

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Envelopes: \$652.00 (29)
Loose: \$85.00
Total: \$987.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$35.00 (3)

September Missalettes: In Memory of Bob & Francella Dhom & Pike & Mary Ginder Families

Sunday, September 27 – CYM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8-10:30am.
CYM Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm with Praise and Worship at 7pm.

**Tuesday, September 29 – ASAP Prayer Service
and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

CYM Small Group and Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.

Wednesday, October 7 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-7:45pm.

 On behalf of your parish family, we extend congratulations to Jaykob Zuber and Brooke Holtz as they were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at Holy Cross-Wendelin. ***Your wedding will be remembered as the beginning of many joyous***

The parish recently replaced both 12-foot trees and has the old ones available for free will donation. One is prelit and the other has lights that do not work. Please contact Janette Kocher if you are interested 618-843-1650.

Tri-Parish CYM will be holding its annual pancake breakfast this Sunday, September 27th, serving from 8-10:30am at the Stringtown Parish Center. Free will donation. Menu includes: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, sweets, and drinks. There will also be a basket raffle to support those attending the 2027 CHWC Mission Trip. Please join us!

Happy Birthday, Fr. Levi! He celebrated his birthday last Thursday, September 24th!

Amen, Amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” John 1:51 Yes, angels are real. And they are mighty glorious, beautiful, and magnificent in every way. We honor the three Archangels - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael – September 29th. These ‘holy angels’ are found throughout the Old and New Testament helping, healing, warning, and guarding. They continue today to offer the same touch of God to our lives too. How does one seek their assistance you might ask? The St. Michael prayer is one avenue to enlist the mighty angelic warrior for his assistance in our lives from the snares and temptations of Satan. We can ask St. Gabriel to

Kristen was diagnosed with colon cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy t-shirt. Proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

If you are veteran or have a veteran within your family and have not submitted photos in the past to be included in the veteran wall, please submit a picture and short biography about service to give to Janette Kocher, Kathy Zuber, or you can bring by the Parish Office asap. These photos will be returned. Our Veteran's will be celebrated during Donut Sunday in November. Kaleb Beavers will also give a presentation that day with uniforms and artifacts to share with the parish.

Sister's in Christ Schedule: † Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney
† Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

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 Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

The next blood drive is scheduled for Sun., November 1, 2026, from 7am -12 noon. Pre-schedule your appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. <https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. **Who is OCIA for?**

- Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion.

There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of September 27th – St. Therese: Littlest Saint, St. Jerome: Catholic Saints, Who Are the Archangels?**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Daily Rosary in October: Throughout October, St. Joseph School students will focus on the Rosary by praying a decade together to begin each school day. On All Souls’ Day, our 5th–8th grade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery. **Pet Blessing:** Please join us on **Friday, Oct. 2, at 2:30PM** for a Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather with our pets in the grassy lot north of the school. All welcome!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, October 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, October 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, October 25: Knights led Rosary before the 8AM Olney Mass. **Sunday, October 25:** 4th Degree Exemplification at Mt. Carmel. Contact Steve Kuenstler or Mike Ginder. If interested in Vocational Raffle books to support local Seminarians, contact Rodney Ochs. \$10,000 1st prize - total of \$20,000 in cash awards. **148 students** participated in the Soccer Challenge Kick! Thank you to the St. Joseph staff and students!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

National Migration Week: September 21–27, 2026 - For over 45 years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration. It’s an opportunity to reflect on our history as an immigrant Church and how our country has been enriched by generations of immigrants, including many Catholics who have adopted this land as their own. It is also an occasion to grow in appreciation of the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, both in the U.S. and beyond, and to express solidarity through prayer, accompaniment, and advocacy. Pope Leo XIV chose "Even just one

of these children" for this year's theme, which is a reference to Matthew 18:5: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” When this theme was announced, the Vatican noted, “With this choice, the Holy Father intends to express the Church’s concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us.” [National Migration Week | USCCB](#)

VOCATION CORNER:

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect on and affirm the priesthood's central role in the life of the Church. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#) and [World Day for Consecrated Life](#). In the United States, we also have [National Vocation Awareness Week](#) and [National Catholic Sisters Week](#). Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

