

ST. JOSEPH - STRINGTOWN

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Envelopes: \$1,419.00 (38)
Loose: \$61.00
Total: **\$1,480.00**

Building Fund: **\$25.00 (2)**
Assumption of Mary: **\$10.00 (2)**
 Weekly Amount Needed: \$**1,400.00**

August Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher
August Missalette: For the Families of Sam & Mary Zwilling

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Monday, August 31 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, September 1 – **ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.**
Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

Wednesday, September 2 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-7:45pm.

Saturday, September 5 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.
CYM Lock-In at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Following First Saturday Mass to Sunday at 8am.

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Wednesday, September 16 – CYM Small Group and Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30pm.

Tuesday, September 15 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30-5:30pm.

Sunday, September 27 – **CYM Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown.**

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!

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. Both are 5 ft. diameter. Please contact Janette Kocher if you are interested 618-843-1650.

The parish now has an AED inside the church as well as the previous one in parish center. The one in the church is located in the vestibule near the holy fonts. Both machines are equipped to treat children and adults.

Clinton would appreciate your ongoing prayers, encouragement and cards as he participates in his discernment year at St. Meinrad Seminary. St. Meinrad Seminary, Clinton Rauch, 200 Hill Drive, Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

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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 as soon as possible. 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.

A Marian Family Exhibit will be held beginning Monday, September 14th -Wednesday, September 16th at St. Joseph-Olney in the Multi-Purpose Room. Statues and images of over 33 visitations from all over the world with relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Jochim & St. Anne, and St. Carlo Acutis. Please bring any religious articles you would like to touch the relics.

Monday, September 14th – Exhibit held 10am-Noon and 1-4pm with Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6:30pm. **Tuesday, September 15th** – Exhibit held 10am-Noon, 1-4pm, and 5-7pm.

Wednesday, September 16 – 8am School Mass followed by Exhibit 9am-Noon, 1-4pm and 5-7pm. Also available at St. Mary's on Thursday, September 17th. See flyer for details.

A group of "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! ***Set the World on Fire: Join us for this study and***



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.

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.

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 7am -12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your November 1st appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of August 31st – Cabrini, Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, Mother Teresa**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Please join us for our first courtyard band concert on Friday, September 4 at 2:30 pm! **No School** Monday, September 7- Labor Day.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, August 30: TODAY, 3rd and 4th Degree members and family, join us at the Smoke Rise Steak House for Fellowship Breakfast after the 8AM Olney Mass. **Thursday, September 10:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, September 17:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **St. Joe School Students**, practice for the upcoming Soccer Kick that will be held in September. **Kudos** to the 14 members in attendance at the 4th Degree meeting!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



Prayer for Those Hoping to Conceive or

Adopt a Child God our Creator, by your love the world is filled with life, through your generosity one generation gives life to another, and so are your wonders told and your praises sung. We look to you in our love and in our need: may it be your will that we bear (adopt) a child to share our home and faith. Loving God, be close to us as we pray to love and do your will. You are our God, nourishing us forever and ever. Amen.

www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-those-hoping-conceive-or-adopt-child

VOCATION CORNER:

"I have a vivid childhood memory of my mom and dad kneeling to pray after receiving Communion. They first taught me how to pray, and their marital witness continues to teach me about fidelity to one's vocation. Years later, at my first Mass, I told my father that I hoped my spiritual fatherhood would reflect his fatherhood – and I still hope for that. I wouldn't be a priest without my parents. Likewise, I wouldn't be a priest without the good men who witnessed to the joy of the priesthood, or the parishioners whose ceaseless prayers and encouragement sustained me. There was also the religious sister who taught me not just calculus,

but what it means to leave home and everything behind to follow Jesus. And it was a close friend's offhand remark – "You'd make a good priest" – that sparked a period of serious self-reflection and prayer that led me to the seminary. The Church teaches that a vocation is discovered, nourished, and accepted within one's community. " Fr. Christopher Murphy; Diocese of Providence, Riverside, Rhode Island Columbia Jan/Feb 2026

MESSENGER PRIEST APPRECIATION:

The Messenger celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE, which falls on Oct. 8, 2026. Our priests' pastoral ministries affect people's spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home, receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual. To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests' pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. Please send brief comments to: editor@bellevillemessenger.org. **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17**

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, Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Franklin

Hinterscher, Mary Rowark

Sunday, August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Barbara Ann Ochs†", "Gus & Lorena Ochs and Joseph Schneider†"

Monday, August 31, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"

Tuesday, September 1, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, September 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, September 3, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, September 4, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, September 5, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney

Sunday, September 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Kathy Zuber†" "Nadine Zwilling†",

Pike, Mary, & Ed & Janel Ginder†", 8:00am at St.

Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

08/30/2026

Servers:

Delana Sterchi

Grayson Sterchi

Emmitt Kocher

Lector:

Kylie Kocher

EMHC:

Gary Kocher

Beth Kocher

Owen Kocher

Gifts:

Tom Kocher

Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider

Alex Schneider

Greeters:

Werner & Janette Kocher

Children's Liturgy:

Donna & Natalie

09/06/2026

Servers:

Don Seiler

Sadie Seiler

Gus Kocher

Lector:

Joselyn Kocher

EMHC:

Jenny Hancock

Scott Seiler

Gary Zwilling

Gifts:

Harold & Lisa

Boehl

Ushers:

James Schneider

Elmer Ochs

Greeters:

Ralph & Sue McIntire

Children's Liturgy:

Jenny & Kylie

St. Joseph Church

Stringtown, Illinois

P.O. Box 188, Olney, IL 62450



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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 30, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Aug. 31	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 1	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 2	8:05 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Thu. Sep. 3	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Sep. 4	8:00 am	First Friday
Sat. Sep. 5	First Saturday	
	9:00 am	at Wendelin
	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
5:00 PM	<i>Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn</i> <i>James Carrigan</i> <i>Living and Deceased Hermina & Frances Zuber Family</i>	
Sun. Sep. 6	8:00 am	<i>Carl & Una Kocher</i> <i>Rod Kelley</i> <i>Eleanor Steber</i>
	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 23rd
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$10,508 (103) Loose: \$147
Guatemala: \$50 (2) CSMA: \$100 (1)
Cemetery: \$100 (1)

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.

Deepest sympathy to the family of ***Darrell J. Kuhl***. May he rest in the peace of God’s love.
Congratulations to newly baptized ***Jax Bear Burgener***, son of Braxton and Emma (Robinson) Burgener.

~ ***AROUND OUR PARISHES*** ~

Saturday, August 29th
• Mass for ***Carl & Una Kocher, Rod Kelley***, and ***Roy & Viola Fehrenbacher***.
• Children’s Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Sunday, August 30th
• Mass for ***Linda Gumble, Don & Ruth Matheny***, and ***Maren Zuber***.
• Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Monday, August 31st
• 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church.

Tuesday, September 1st
• 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, September 2nd
• 8:05 am, School Mass.
• Rosary after mass.
• 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
• 6:30-7:45 PM, Family Catechesis begins at Holy Cross.

Friday, September 4th
• 8:00 am, First Friday Mass followed by communion delivery.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25
Aug. 24: Linda Kessler (#244)
Aug. 25: Mona Kocher (#687)
Aug. 26: Claire Uhl (#082)
Aug. 27: Keith Kocher (#561)
Aug. 28: Elliott Eagleson (#807)

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

- Please join us for our first courtyard band concert on Friday, September 4 at 2:30 pm!
- No school Monday, September 7- Labor Day.
- **Big Mums** fundraiser! Pick up day is September 11th at the Olney City Park cattle barn from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

~ ***PARISH NEWS*** ~

- **Mark Your Calendars** for the ***St. Joseph-Olney Smorgasbord and Bazaar*** which will be held on Sunday, October 18. 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. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 18.
- **Attention All Anniversary Couples!** The Parish and Family Life Committee will once again sponsor an Anniversary Brunch on **Sunday, September 20**, following the 8:00 AM Mass, for the couples in our parish who have celebrated or will be celebrating their 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 year wedding anniversary in 2026. We invite you to attend the 8:00 AM Mass celebration that Sunday and to stay for brunch in the multipurpose room. Please contact the Parish office M-W-F to make your reservation by **Wednesday, September 16**. Those attending are asked to bring your wedding photo to share with everyone in attendance.
- **Discernment year at St. Meinrad Seminary:** Clinton, would appreciate your ongoing prayers, encouragement and cards.
St. Meinrad Seminary
Clinton Rauch
200 Hill Drive
Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

