

Sunday, July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. July 27	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. July 28	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. July 29	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Thu. July 30	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. July 31	8:00 am	<i>Verlie Troutman</i>
Sat. Aug. 1	First Saturday	
9:00 am	at Wendelin	
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	<i>Loren & Lucille Ginder</i>	
	<i>Norman, Jean, & Gerald Zwilling</i>	
	<i>Donald Kocher</i>	
Sun. Aug. 2		
8:00 am	<i>Carl & Una Kocher</i>	
	<i>Dale Tibbs</i>	
	<i>Delbert Ginder</i>	
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

OUR JULY SPONSORS
Bulletins: Edward Jones – Rob David
Missalettes: Ochs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

OUR TITHES FOR JULY 19th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,291 (100) Loose: \$214
Guatemala: \$55 (2) Cemetery: \$1,400 (2)
CSMA: \$100 (1)

Let Us Pray For: Julia Eichhorst, Ed Steber, Rita Kocher,Carolynn Buckels, Sue Dickerson, 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.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

- Saturday, July 25th**
- Mass for ***Carl & Una Kocher, Rod Kelley, and Jean Zwilling.***
 - **New!!** Children’s Liturgy now at the 5 pm mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
 - **6:00 PM,** Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

- Sunday, July 26th**
- Mass for ***Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn, Jim Hemrich, Jr., and Jim Blank.***
 - Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

- Tuesday, July 28th**
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Olney. There must always be 2 people in church.
 - 6:30 PM, pizza before CYM softball at Holy Cross.

- Wednesday, July 29th**
- Rosary after mass.
 - 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

- Friday, July 31st**
- Mass for Verlie Troutman.

- Weekend of August 1-2**
- Next weekend, please welcome Fr. George Knab, OMI (Oblates of Mary Immaculate) who will be with us to celebrate Mass and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit unbound.org.

- **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.

🐾 **St. Joseph 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.

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- **Save the Date!!** Noodle making will be the morning of September 12th!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25
July 20: Don Zwilling (#775)
July 21: Haven Doll (#730)
July 22: Christy Blank (#608)
July 23: James Darnell (#272)
July 24: Brad Harmon (#225)

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

What is the kingdom of God worth to you? The Gospel today tells us that the kingdom of heaven is a treasure! It is such a treasure that nothing should stop or slow us down from possessing it. Do you know which kingdom you possess-*the Kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of this world?* The kingdom you possess -possess you- take a moment and let that sink in! The kingdom of the world wants us to judge, ridicule, dismiss, divide, etc.... the kingdom of heaven wants us to Love! If our lives here are not of Love- for Love- in Love- and about Love (not love of self- things- etc....) then you do not possess the Kingdom of Heaven-the Kingdom of Love! What is the kingdom of God worth to you? Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- **Sunday, July 26:** Knight led Rosary at 7:40 am before the 8:00 am mass in Olney.
- **Thursday, August, 13:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM
- **Sunday, August 16:** Members and Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. If possible, bring a dessert.
- **Thursday, August 20:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Sunday, August 30:** Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following Mass.
- **Congratulations to the 2026-2027** for the 4th Degree Olney Assembly 229: Faithful Frail - Fr. Levi James, Faith Navigator -Steve Kuenstler, Scribe - Don Seger, Captain - Rodney Ochs, Admiral - Dan Zwilling, Pilot - Scott Seiler, Comptroller - Jim Gibson, Purser - Hank Ginder, Sentinel's - Kyle Kuenstler and Preston Kuenstler, Trustees- Elmer Weiler, Dan Kuenstler, and Ben Weiler.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at www.diobelle.org and click on “Giving”. It’s that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on **YOU**. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

Thank you to the **69** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$16,412.75** to support this mission. We are 73% to our goal of \$22,468.

Respect Life Corner: July 26, 2026

2026 Natural Family Planning Campaign Week
4: “The Feminine Genius”

Natural Family Planning is known for helping couples avoid or achieve pregnancy, but its foundation, Fertility Awareness, offers something for every woman, married or single, from her very first cycle to menopause. Every girl and woman deserves to understand her body and know how to address irregularities like painful periods, persistent acne, or hormonal imbalances by treating the root cause, not masking it with artificial hormones. This is real female empowerment: knowledge that honors how God designed the female body and equips women to seek healing, not just symptom relief. Moms, you can walk this journey with your daughters, helping them see their cycles as a sign of health and a reflection of their dignity. Scan the QR code to learn more.



