

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Apr. 6 No mass
Tue. Apr. 7 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Apr. 8 8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Apr. 9 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Apr. 10 8:00 am For the Parish

Sat. Apr. 11
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM *Living and Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber Carl & Una Kocher Virginia & Byron Weiler*

Sun. Apr. 12 Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 am *Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn Dale Tibbs Alex & Lorene Kessler*
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville
2:00 PM at Stringtown
(service & reconciliation)

OUR APRIL SPONSORS

Bulletins: Garai Doll
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR MARCH 29th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,615 (104) Loose: \$221
Guatemala: \$105 (5) CSMA: \$205 (pledged)
Easter Flowers: \$410 (14) Cemetery: \$1,143 (1)
Building Fund: \$470 (8)

Let Us Pray For: Sue Dickerson, Brett Stirnaman, 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, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, April 4th - Easter Vigil

- No First Saturday mass.
- Warm Welcome to our new members that are joining our parish at the Easter Vigil mass. Candidates and their sponsors are listed on the back of the bulletin.

Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday

- Happy Easter!! May the miracle of Easter bring you peace, joy, and renewal. Blessings to you and your family.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Monday, April 6th

- No school and no evening mass today.
- 5:30 PM, **Grief Care Group**, part of the St. Raphael Ministry of Care, will meet in the conference room at St. Joseph, Olney.

Tuesday, April 7th

- No adoration at St. Joseph, Olney.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, April 8th

- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Thursday, April 9th

- 5:30 PM, The Parish and Family Life committee will meet in the quilting room.

Sunday, April 12th

- 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!
- St. Joseph Stringtown Parish invites you to join us at 2:00 pm in the church as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be a Divine Mercy Message and Devotion followed by reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Reconciliation will be available. Reception to follow in the Parish Center.

Thank you to *Bob & Sondra Geiger* for refinishing the side tables in the church foyer. It is much appreciated!

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

- **Monday, April 6-** No School
- **Tuesday, April 7-** 5th Grader Altar Server Training, National Evangelization Team retreat for grades 6-8.
- **Wednesday, April 8-** Grassroots performance- Jessica Fichot.
- **Thursday, April 9-** 7th and 8th grade field trip to Springfield.

~ *PARISH NEWS* ~

- **New Resources for Children!** **Children's missalettes** are now available for children ages 5-12 to pick up at the entrances. Please return after each mass. **Mass bags** are also available and recommended for ages 0-4. These bags include toys and books. These can be found in the vestibule on the book shelf. Please return the bag and its contents after each mass. These are also available to purchase in the parish office if interested.
- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office.
- **Grief Care Group**, part of the St. Raphael Ministry of Care Will meet on **Monday, April 6**, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church Olney, Room B. This will be a space dedicated to prayer, listening, conversation and faithful support for those who have suffered a loss.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Easter Blessings! We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope, and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus. From Bishop Elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

Thank you to the **50** households that have already pledged **\$8,616.25** to support this mission. God Bless

Save the Date!

A Celebration of Women

Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Inspiring the Future

Join the Parish and Family Life Committee for a beautiful evening as women of all ages come together to connect, reflect, and celebrate the generations of faith that unite us at St. Joseph Church.

📅 **Monday, May 4, 2026**

🕒 **5:30 PM**

We will begin with a special prayer service, followed by a delicious meal catered by Joe's.

✦ Planning to come with friends or family? Table reservations for groups of 8 will be available—perfect for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and friends to share the evening together.

📷 Have you attended this banquet in the past? We would love to celebrate those memories by honoring our past generations. Please consider sharing your photos to be displayed at the event. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the parish office.

🎫 Tickets will be available for purchase in April—stay tuned for more details!

All women are welcome! Come be encouraged, uplifted, and reminded of the beautiful role you play in the story of faith across generations.

~ *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS* ~

- **Thurs. April 9:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7 pm.
- **Sun. April 12th:** State Free Throw Competition in Bloomington. Good Luck Lauren!
- **Thurs. April 16:** 4th Degree meeting, 7 pm.
- **Sunday, April 26:** Knight led rosary before the 8 am mass at Olney.
- There were 20 participants including the Olney Council with Quinn Trout, Raymond Zuber and the 3rd place winner, Landree Nelson at the Regional in O'Fallon!

