

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

Bulletins

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Collection Total for May 17, 2026

Envelopes: \$855.00 (29)

Loose: \$74.00

Total: \$929.00

Building Fund: \$680.00 (7)

Cemetery: \$100.00 (1)

Catholic Communication Campaign: \$156.00 (4)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

**May Bulletins: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber
Anniversary**

May Missalettes: In Memory of Kathy Zwilling

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 24 – Donut Sunday at Saint Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following 8am Mass.

Monday, May 25 – Happy Memorial Day! 🇺🇸

Parish Offices Closed!

No Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin this week due to VBS.

Cemetery Prayer Service at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am. Please bring lawn chairs. If weather does not cooperate, prayer service will be in the church.

Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm.

Tuesday, May 19 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Sister’s in Christ will not meet at St. Joseph-Stringtown this week due to VBS.

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

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VBS Begins at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30-7:30pm.

**Happy 19th Ordination Anniversary to Fr. Steven!
If you would like to send a card, you can send to the parish or drop it in the basket in church.**

Wednesday, May 27 – Sister’s in Christ will not meet at Holy Cross-Wendelin due to VBS.

Wednesday, May 27-Friday, May 29 – VBS Continues! We will end on Friday, May 29th with a Canopy Closing celebration at 7:30pm! All are welcome to attend!

Sunday, May 31 – Young Adults Gathering – see flyer for details.

Sunday, June 7 – Happy 1st Ordination Anniversary to Fr. Levi! You can send a card to the parish or drop it in the basket in church.

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ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:



If your loved one is sick, anticipating a surgery, recovering from surgery, relocating from home, or might need a pastoral visit, contact St. Joseph-Stringtown representatives Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, or the parish office.

SISTER’S IN CHRIST:

If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.

Tuesdays – St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am; St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm

Wednesdays – Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

2026 GRADUATES:

Please submit information on your 2026 graduates to be included in a special graduation flyer. Be sure to include grade and school names. For college students, please include college, degree, special awards and/or description of future plans. Photos are encouraged! Please submit by the end of May.

ROSTER UPDATES NEEDED:

Please help us update our roster! If you did not fill out a paper at Mass, please email levi.jamessiu@gmail.com with your family name, adults, children (and ages), phone number(s), and email address(es). The new information will be included in the upcoming directory. Thank you!

2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th.

Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Raffles** - Thank you to all who donated to the raffles and to the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses. **Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for Saturday (May 30th) at the Stringtown Parish Center. **Donations & Volunteer are needed.** **Signup Sheets are available in the back of church.** **Also, we are accepting cash donations for supplies.** **Help Needed – Today (May 24th) after Mass and donut Sunday, the Picnic Committee would like some help setting up tables in the Parish Center for next weekend’s noodle day. All help would be appreciated.** **Wine Pull –** The Wine Pull Stand is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year’s Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church, or contact Janice



Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off.

Cake Boxes – Cake boxes for picnic day will be available in the back of church starting next Sunday (May

31st). Please feel free to take. **St. Joseph Stringtown T-Shirts** are now available for preorder (see design & color below). Early bird prices for these shirts are \$10 (including youth), \$12 (2XL), and \$15 (3XL). Early bird prices are good until June 7th. We will be at the Parish Center after church today to take orders. Also, we will be available outside after church on May 31st and June 7 (weather permits), otherwise we will be setup in Parish Center. Money is due upon ordering. Payments may be made by check or cash. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Stringtown. Shirts will be available in time for picnic. Thank you!

BASKETS NEEDED:

The Picnic Basket Stand Committee needs your help! We are asking each parish family to donate one basket OR a donation of \$15 to \$20 so we can put a basket together for you. If you choose to donate a filled basket, there is an idea list in the back of church. The contents should value \$15 and should be ready by July 7th. You may put your filled baskets in the back of church for pick up. If you’re donating money, please put the donation in an envelope and place in the donation can in the vestibule as soon as possible so we have time to shop for items. Donations may also be given to any committee member listed at the end of this announcement. If you or several families would like to go together and make a larger basket for the individual basket raffle, contact Mona. We appreciate everyone’s time and effort in helping the basket stand be a success. Questions??? Contact Mona Kocher @ 618-843-6662 or 618-869-2498, Janette Kocher @ 618-843-1650, Mary Zwilling @ 618-562-8433, or Kathy Zuber @ 618-869-2306.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of May 24th** – Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven, The Wild Goose, The Victory of Joan of Arc