- **Family Catechesis** will begin this Wednesday, September 2nd. Our upcoming year will concentrate on more depth and faith formation for our families. There will be presentations on the Mass, opportunities for adoration, confession, praise and worship, resources monthly, and much more! Join us for Family Catechesis on the first Wednesday of every month at Holy Cross Church 6:30-7:45 pm. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate for more information.
- **Marian Family Exhibit:** There will be a Marian Exhibit in the MPR on September 14-16th. A 20-minute presentation will be giving on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the MPR. For the complete schedule, see the flyer on the bulletin boards.
- ***Want to know the Church's best kept secret?*** For more than 100 years, Catholic Social Teaching has offered a bold, beautiful vision for human dignity, solidarity with the poor, the rights of workers, care for creation and the common good.
Carol Potter will facilitate a **JustFaith group** exploring Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching - a prayerful, accessible series designed for busy adults who want to connect faith with real life. The group will meet one Wednesday/month for 90 minutes from 6:15 - 7:45 pm in the St. Joseph, Olney, MPR.
Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24, and April 28. To register, contact Carol Potter at cpotter@stjoeolney.com or Casey Hemrich in the church office. Materials will be provided once the group size is determined.
- **Our Guatemala sister parish**, San Jose Obrero El Rancho, has sent us their report on how our collection has been helping their parish. From June to December 2025, we collected \$4,066. Please see the report and pictures on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.
- **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.

Save the Date!! Noodle making will be the morning of September 12th! Starting around 7 am, or whenever you are able to attend. See you then!!

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sunday, Aug. 30:** Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following Mass at Smoke Rise Steak House. Any 3rd and 4th Degree members and their family are welcome to attend.
- **Thursday, Sep. 10:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Thursday, Sep. 17:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **St. Joe School Students**, practice for the upcoming Soccer Kick that will be held in September.
- **Kudos** to the 14 members in attendance at the 4th Degree meeting!
- **3rd Degree Members:** There is a possible 4th Degree Exemplification in Mt. Carmel in September. Contact Steve Kuenstler if interested. Practical Catholics; do you wish to be a Knight of Columbus member? Contact Rodney Ochs or Steve Kuenstler.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Love. When we exclude others to justify a cause. When mere kindness, and compassion is only given to those in your circle- we feed the absence of Love! Live today and tomorrow and so on- with Love guiding our understanding and being our response! It is really quite simple- if each one of us smiled-listened- cared- and prayed- Love would flourish abundantly! For where LOVE is- God is- because God is LOVE! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Respect Life Corner: August 30, 2026

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uscgb.org/prayers/prayer-those-hoping-conceive-or-adopt-child



Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic
St. Mary's in Ste. Marie

 **Sunday, September 6, 2026** 
3pm - 10pm

Brisket and/or BBQ Pork Chop served with potato salad, baked beans, drink, and dessert. Serving from 3-6 pm.



1 Meat Meal: \$10
2 Meat Meal: \$15



Fun for the whole family!
Bingo, food, kids' games, live music, beer garden, Homewood Grill ice cream, and raffle starts at 6:30 pm.

SOCO playing 7-10 pm!

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, August 30, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ **St. Joseph Church** ~

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Tyler Timm Youth Minister
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Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant
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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
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, August 31, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†
Saturday, August 29, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Rita Kocher†”, “Fred Kessler†”, “Jan & Judy Kocher†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 30, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “George, William & Caide Weidner† and Terry Long†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
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Sunday, September 6, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Bob Staser†” “Barbara Fetch†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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 23, 2026
(69) Envelope Collection: \$3,146.00, Loose: \$209.00 – **Total: \$3,355.00**, (3) Building: \$125.00,

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Dusty & Kim
Smithenry	
EMHC:	EMHC:
Kathy Kuenstler	Ellen Weber
Jeannie Nix	Phyllis Eggers
Diane Schackmann	Travis Weber
Josy Hart	Marcia Street
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Marge Kessler
Money Counters:	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Michael Kuenstler	Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Eric
Sandschafer	
Daniel Baker	Victor Sandschafer
Henry Weidner	Aaron Eggers
Mass Servers:	
Saturday, August 30 – Noah Rudolphi, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert	
Sunday, August 31 – Lane Smithenry, Blaine & Brooke Bergbower	
Saturday, September 5 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, September 6 – Bailey Kistner, Stella & Cora Warfel	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
August 30 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare	
September 6 – TBD	
September 13 – TBD	
September 20 – Marcia Street & Nora Street	
September 27 – TBD	
CRMH Communion:	
August 30 – Ellen Weber	

(3) Religious Education Fund: \$220.00, (2) Cemetery: \$150.00

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma 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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THANK YOU:
Thank you to Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, the choir members, servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and to the ladies that helped serve and prepare the funeral dinner. From Linus Kocher Family

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:
 To **Bo Francis Niebrugge**, son of Alex & Macy (Geier) Niebrugge, who was baptized this Sunday, August 30, 2026 by Fr. Levi James. Godparents are Justin Niebrugge and Amber Reavis. **“Lord, surround Bo with goodness, lead him in your light each day; help his walk the path you’ve chosen, guide his steps along the way. Teach him, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep him from all harm and bless him always with your grace and love.”**