- Thank you so much for the outstanding support in the Olney K of C Baby Crib Charity Drive in the Tri Parishes for the Women, Infants and Children! Diapers- 1,247, Baby Wipes- 3,950, onseies-8, sleepers-8, outfits-4, t-shirts-12, knitted blankets w/hats-2, blankets -14, shoes, lotions, pacifier's, baby bottles, bibs, socks, health care kit, stuffed animal, and a monetary check.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

+ A Joyous Easter to you and all your loves+
 Our God is not dead - The tomb is empty - He is Alive!
 Our Lord fought the battle of sin and death and WON!
 Our Lord did this for each one of us! Live a life that mirrors the love of God. Live a life that draws you deeper and deeper into the heart of the Father. Live a life of abundance in God - not the world-and be transformed by that beautiful Love -the Love that Ran Red!
 The tomb is empty - go forth and live this Easter different than ever before...Live Believing - Live Joyously - Live Alleluia - and Live a Life of Love! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Vocation Corner: April 5, 2026

Hallelujah! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! Mary Magdalen's sorrow is soon changed to great joy! She ran to tell the Apostles and again back to the tomb. She saw and believed. This Resurrection story is what we are charged with sharing with others - our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist, which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our daily witness to this fact is our goal - talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers - in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.

Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing:

All are invited to join Fr. Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be help on **April 28th at 1:00 pm** at the Ryan Peter Family Farm in Mt. Carmel. See flyer for directions.

Candidates and Sponsors

Isaac Beal – St. Hubertus

Sponsor – Mike Ginder

Dalyn Brach – St. Joseph

Sponsor – Kiersen Lewis

Stephen Brach – St. Joseph

Sponsor – Jennifer Brach

Hilary Cecil – St. Teresa of Avila

Sponsor – Logan Urfer

Luke Hahn – Ferdinand III of Castile

Sponsor – Elliot Brazil

Kristen Kocher – St. Catherine of Siena

Sponsor – Paula Kocher

Jillian Peavler – St. Gerard Majella

Sponsor – Lona Peavler

Holy Cross

Abby Garrison – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Sponsor – Cheryl Garrison

There will be a Reception to “Welcome” our O.C.I.A. members to the Catholic faith in the multi-purpose room immediately following the Easter Vigil. Plan to stop in and share in the Easter Joy. Thank you to all who helped prepare this special evening.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- Mar. 30: Bob & Stephanie Ochs (#008)
- Mar. 31: Drew Camfield (#110)
- April 1: Allie Amerman (#124)
- April 2: John & Cora Weber (#065)
- April 3: Kirk Wall (#809)
- April 5: \$500 Mitchell & Emily Kocher (#611)**

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
 Olney, Illinois 62450



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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 (618-392-8181) to receive a new member form.

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.

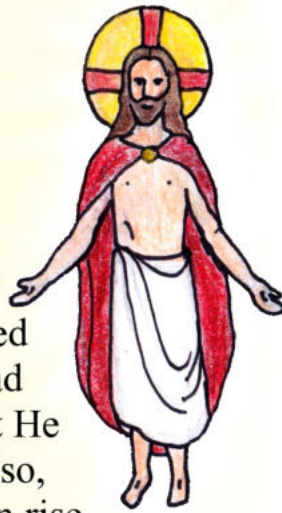
~ St. Joseph School ~

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Alleluia!

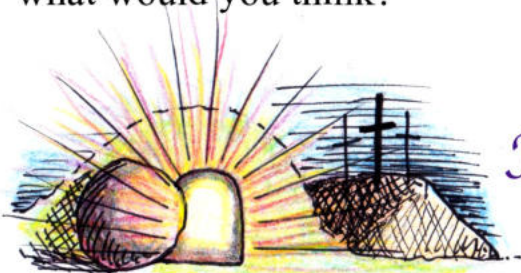
Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