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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TRI-PARISH GOLF SCRAMBLE:

Join us for a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship while supporting the Tri Parish CYM Youth Group! **17** Sunday, June 28, **17** Richland Golf Club, **\$** \$300 per 4-person team, **17** Lunch at 12:00PM, **17** Shotgun Start at 1:00PM; All proceeds will benefit the Tri Parish CYM Youth Group. To register your team or for more information, contact: Austin Zwilling – (618) 562-1994 or Tyler Timm – (507) 530-2911 **Support Our Church Golf Outing!** You don't have to golf to make a difference! For a donation of \$100, you or your business can sponsor one of the holes during our upcoming church golf outing. Hole sponsors help support the event and will be recognized with a sign displayed on the course the day of the outing. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Austin Zwilling (618)562-1994 or Tyler Timm (507) 530-2911. Thank you for supporting our church ministry and its youth!

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BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

Join us in supporting the Family Life Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser! You can give online using the QR code or website link below or leave your donation in the baby bottle in the vestibule of the church. <https://secure.anedot.com/family-life-center/newton-baby-bottles>

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FLOCKNOTE REMINDER:

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

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



Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Jean & Norman Zwilling†”, “Joseph Schneider†”
Monday, May 25, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Those Who Died in Service To Our Country†”
Tuesday, May 26, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, May 27, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, May 28, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, May 29, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, May 30, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, May 31, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Elmer & Elfrieda Zwilling†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

05/24/2026

Servers:

Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Hallie Ochs

Lector:

Laura Sterchi
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

EMHC:

Jack Weidner
Family

Ushers:

Doug Kocher
Caden Kocher

Greeters:

Gary & Beth
Kocher Family

Children’s Liturgy:

Jenny & Kylie

05/31/2026

Servers:

Izzy Volk
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk

Lector:

Beth Kocher
EMHC:
Volunteers

Gifts:

Harold &
Lisa Boehl

Ushers:

Evelyn Volk
Volunteer

Greeters:

Sam & Mary
Zwilling

Children’s Liturgy:

Laura, Dorothy, & Delana

**St. Joseph Church
Stringtown, Illinois**

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Website: www.stjosephstringtown.com

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

Very Rev. Fr. Steven Beatty _____ **Pastor**
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Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. May 25 **Memorial Day**

6:30 PM at Stringtown cemetery

6:30 PM at Lawrenceville cemetery

Tue. May 26 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville

Wed. May 27 8:00 am For the Parish

Thu. May 28 6:30 PM at Wendelin

Fri. May 29 8:00 am For the Parish

Sat. May 30

4:00 PM at Wendelin

5:00 PM Susan Ferrell-Stout

Maren Zuber

Rod & Sarah Kelley

Sun. May 31

8:00 am Susan Ferrell-Stout and parents

William & Maxine Ferrell

Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn

Ruth Matheny

8:00 am at Stringtown

10:00 am at Wendelin

10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR MAY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family

Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR MAY 17th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00

Envelopes: \$10, 910.50 (119) Loose: \$278

Guatemala: \$190 (5) Seminarian Edu: \$175 (3)

Catholic Communications: \$217 (9) CSMA: \$500

Let Us Pray For: Rita Kocher,Carolynn Buckels, Sandy Fehrenbacher, 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, May 23rd

- Mass for **John Beal, Norman, Jean, & Carl Zwilling**, and **Living & Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber Family**.

- 6:00 PM, Discernment group meets in the conference room at Olney.

Sunday, May 24th

- Mass for **Margaret (Roth) King, Mary Sheridan**, and **Alex & Lorene Kessler**.

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Monday May 25th – Memorial Day

- Parish office closed.

- 6:30 PM mass at cemeteries.

Tuesday, May 26th

- Parish office open.

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.

- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ.

- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

- 5:30-7:30 PM, first night of VBS at Wendelin.