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
The absence of Love is the absence of God. One does not have to look far to see the absence of Love in our world today. The violence that fills the media- killing of innocent babies-gossip- duplicity- the alienation we show to others-etc... all feed the chaos of evil. Are you building up the Kingdom of God or adding to the chaos? Do you Love or is there an absence of Love? It is easy to get caught up in our own day to day activities and live with the notion that those issues- are not my problem. Yet, when our personal actions are not of Love. When we exclude others to justify a cause. When mere kindness, and compassion is only given to those in your circle- we feed the absence of Love! Live today and tomorrow and so on with Love guiding our understanding and being our response! It is really quite simple- if each one of us smiled- listened- cared- and prayed- Love would flourish abundantly! For where LOVE is- God is- because God is LOVE! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:

A group of "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! ***Set the World on Fire: Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The cost of*** Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if you are interested. †Tuesday mornings - 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm St. Joseph-Olney †Wednesday evenings - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May from 6:30 pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

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.

MARIAN FAMILY EXHIBIT:

A Marian Family Exhibit will be held Monday, September 14th -Wednesday, September 16th at St. Joseph-Olney in the Multi-Purpose Room. Statues and images of over 33 visitations from all over the world with relics of Our Lady's Veil & St. Joseph's Cloak, St. Jochim & St. Anne, and St. Carlo Acutis. Please bring any religious articles you would like to touch the relics. **Monday, September 14th** – Exhibit held 10am-Noon and 1-4pm with Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown at 6:30pm. **Tuesday, September 15th** – Exhibit held 10am-Noon, 1-4pm, and 5-7pm. **Wednesday, September 16** – 8am School Mass followed by Exhibit 9am-Noon, 1-4pm and 5-7pm. Also available at St. Mary's on Thursday, September 17th. See flyer for more details.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to <http://www.formed.org/> and enter 62448. **The Week of August 31st – Cabrini, Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, Mother Teresa**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Please join us for our first courtyard band concert on Friday, September 4 at 2:30 pm! **No School** Monday, September 7- Labor Day.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, August 30: TODAY, 3rd and 4th Degree members and family, join us at the Smoke Rise Steak House for Fellowship Breakfast after the 8AM Olney Mass. **Thursday, September 10:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, September 17:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **St. Joe School Students,** practice for the upcoming Soccer Kick that will be held in September. **Kudos** to the 14 members in attendance at the 4th Degree meeting!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



Prayer for Those Hoping to Conceive or Adopt a Child God our Creator, by your love the world is filled with life, through your generosity one generation gives life to another, and so are your wonders told and your praises sung. We look to you in our love and in our need: may it be your will that we bear (adopt) a child to share our home and faith. Loving God, be close to us as we pray to love and do your will. You are our God, nourishing us forever and ever. Amen. www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-those-hoping-conceive-or-adopt-child

VOCATION CORNER:

"I have a vivid childhood memory of my mom and dad kneeling to pray after receiving Communion. They first taught me how to pray, and their marital witness continues to teach me about fidelity to one's vocation. Years later, at my first Mass, I told my father that I hoped my spiritual fatherhood would reflect his fatherhood – and I still hope for

that. I wouldn't be a priest without my parents. Likewise, I wouldn't be a priest without the good men who witnessed to the joy of the priesthood, or the parishioners whose ceaseless prayers and encouragement sustained me. There was also the religious sister who taught me not just calculus, but what it means to leave home and everything behind to follow Jesus. And it was a close friend's offhand remark – "You'd make a good priest" – that sparked a period of serious self-reflection and prayer that led me to the seminary. The Church teaches that a vocation is discovered, nourished, and accepted within one's community. " Fr. Christopher Murphy; Diocese of Providence, Riverside, Rhode Island Columbia Jan/Feb 2026

INGRAHAM LABOR DAY TRACTOR PULL:

September 7th from 9am-6pm. **We will be looking for desserts**, which can be dropped off that morning **and ice cream buckets for the soup**, which will be served 4pm-6pm for \$20 gallon or by bowl at 3pm, in the Hall. Fish dinner will be prepared by the Fire Dept. from at 11am-2pm. Any questions, please contact Rhonda Kuentler at 618-689-1106.