Please pray for Kyle Kellerman as he continues his formation in Discipleship II at Glennon College Seminary. Your prayers are a vital part of supporting vocations. Whether it's a Rosary, a Mass intention, or a simple prayer, please keep **Kyle** in your prayers this week as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Kyle Kellerman, Glennon College Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119. Thank you for supporting vocations in the Diocese of Belleville.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Franklin Hinterscher, Mary Rowark, Linda McWhirter



Sunday, September 27, 2026

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 27, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Mel & Brad Hahn†”, “Rita Kocher†”
Monday, September 28, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Parish”
Tuesday, September 29, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, October 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, October 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, October 3, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, October 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Louis & Lelia Volk†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

09/27/2026

Servers:

Emmitt Kocher
Roland Sager
Silas Sager

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

EMHC:

Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Ray & Jennifer
Schneider Family

Ushers:

Tom Kocher
Harold Boehl

Greeters:

Doug & Lora Kocher Family
Children’s Liturgy:
Anita & Anna

10/04/2026

Servers:

Kerigan Kocher
Hallie Ochs
Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Natalie Zwilling

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Ellen Steber
Family

Ushers:

Bryon Zwilling
Isaac Zwilling

Greeters:

Natalie Ochs
Children’s Liturgy:
Joselyn & Mallory

St. Joseph Church

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Sunday, September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Sep. 28	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 29	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 30	8:05 am	Fr. Jerry Wirth
Thu. Oct. 1	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Oct. 2	8:00 am	First Friday
Sat. Oct. 3	First Saturday	
	9:00 am	at Wendelin
	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	Linda Volk Bodenberg Family Special Intention
Sun. Oct. 4	8:00 am	Carl & Una Kocher Rod Kelley
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR SEPTEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 20th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,112.25 (92) Guatemala: \$135 (4)
Loose: \$130 Retired Dio. Priests: \$480 (7)

Let Us Pray For: Julia Eichhorst, Ed Steber, 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.

- **Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day** with your personalized tribute in *The Messenger*. Sign up forms are in the back of church on the table.

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Saturday, September 26th

- Mass for **Carl & Una Kocher, Rod Kelley, and Mary Jane Kuenstler**.
- Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, September 27th

- Mass for **Dale Tibbs, Debbie Rauch, and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn**.
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **8:00-10:30 am, Tri-Parish CYM pancake breakfast** at Stringtown. Free will donation. There will also be a basket raffle to support the 2027 CHWC Mission Trip. All are welcome!
- 5:30 PM, Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Monday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

- 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. New Book Study for the Fall, ***Friendship in the Lord***. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in joining.

Wednesday, September 30th

- 8:05 am, mass for **Fr. Jerry Wirth**.
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Friday, October 2nd – First Friday

- 8:00 am, First Friday Mass followed by communion delivery.
- 2:30 PM, St. Francis pet blessing for school students and parishioners. If you would like a blessing for your pet please meet in the grassy lot across from the gym.

Saturday and Sunday, October 3-4

- **Confirmation Commitment Weekend**
Confirmandi should bring their confirmation preparation covenant papers to mass.

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

- **Daily Rosary in October:** Throughout October, St. Joseph School students will focus on the Rosary by praying a decade together to begin each school day. On All Souls’ Day, our 5th–8th grade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery.
- **Pet Blessing:** Please join us on Friday, October 2, at 2:30 PM for a Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather with our pets in the grassy lot north of the school. All are welcome!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sep. 21: Terry Schrey (#336)
Sep. 22: Pam Page (#341)
Sep. 23: Rudy Fehrenbacher (#166)
Sep. 24: Janice Zwilling (#187)
Sep. 25: Larry Dorn (#297)

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

- For the month of October, we will be praying the rosary before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, October 3 through Saturday, October 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass with the exception of the last Sunday which will be led by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am. We need volunteers to lead so, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the vestibule. Thank you.
- The annual **October Count** of mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend masses during the month of October.
- **Congratulations** to the couples in our parish that celebrated their milestone anniversaries this year. We enjoyed your presence at the brunch last Sunday. Thank you to all who attended and to those that helped serve and prepare the meal.
Shannon & Cheryl Dill – 20 years
Steve and Donna Kuenstler – 40 years
Tim and Paula Kocher – 40 years
Tom and Julie Herring – 50 years
Bob and Joan Uhl – 60 years
Avery and Mary Jo McKinney – 60 years

2026 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar

Join us Sunday, October 18 in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$12, Children (ages 5-10): \$8, Children 4 & under: Free, All Takeout: \$12. The meal will include pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call Casey Hemrich at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawings at 2:00 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship.