- **Happy Ordination Anniversary to Fr. Steven!!** He has been a priest for 19 years, and we are so blessed to have him in our parish!

Wednesday, May 27th

- Rosary after mass.

- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

- Parish office closing at noon.

Sunday, May 31st

- Young Adults Gathering. See flyers for details.

Tri- Parish VBS

"Rainforest Falls"

Exploring the Nature of God

Pre-K to 5th grade

May 26-29 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Holy Cross Wendelin

Parish Office Hours this week:

Closed Monday (5/25) and Friday (5/29)

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Deepest sympathy to the family of **Felecia Bishop**. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

For the month of May, we will be **praying the rosary** before each of the weekend Masses until Sunday, May 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass. The Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am on May 31st.

Happy Birthday to **Elmer Weiler** who celebrates his 90th birthday on May 28th!

Card Shower for Fr. Steven's ordination anniversary on May 26th. Please send a card to the church or rectory by May 26th. Thank you!

Card Shower for Fr. Levi's ordination anniversary on June 7th. Please send a card to the church or rectory by June 7th. Thank you!

St. Joseph School News

- **Thank you** to our students, families, and parishioners for your prayers and support throughout the 2025–26 school year. The St. Joseph School community is truly blessed! Thank you for walking this journey of faith and learning with us! Have a great summer!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **On behalf of the Parish and Family Life Committee** we would like to thank all the ladies who attended our Banquet. Your support is very much appreciated. After 7 years, we were so happy to bring back this tradition to our parish. Special thanks to the first communion girls, Steve Kuenstler and the crew of men who helped serve the meal, and Fr. Levi for a beautiful blessing over all the women in attendance. We would love to continue this tradition in the future. Please fill out this survey to help us make it the best event we can for everyone. Thank you to each and every one of you who made this event possible.

<https://forms.gle/CHjgPbiy6ZtsWYwZA>





- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office if interested.


- **Join us in supporting the Family Life Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser** from Mother's Day to Father's Day! You can give online using the QR code or website link below or leave your donation in the baby bottle in the vestibule of the church. Every gift makes a difference for local families in need. Thank you!





Website: rebrand.ly/bbnew


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- **We are now accepting mass intentions through September 30, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e. John, Paul and Mary

Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass.

- **Flocknote!**
We love having you as a part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and texts. To join Flocknote text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 to register, or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- May 18: Anne Hahn (#482)
- May 19: Nancy Bunn (#032)
- May 20: Lauren Stolz (#349)
- May 21: Tim & Gretchen Ginder (#517)
- May 22: Neal Rosenburg (#502)

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sunday, May 31:** Knight led rosary before the 8 am mass at Olney. Also, 3rd and 4th degree members volunteer for mass ministries, followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.
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The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Thank you to the 62 households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$14,443.75** to support this mission. We are 64% to our goal of \$22,468.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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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: Tues. Wed. Thurs. 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** ~

Josy Hart.....Principal

Carol Potter Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle Office Manager

School Office 618-395-3081

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

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PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:

Please contact worker's list committee with changes or if not available to work your shift this year by June 1st. Contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Kim Correll 618-676-5789, Christine Hall 618-554-2019, or Taylor Hall 217-663-8520.

LADIES SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWINGS:

The next drawing will be June 6th and 7th and proceeds will stay in the Ladies Altar Sodality this month. Reminder there will **NOT** be drawings in July or August.

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BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:



Join us in supporting the Family Life Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser from Mother's Day to Father's Day! You can give online using the QR code or website link below or leave your donation in the baby bottle in the vestibule of the church. <https://secure.ane-dot.com/family-life-center/newton-baby-bottles>

FLOCKNOTE REMINDER:

We love having you as part of our flock. Text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.