MESSENGER PRIEST APPRECIATION:

The Messenger celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE, which falls on Oct. 8, 2026. Our priests' pastoral ministries affect people's spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home, receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual. To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests' pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. Please send brief comments to: [edi-
tor@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org). **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17.**

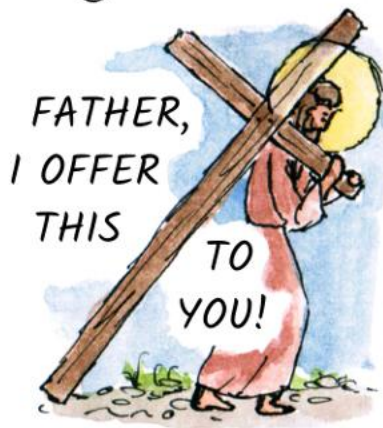
Sunday, August 31, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.



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If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!

Answers to maze on Front: Take up your cross and follow me.
Answers to Match-up: 1.D 2.C 3.E 4.B 5.G 6.A 7.F

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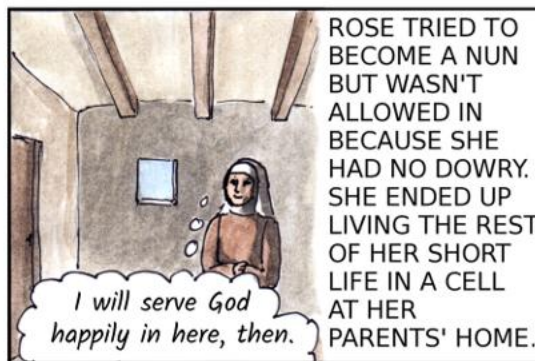
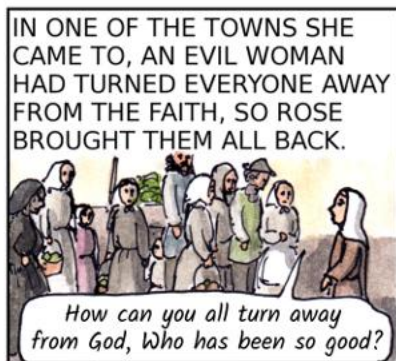
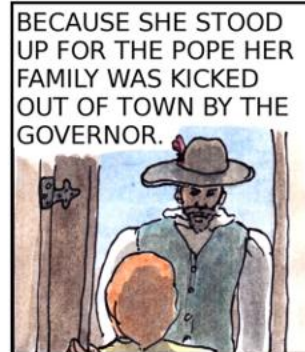
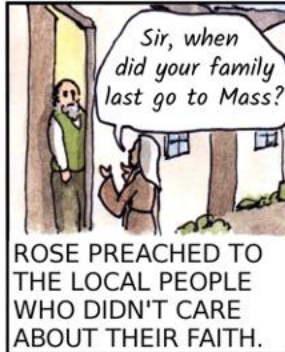
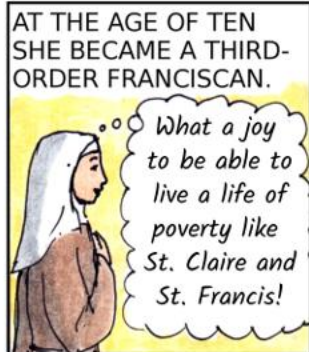
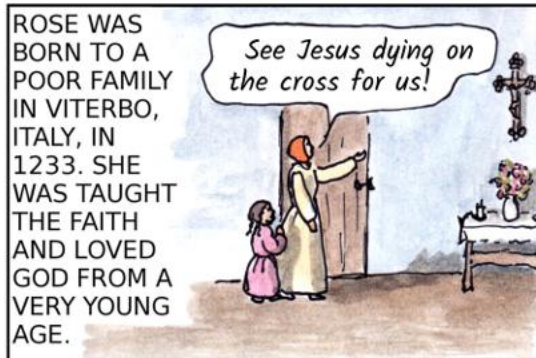
August 30th, 2026



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples?
Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

Saint Rose of Viterbo

September 4



ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 18. SHE HAD SPENT HER LIFE PRAYING, SACRIFICING AND PREACHING TO BRING SINNERS BACK TO GOD. ONCE THE SUFFERING JESUS HAD APPEARED TO HER, AND SHE RESOLVED TO TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS THAT HURT HIM. WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR JESUS TODAY?

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

1. Peter said, "God forbid, Lord!" †

A. will find it.

2. Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!" †

must deny himself,
B. take up his cross and follow me."

3. You are not thinking as God does †

C. You are an obstacle to me.

4. Whoever wishes to come after me †

D. No such thing shall ever happen to You!"

5. Whoever wishes to save his life †

E. but as human beings do."

6. and whoever loses his life for my sake †

for one to gain the
F. whole world and forfeit his life?

7. For what profit would there be †

G. will lose it