Vocation Corner: July 26, 2026

“I’ll never forget the first time I saw a nun. I was 5 years old, and my family had gone to a convent for Mass. Seeing a woman in a habit, I asked, “Mama, why is she wearing those clothes?” Her reply captivated me: “She’s married to Jesus.” I thought, “I want to marry Jesus, too.” Christ was my first love, and I’ve never gotten over Him. Growing up in Catholic school, I struggled with academic and social pressures like any girl, but the desire to radically serve Christ kept burning within me. The idea that he could be calling me to be his bride was exciting. Continuing to discern in college, I was open to marriage, but I felt that I had too much love to give to one family. I wanted to be a spiritual mother and adopt the world. My decision to follow Christ came in adoration. After an hour of silence, I heard him say, “Be crucified with me.” I knew he was asking me to give my life to him completely. My

greatest joy was returning to my first love.”
Sr. Mary Gianna Casino; Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanceville, AL;
Columbia Magazine Aug. 2021

The O2 Youth Center

Great opportunity for the youth in our community!

Free Entry and snacks available for purchase. Games include; racing simulator, ping pong, shuffleboard, foosball, pool table, glow dodgeball, Nintendo, reflex game, and NBA Jam.

Summer Hours:

Wed. Open to 6th-12th grades, 3:30-8 pm

Thurs. Discipleship Night, 6th-12th grades 5:45-8 pm

Fri. Open to 6th-12th grades 3:30-8 pm

Also available to rent for an event!

Located at 215 S. Whittle Ave. Olney. IL

Bluegrass in the Bend - Oblong, IL

The Bend Ice Cream Social and Bluegrass music by freewill donations. All are invited! Join us from 3pm-5pm at St. Valentine Hall -The Bend on **Sunday, July 26, 2026**. Pork Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and drinks for sale. Rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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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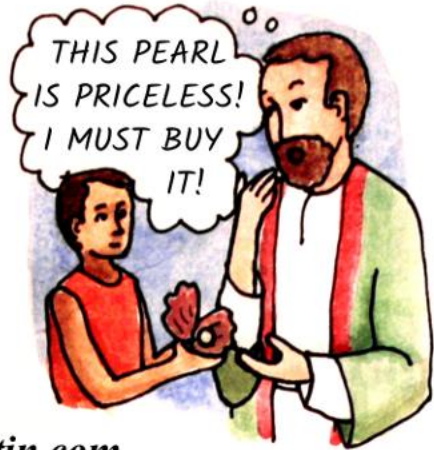
The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

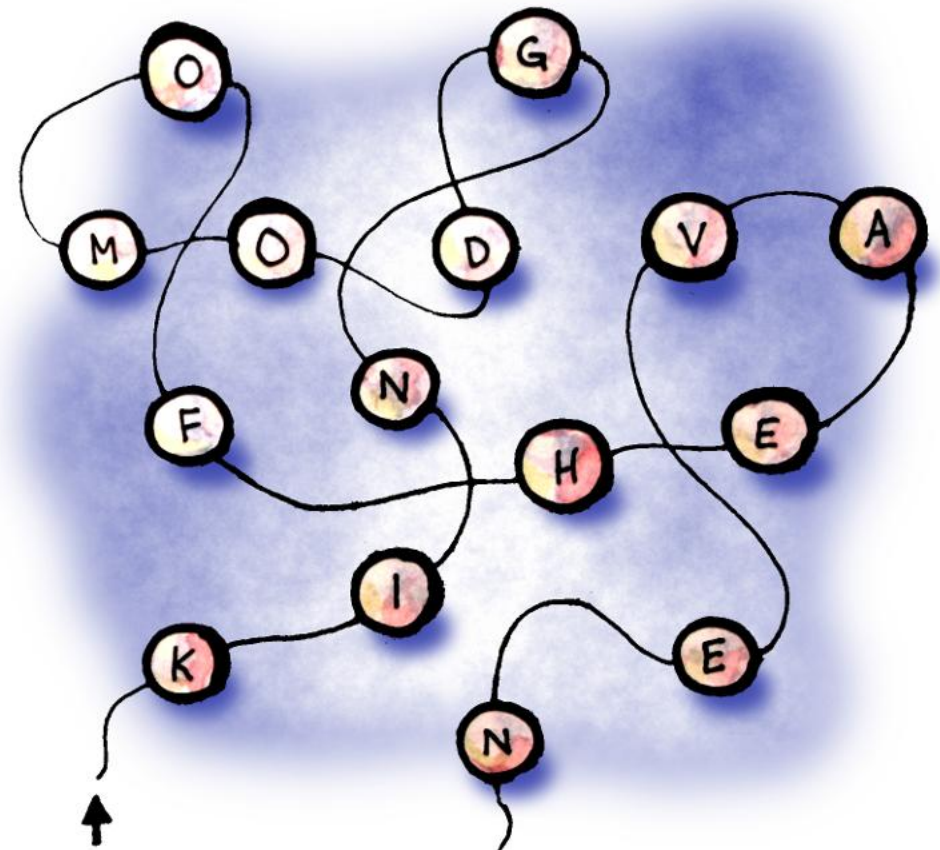
But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answer to front page: Kingdom of Heaven
Answers to Cross-word:
across: 2.judge 4.act 6.who 7.wisdom
10.mere 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to
8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give
18.serve 19.said 20.Lord 21.ask 23.me