Cash Raffle Tickets Available: The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391) or jar325@yahoo. com. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office.

Quilt Raffle Tickets: You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked ‘Quilt Raffle’ and place them in the collection.

Please review the workers list. If your name is not listed or if you would like to fill an empty spot, call Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268). If you volunteered last year your name is still there!

Please complete the donation form for pies and cakes, etc. Mark what you would like to bring and return form by October 11. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Country Store: Many items are needed for the Country Store. These include canned produce, baked goods, cookies, bread, sweet rolls, etc. Call Mischelle Doll (618-843-4925) with any questions.

Cake Stand: We will need many varieties of cakes! Example: Bundt cakes, cupcakes, decorated fun cakes and more. Please put these cakes on/in disposable containers.

Chance Stand: Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of \$35) for this stand. When possible, please secure multiple small items together to display. Drop off items by 8 AM on Smorgasbord Day or earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610).

Games: Please bring the kids for some fun games where they can earn tickets to be entered into some awesome prizes. Game times from 10AM to 1PM in the gym.

- **T-shirt Campaign for Kristen Kennedy**
Kristen was diagnosed with Colon Cancer; she will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy T-Shirt. The proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00 am Mass in Wendelin, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. Shirt order forms can be found on the table in the back of church. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Thurs. October 8:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7pm.
- **Thurs. October 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7pm.
- **Sun. October 25:** Knights led Rosary before the 8 am Olney Mass beginning at 7:40 am.
- **Sun. October 25:** 4th Degree Exemplification at Mt. Carmel. Contact Steve Kuenstler or Mike Ginder.
- If you are interested in Vocational Raffle books to support local Seminarians, contact Rodney Ochs. \$10,000 1st prize and a total of \$20,000 in cash awards.
- 148 students in the Council Soccer Challenge Kick! Thank you so much to the St. Joseph staff and students for a one day, six PE class, 15 kick for each student!

Eternal Light Concert

The Diocese of Belleville and the Cathedral of Saint Peter cordially invite you to attend:

Eternal Light Concert...Music of Remembrance and Hope Featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Fauré.
Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
200 West Harrison Street, Belleville
Free Admission

Journey to Justice Pilgrimage to Cairo, IL

Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:30am-3:30pm
Hosted by Diocesan CCHD Committee
To register go to forms.gle/Yn7UHoSEw2yeuKF67
For registration questions and schedule please email cchddiobelle@gmail.com or call 618-624-2838.

Cost: \$30 charge includes breakfast and lunch provided by local businesses. Participants are invited to make a donation of their choice to The Cairo Historical Preservation Project for the historical tour.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth 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 8:05 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
Drop off box available outside office door

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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School Advisory Council:

Brianne Fehrenbacher, Ladi Phillips, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Tyler Ochs, Andrea Kuenstler, Doug Kocher (*St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative*), and Holly Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

Sunday, September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, September 26, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Jerome & Annita Ochs†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 27, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Isaac & Reese Kessler and Carl, Judy, and Scott Kessler†”, “Norbert Ochs†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, September 28, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
Tuesday, September 29, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, October 1, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Raymond, Thresa, & Raymond Jr. Kessler†”
Friday, October 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, October 3, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parish”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Dana (Kuhl) Bell†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, October 4, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Norbert Ochs†”, “Barbara Fetch†, ”8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**September Bulletins and Missalettes:
For the Parish**

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, September 20, 2026 (78) Envelope Collection: \$3,180.00, Loose: \$244.00 – **Total: \$3,424.00**, (7) Building: \$360.00, (2) Retired Diocesan Priests: \$95.00, (1) Cemetery: \$25.00

OCTOBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>	<u>Open/Lock/Greet:</u>
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
<u>EMHC:</u>	<u>EMHC:</u>
Bev Weidner	Penni Kuenstler
Celia Rudolphi	Phyllis Eggers
Lynn Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Martha Deimel	Ginny Zwilling
<u>Lectors:</u>	<u>Lectors:</u>
Maria Rudolphi	Amy Heuerman
<u>Money Counters:</u>	
Tony & Penni Kuenstler	
<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Ushers:</u>
James Rudolphi	Ben Niebrugge
Carl Weidner	Paul Lybarger
Hank Weidner	Dusty Smithenry
Kelly Geier	Jim Rauch
<u>Mass Servers:</u>	
Saturday, September 26 – Mattux Hart, Levi & Noah Rudolphi	
Sunday, September 27 – Alex & Nora Street, Ellee Bare	
Saturday, October 3 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, October 4 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
<u>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</u>	
October 4 – Kaila & Bailey Kistner	
October 11 – Anna Land and Audrey Smith	
October 18 – Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber	
October 25 – Robin & Chloe Deckard	
<u>CRMH Communion:</u>	
October 11 – Lynn Weidner	
October 18 – Martha Deimel	

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Ruth Rauch, Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher, Julia Weber

PARISH EVENTS:
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CYM Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm with Praise and Worship at 7pm.
Monday, September 28 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Tuesday, September 29 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12-3pm.
Wednesday, September 30 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
CYM Small Group and Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.
Saturday, October 3 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confessions beginning at 8:15am.
Wednesday, October 7 – Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-7:45pm.

PARISH CENTER CLOSURE:
Please note Parish Center will be **CLOSED** from October 8-15th for floor cleaning and waxing!
Please do not enter for any reason. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. LEVI:
Happy Birthday, Fr. Levi, who celebrated Thursday, September 24th! If you wish to send a card, there will be a basket in church, you can mail to Parish House, or drop off during office hours.

CONGRATULATIONS JAYKOB & BROOKE:
 On behalf of your parish family, we extend congratulations to Jaykob Zuber and Brooke Holtz as they were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at Holy Cross-Wendelin. ***Your wedding will be remembered as the beginning of many joyous moments in your life together, the moment two people’s lives become one; where love between a***

man and a woman is joined, by the Holy Church, in Sacrament. Almighty Father, we ask you to bless Jaykob & Brooke with love, happiness and guidance during their married life. Amen!

T-SHIRT CAMPAIGN FOR KRISTEN KENNEDY:
Kristen was diagnosed with colon cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Please support the family with purchasing a Team Kennedy t-shirt. Proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can purchase it by dropping the shirt order form in the offering or leave at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the Kennedy Family.

CYM BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:THIS SUNDAY!
Tri-Parish CYM will be holding its annual pancake breakfast this Sunday, September 27th, serving from 8-10:30am at the Stringtown Parish Center. Free will donation. Menu includes: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, sweets, and drinks. There will also be a basket raffle to support those attending the 2027 CHWC Mission Trip. Please join us!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Amen, Amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” John 1:51 Yes, angels are real. And they are mighty glorious, beautiful, and magnificent in every way. We honor the three Archangels - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael – September 29th. These ‘holy angels’ are found throughout the Old and New Testament helping, healing, warning, and guarding. They continue today to offer the same touch of God to our lives too. How does one seek their assistance you might ask? The St. Michael prayer is one avenue to enlist the mighty angelic warrior for his assistance in our lives from the snares and temptations of Satan. We can ask St. Gabriel to proclaim the won-

ders of God in us. St. Raphael is God's remedy- he brings healing to the afflicted, and he can help bring healing in our lives, too. October 2nd is the feast day of the Guardian Angels. God has given each of us a guardian angel by our side to aid us and give comfort. This is a Powerhouse of Holy Assistance – one just needs to ask for their assistance: *O' Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, O' My Dear Guardian Angel, come into my life, fight, and protect me from all evil, open my eyes, ears, and heart to the words of Life of God, and heal all the areas on my being that is not of God. St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, help me. My Dear Guardian Angel, I love you and thank you for your protection over me! Amen!* A Life of Love awaits – a life where the angels trod and peace on earth reigns to all those of good will! Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