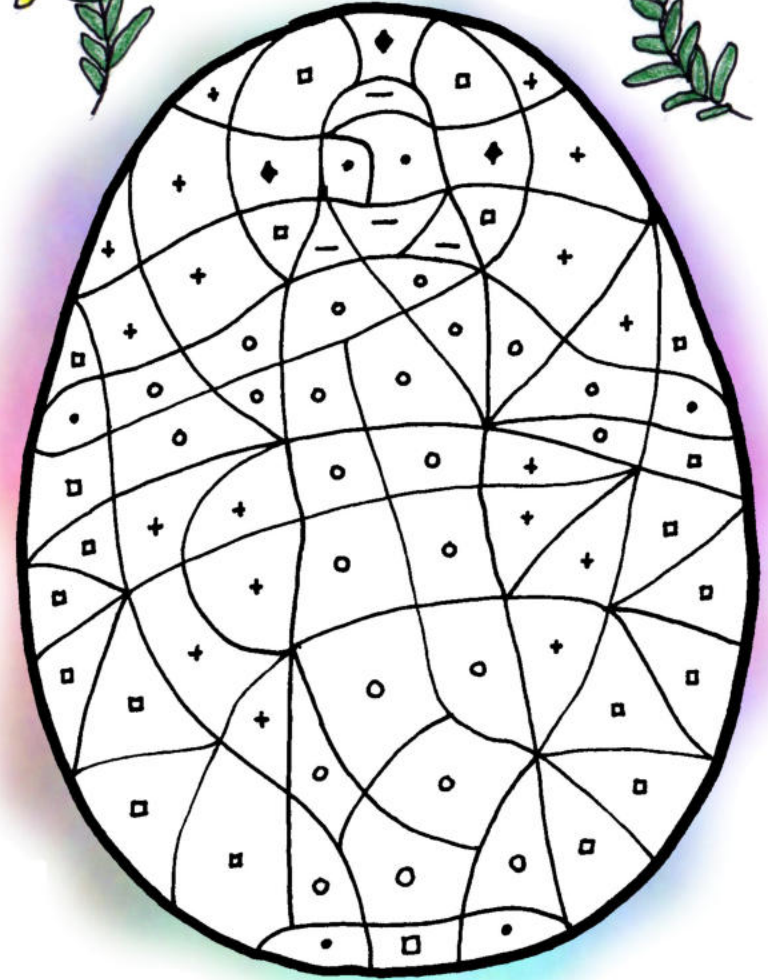
*Today is the day
for rejoicing!*
JESUS IS ALIVE!



Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

The Kids' Bulletin

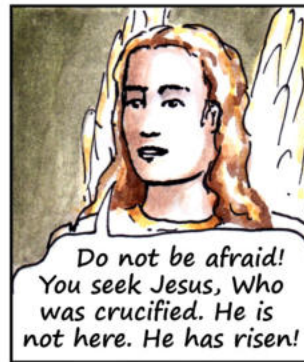
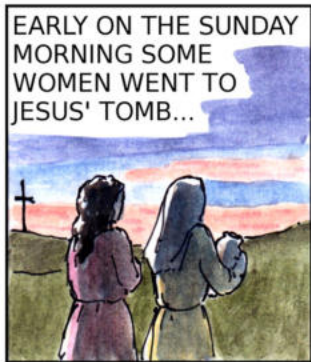
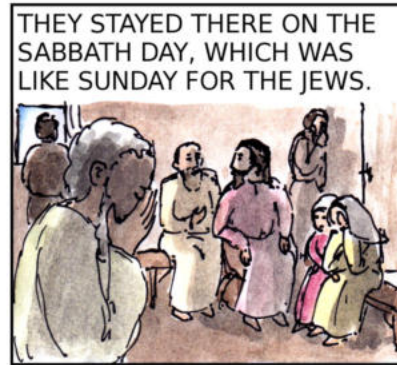
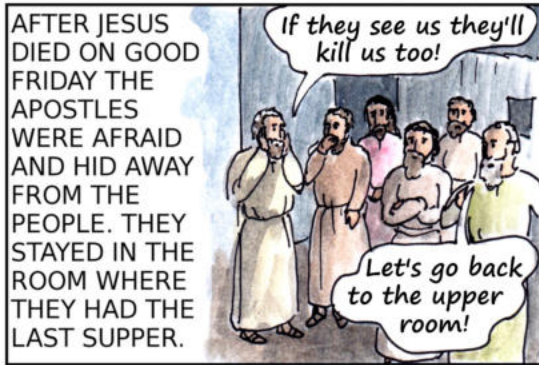
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The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- + Purple
- Skin-colour
- Yellow
- Brown
- White

Easter Sunday



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

*How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.*

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