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26th, 2026

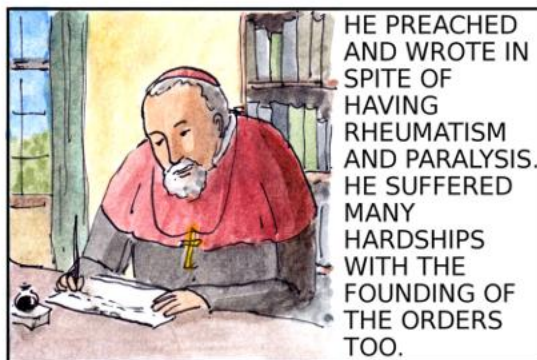
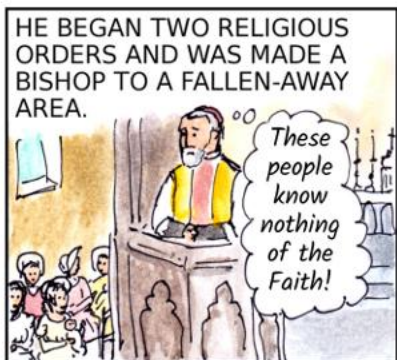
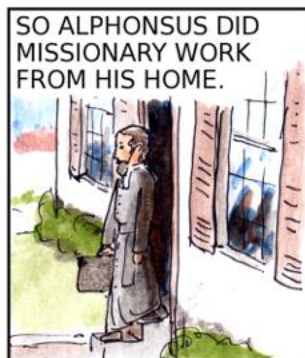
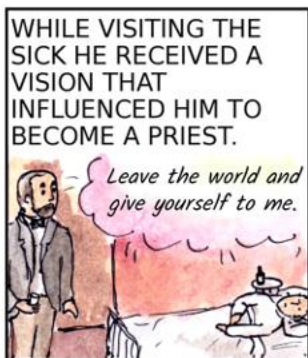
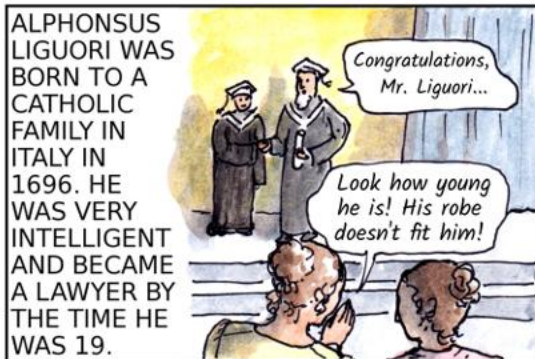


What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure or a pearl of great price?
Use the letters on the string of pearls to fill in the blanks and find out!

The _____
_____.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

August 1



SAINT ALPHONSUS USED HIS INTELLIGENCE TO TEACH THE IGNORANT PEOPLE IN HIS DIOCESE, AND WHEN HE WAS TOO SICK TO PREACH HE WOULD WRITE. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU GIFTS THAT YOU CAN USE TO HELP TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. DON'T LET ANYTHING STOP YOU, JUST LIKE ST. ALPHONSUS DIDN'T!

