointments are recommended. This can be done by clicking below and using our drive zip code which is 62450 to schedule your appointment.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

Don't forget to complete the RapidPass. RapidPass | American Red Cross - RapidPass allows you to start the blood donation process from the comfort of your home or office and save time at the donation site. The process is simple, just read the following information and complete the questions online, then print your RapidPass and bring it with you or show it on your mobile RapidPass® can help save time during your next blood or platelet donation. For the best donation experience, we recommend you schedule an appointment, then complete your RapidPass®. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass.html>

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:



Please join us for an Ice Cream Social in the St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center on Sunday, August 16 from 2-4pm. We will be serving ice cream, cookies, and brownies and all are welcome!

UNBOUND THANK YOU:

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 and select one. Fr. George Knab, O.M.I.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of August 9th – Triumph of the Heart, The New Eve: Lectio: Mary Episode 1, and Clare & Francis.**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY 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 12th. **First day of Preschool:** August 13th. **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.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



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FLOCKNOTE REMINDER:

Text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.



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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Franklin

Sunday, August 9, 2026
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bill & Catherine Zwilling Families"
Monday, August 10, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Sr. Antoinette Volk, PHJC†" "Sr. Loretta Volk, PHJC†"
Tuesday, August 11, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, August 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, August 13, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin; 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor
Friday, August 14, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 15, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Carolyn Zuber†", "Norman Kocher†", "Joseph Schneider†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

08/09/2026

Servers:

Don Seiler
Sadie Seiler
Gus Kocher

Lector:

Owen Kocher

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

David Muhs
Family

Ushers:

Austin Kuenstler
Ian Kocher

Greeters:

Mallory Kocher
Children's Liturgy:
Anita & Anna

08/16/2026

Servers:

Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Hallie Ochs

Lector:

Shelly Seaman

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Scott Seiler

Gifts:

Chad & Jenny
Hancock Family

Ushers:

Julian Seaman
Carter Seaman

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs
Children's Liturgy:
Joselyn & Mallory

St. Joseph Church
Stringtown, Illinois
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Email: stjoestringtown@hotmail.com

Website: www.stjosephstringtown.com

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

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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 3rd 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 2nd

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,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.

- **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 8th**
- 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 9th**
- 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 10th**
- 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 11th**
- 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 12th**
- 8:05 am, Back to School Mass.
 - Rosary after mass.
 - 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
 - 1:30 PM, mass at Carle on the 3rd floor.

- Thursday, August 13th**
- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life meeting in the sewing room. New members are welcome!

- Friday, August 14th**
- Mass for **John Bowlby.**
 - Deadline for Minister changes for the September and October schedules.

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

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- **Fr. Jerry 5K:** August 15th 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. →



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- ~ **PARISH NEWS** ~
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Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.
- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is **Friday, August 14th** 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 65th Anniversary on **August 9th**. Their family is hosting an open house from 2-4 pm on August 9th 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 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.

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** ~

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- **Thursday, Aug. 20:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
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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.

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St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ **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 8:00 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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Carol Potter Assistant Principal
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School Advisory Council:
Brienne Fehrenbacher, Ladi Phillips, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Tyler Ochs, Andrea Kuentler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), and Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, August 8, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Dana (Kuhl) Bell†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 9, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Richard Weidner† and Elizabeth Weidner†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
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August Bulletins and Missalettes:
Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352
In Memory of Carly Knapp

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
To schedule, contact Ashley. **Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, August 3, 2026
() Envelope Collection: \$1,965.00, Loose: \$197.25
– **Total: \$2,162.25,** () Building: \$1,475.00, (1) Religious Education Fund: \$20.00

AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Kelly & Sherry Geier	Kevin & Heather Blank
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Martha Deimel	Jason Warfel
Sherry Geier	Kim Smithenry
Lynn Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Emma Tinder	Missy Buerster
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Victoria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
Kelly Geier	Kevin Blank
Hank Weidner	Jerome Kistner
Tim Weidner	Michael Kistner
James Rudolphi	James Kistner
<u>Mass Servers:</u>	
Saturday, August 8 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, August 9 – Alex Street, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	
Saturday, August 15 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi	
Sunday, August 16 – Alex & Nora Street, Ellee Bare	
<u>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</u>	
August 9 – Kaila & Bailey Kistner	
August 16 – Alli Street & Nora Street	
August 23 – Melissa & Brooke Weidner	
August 30 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare	
<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	
August 9 – Martha Deimel	
August 16 – Maria Rudolphi	
August 30 – Ellen Weber	

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

 Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Rita Kocher, Ruth Rauch (Ruth would appreciate cards and they can be sent to 3069

North 250th Street, Newton, IL 62448!), Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher

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Sunday, August 23 – **High School Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.**

UNBOUND THANK YOU:
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 parish-ioners who are continuing commitments made in re-sponse 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 and select one.