SISTER'S IN CHRIST: Friendship in the Lord – Sister's in Christ Schedule: † Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney † Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



Ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, or at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Sherry Geier or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

O.C.I.A. – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Have You Been Seeking More? Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was. OCIA is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. **Who is OCIA for?** • Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church. • Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. • Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy

Communion. There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi, if interested.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of September 27th – St. Therese: Littlest Saint, St. Jerome: Catholic Saints, Who Are the Archangels?**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Daily Rosary in October: Throughout October, St. Joseph School students will focus on the Rosary by praying a decade together to begin each school day. On All Souls' Day, our 5th–8th grade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery. **Pet Blessing:** Please join us on **Friday, Oct. 2, at 2:30PM** for a Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather with our pets in the grassy lot north of the school. All welcome!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, October 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, October 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, October 25: Knights led Rosary before the 8AM Olney Mass. **Sunday, October 25:** 4th Degree Exemplification at Mt. Carmel. Contact Steve Kuenstler or Mike Ginder. If interested in Vocational Raffle books to support local Seminarians, contact Rodney Ochs. \$10,000 1st prize - total of \$20,000 in cash awards. **148 students** participated in the Soccer Challenge Kick! Thank you to the St. Joseph staff and students!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

National Migration Week: September 21–27, 2026 - For over 45 years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration. It's an opportunity to reflect on our history as an immigrant Church and how our country has been enriched by generations of immigrants, in-

cluding many Catholics who have adopted this land as their own. It is also an occasion to grow in appreciation of the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, both in the U.S. and beyond, and to express solidarity through prayer, accompaniment, and advocacy. Pope Leo XIV chose "Even just one of these children" for this year's theme, which is a reference to Matthew 18:5: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." When this theme was announced, the Vatican noted, "With this choice, the Holy Father intends to express the Church's concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us." [National Migration Week | USCCB](#)

VOCATION CORNER:

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect on and affirm the priesthood's central role in the life of the Church. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#) and [World Day for Consecrated Life](#). In the United States, we also have [National Vocation Awareness Week](#) and [National Catholic Sisters Week](#). Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

Please pray for Kyle Kellerman as he continues his formation in Discipleship II at Glennon College Seminary. Your prayers are a vital part of supporting vocations. Whether it's a Rosary, a Mass intention, or a simple prayer, please keep **Kyle** in your prayers this week as he continues his formation and prepares to serve the people of God. Kyle Kellerman, Glennon College Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119. Thank you for supporting vocations in the Diocese of Belleville.

Sunday, September 26, 2026 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.



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Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.



I should have done my homework... I'll do it now.



Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then

we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

Answers to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not.
Across: 2. fair 4. does 6. he 7. committed 8. is 9. just 11. virtue
Down: 1. because 3. iniquity 4. die 5. says
14. say 15. sins 17. unfair 19. live 20. Lord
8. it 10. turns 12. must 13. shall 14. since 16. if 18. all

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27th, 2026

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.

Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!