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PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers that He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



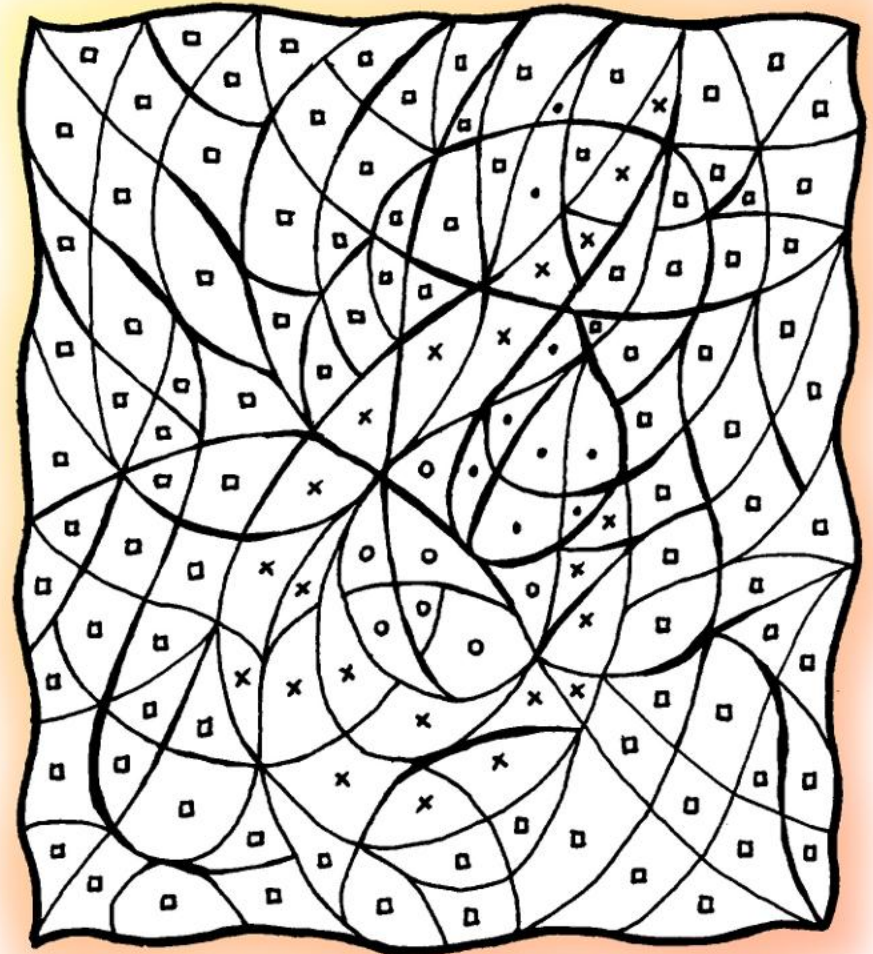
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, Spirit, BIRTHDAY.

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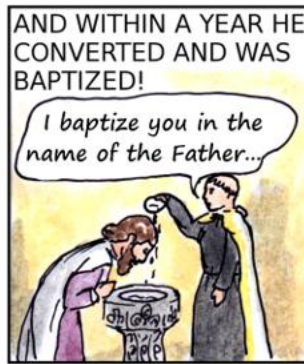
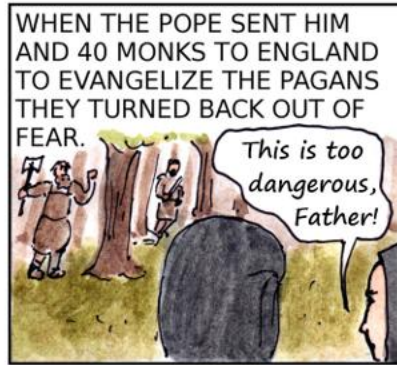
In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

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| ○ red | • orange |
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Saint Augustine of Canterbury

May 27



SAINT AUGUSTINE DIED ONLY 7 YEARS AFTER COMING TO ENGLAND. WHILE HE WAS ALIVE THE SAXONS AND THE CELTS DID NOT MAKE PEACE, BUT AFTER HIS DEATH THE FAITH CONTINUED TO SPREAD AND EVENTUALLY THEY MADE UP. BECAUSE OF HIS WORK AND OBEDIENCE TO THE POPE, SOON ALL OF ENGLAND WAS CONVERTED

Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one _____⁷ [LCPAE] together. And _____⁸ [ENYLUSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving _____⁶ [DWNI] and it filled the entire _____⁵ [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of _____³ [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all _____² [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and _____¹ [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the _____⁴ [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

Pentecost is the _____ of the Church!