Fr. George Knab, O.M.I.

SISTER’S IN CHRIST:
A group of ladies "Sisters" who support, encour-age, pray for one another, and deepen our Catho-lic faith life together. Consider joining us on Tues-day mornings, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, or 5:00pm St. Joseph-Olney, and Wednesday even-ing 5:30pm. Holy Cross-Wendelin. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! **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 formida-ble women saints and invites you to develop the grit, humility, pragmatism, hope, joy, and vision these women possessed. Each woman’s experi-ence of God, understanding of spirituality, and timeless wisdom gained her the title Doctor of the Church, which indicates that through her life, re-search, study, and writing, she has deepened and advanced the faith. *Join us for this study and pre-pare to fall so in love with these women who re-lect the life of Christ. The books will be available Tuesday, August 11 at St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am and St. Joseph-Olney 5:00pm, and Wednesday, August 12 at Holy Cross-Wendelin 5:30pm. The cost of the book is \$15.00.* Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our fo-cus for the year. Registration is open and you can register at the parish website. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May from 6:30 pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

2026 HOLY CROSS PICNIC NEWS:
Thank you to the committee, parishioners, local businesses, and family and friends of Holy Cross that donated, worked, supported, and/or attend-ed our 2026 Holy Cross Parish Picnic. It was a wonderful day with parish fellowship and beautiful weather! Also thank you to everyone that helped

meal prep and set-up and tear down Thursday-Monday! You are appreciated!

Head of Stands Meeting – We will meet next Tuesday, August 11th at 7pm for our Post-Picnic Head of Stands meeting. Please join us!

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ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of August 9th – Triumph of the Heart, The New Eve: Lectio: Mary Episode 1, and Clare & Francis.**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY 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 12th. **First day of Preschool:** August 13th. **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.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, August 13: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, August 16: Free members and Family Picnic, Doll's Cabin, 5PM. If possible, bring a dessert.
Thursday, August 20: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, August 30: Member Mass Ministry at the 8AM, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following the Mass.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"Before you were formed in the womb... I knew you."
Jeremiah 1:5



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:

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.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & 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!**

Sunday, August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look at your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of the 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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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

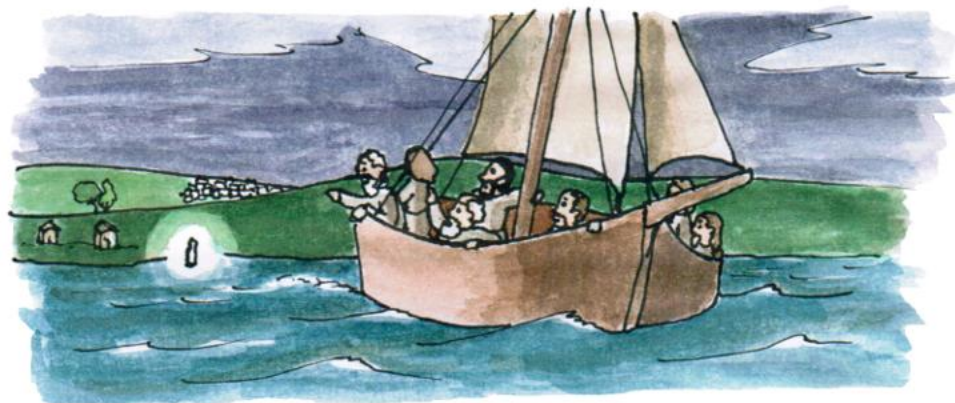
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In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.

What was it?

Use the code to find out!

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Saint Claire of Assisi
August 11

CLARE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COUNT IN ITALY IN THE 1200'S. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOD AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY THINGS.



SHE HEARD SAINT FRANCIS
PREACH WHEN SHE WAS 18
AND DECIDED TO GIVE HER
LIFE TO GOD. *God calls*



ONE NIGHT SHE WENT TO ST. FRANCIS WHO CUT HER HAIR AND GAVE HER A ROUGH TUNIC.



Did Father let
you come?!



HER FATHER TRIED TO
FORCE HER TO COME
BACK, BUT SOON HER
SISTER JOINED HER!

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE POOR CLARE SISTERS. THEY LIVED IN TOTAL POVERTY.



We will not own
even our own home.

WHEN ATTACKERS CAME, SHE
HELD UP A MONSTRANCE WITH
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN
IT AND THEY RAN AWAY!



CLARE WAS MADE THE ABBESS OF THE SISTERS. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE BUT DREW PEOPLE TO LOVE POVERTY LIKE CHRIST DID. SHE DIED IN 1253.

It is so much easier
to love God when one
owns nothing!

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.