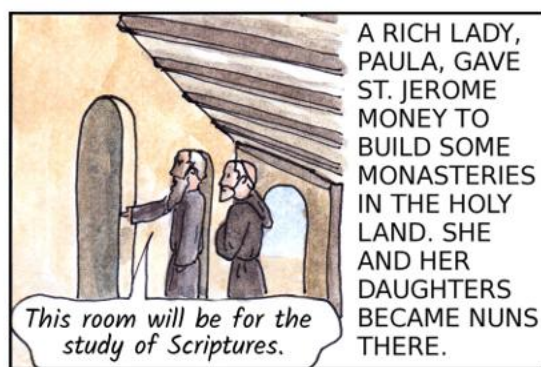
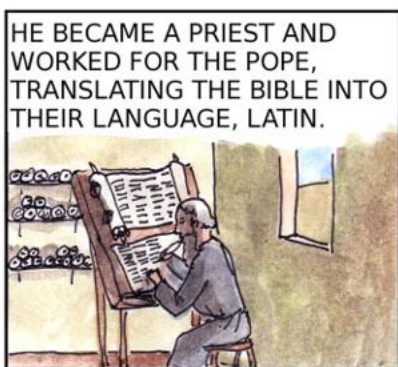
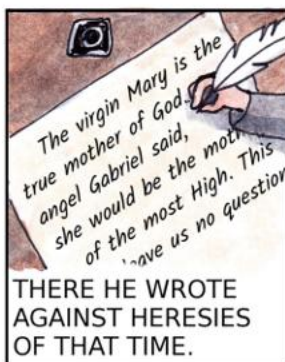
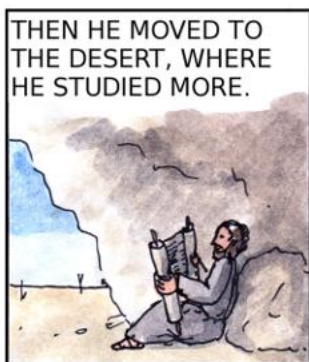
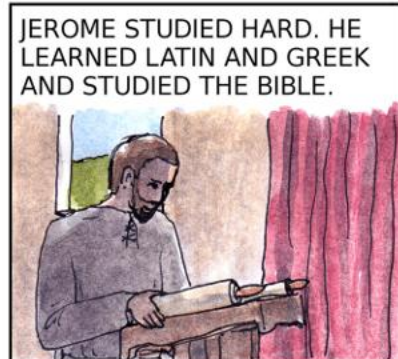
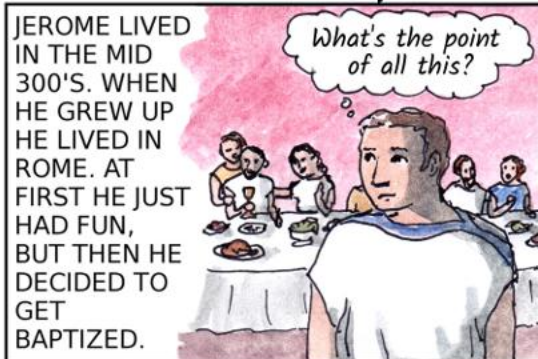


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Saint Jerome

September 30

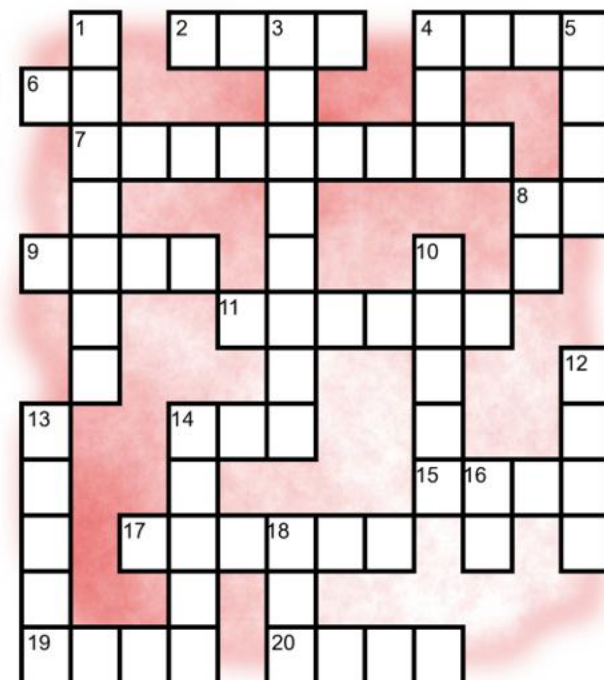


SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.
a=across & d=down.

COMMITTED
INIQUITY
BECAUSE
UNFAIR IT
VIRTUE IS
TURNS IF
SHALL HE
SINCE DIE
MUST ALL
LORD SAY
SAYS FAIR
JUST SINS
DOES LIVE



Thus _____ (5d) the _____: (20a) You _____, (14a) "The Lord's way is not _____!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: _____ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways _____? (17a) When someone virtuous _____ (10d) away from _____ (11a) to commit _____, (3d) and dies, _____ (8d) is _____ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that _____ (6a) _____ (12d) die. But _____ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has _____, (7a) and _____ (4a) what is right and _____, (9a) he shall preserve his life; _____ (14d) he has turned away from _____ (18d) the _____ (15a) that he committed, he _____ (13d) surely _____, (19a) he shall not _____. (4d)