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King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

God _____ (19d) to the young _____ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " _____ (21d) _____ (23d) for whatever you want me to _____ (16d) you."

Solomon knew that he was only a young _____ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said _____ (5d) God, "O _____ (20d), I am a _____ (10a) youth, not knowing _____ (1d) to _____ (4a). I _____ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be _____ (22a) or counted. Give your _____ (18a), therefore, an

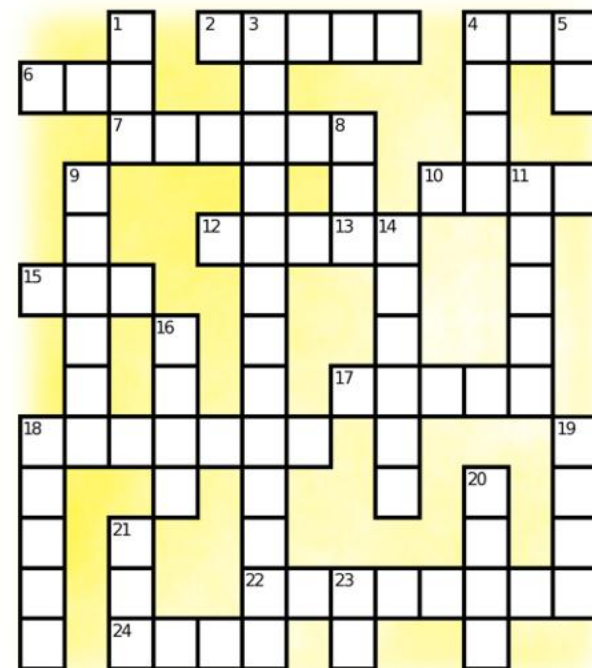
_____ (3d) _____ (17a) to _____ (2a) your people and to distinguish _____ (11d) from _____ (12a). For _____ (6a) is _____ (4d) to _____ (14d) this vast _____ (9d) of yours?"

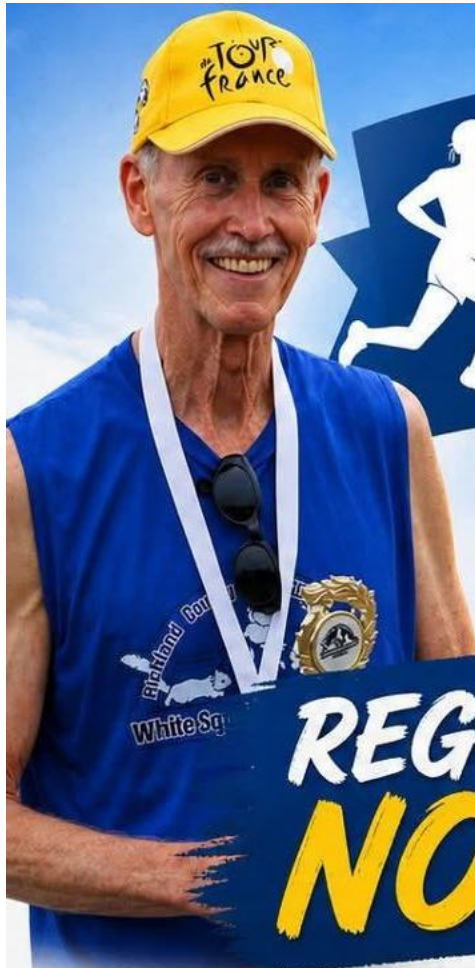
_____ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him _____ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

UNDERSTANDING
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Fr. Jerry 5K & FUN RUN

RACE DATE
8/15/26

5K RACE
Starts at 8:00 AM

1 MILE FUN RUN
Follows the 5K

**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!**



**FAMILY
FRIENDLY
EVENT!**



REGISTER TODAY!



runsignup.com/Race/IL/Olney/FatherJerry5K



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!
PRICES GO UP
T-SHIRT CUT OFF
Midnight 7/27/26



**ONLINE
REGISTRATION
ENDS**
Noon 8/13/26



DON'T DELAY!
Register early to
secure your spot
and guaranteed
T-shirt!



Run for the Goal! + Act Justly. + Love Mercy. + Walk Humbly.