

# **ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY**

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. May 18 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. May 19 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. May 20 8:05 am For the Parish**  
Thu. May 21 6:30 PM at Wendelin  
**Fri. May 22 8:00 am For the Parish**

**Sat. May 23**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM John Beal**  
*Norman, Jean, & Carl Zwilling*  
*Living & Deceased members of*  
*Hermina & Frances Zuber*

**Sun. May 24**  
**8:00 am Margaret (Roth) King**  
*Mary Sheridan*  
*Alex & Lorene Kessler*  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

**Mon. May 25 Memorial Day**  
6:30 PM at Stringtown cemetery  
6:30 PM at Lawrenceville cemetery

**OUR MAY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family  
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

**OUR TITHES FOR MAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$9,980 (111) Loose: \$238  
Guatemala: \$152 (9) Seminarian Edu: \$220 (4)

**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 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for *Clara Rose Wilson* and *Loren & Lucille Ginder*.
- 5 PM, The PreK classes will be singing at mass.

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Mass for *Carl & Una Kocher, Dale Tibbs,* and *Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn*.
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 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.

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:05 am, last school mass
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- Last day of school for St. Joseph. Field Day!

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials.

**Registration is now open!**

Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Card Shower** for Fr. Steven’s ordination anniversary on May 26th. Please send a card to the church or rectory by May 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**St. Joseph School News**

- **Tuesday, May 19-** Preschool graduation at 11 am in gym.
- **Wednesday, May 20-** Field Day, Last Day of School, 10:50 Dismissal.
- **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!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- The family of James E. "Jim" Hemrich, Jr. would like to thank Fr. Levi, Fr. Steven and the St Joe choir for the beautiful Mass that celebrated Jim. Family and friends' presence at the Mass brought comfort to our family during this difficult time. Also, thanks to the funeral committee who provided the funeral dinner; it was greatly appreciated. To all who sent flowers and gifts; it meant so much to us. We are truly grateful for your kindness, friendship and generosity. To Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes, thank you for your care in making everything run so smoothly and helping us honor Jim in such a beautiful way.
- **Deadline for Ministry Photos** for the Directory! If any Parish Ministry or Council wants to be represented, they must submit a photo to Fr. Levi by Saturday May 23.
- **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>



- **Graduation List:** The list of 2026 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph preschool, 8th grade, high school, and colleges. We have the names of the preschoolers, the St. Joseph School 8th graders, and the Richland County High School class in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. The deadline to turn in names is **Wednesday, May 20**.

- **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](http://rebrand.ly/bbnew)



- **Tri Parish Golf Scramble** Join us for a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship while supporting the Tri Parish CYM Youth Group!

- 📅 Sunday, June 28
- 📍 Richland Golf Club
- 💰 \$300 per 4-person team
- 🕒 Lunch at 12:00 PM
- 🦖 Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

All proceeds will benefit the Tri Parish CYM Youth Group. To register your team or for more information, contact:  
Austin Zwilling – (618) 562-1994  
Tyler Timm – (507) 530-2911

• **Discernment Float Trip**

Step away from the noise of daily life and into something deeper. Single young adult men ages 18 and older are invited to join Fr. Thomas Luge, Fr. Levi James, & Fr. Steven Beatty for a summer retreat June 8th-10th to encounter Christ and His call in the beauty of the outdoors. Spend a few days on the Current River in Missouri while building brotherhood with other men seeking purpose and direction. Please email [vocations@diobelle.org](mailto:vocations@diobelle.org) for more information.

- **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.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

- May 11: Lisa Steber (#147)
- May 12: Connie Jones (#486)
- May 13: Helen Rohr (#529)
- May 14: Gene & Sandy Fehrenbacher (#774)
- May 15: Stan Eagleson (#296)

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Thurs. May 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at 7 pm. Please attend, the second reading of the 2026-2027 officers.
- **Sunday, May 31:** Knight led rosary before the 8 am mass at Olney. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degree members volunteer for mass ministries, followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

**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 **61** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$13,943.75** to support this mission. We are 62% to our goal of \$22,468.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

*"I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain!" I will rise - I will rise - I will rise! Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, suffered, died, and ascended into heaven, and reigns forever and ever. Our King defeated the throngs of death and darkness and opened the heavens for us to enter. However, the process of being transformed does not just wait for us at the end of our life but happens with every breath we take. This transformation is either more of HIM and less of me, or more of the world with more of me! One cannot serve two masters; either the prince of this world is your taskmaster and holds you bound, or The King of Kings is God and sets you free! Live a life of Love - and you too will rise! *I will rise when he calls my name* - to the heights of heaven! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!*

**Vocation Corner: May 17, 2026**

"There was never a dull moment growing up with seven siblings. Little did I know that this experience would prepare me well for Benedictine life, a life of stability in community lived in the enclosure of the monastery. Would I have become a monk if my grandmother had not prayed that one of her grandsons would become a priest; if my dad had not told me, "It doesn't hurt to give God the first option"; Nothing is more beautiful than encountering Christ. I didn't lose my family when I entered the monastery; I joined a family much larger than 10. I belong to God's family." Fr. Caesarius Marple, OSB; Westminster Abbey, Mission, British Columbia; Columbia Magazine April 2020

**St. Joseph Church**

208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450



**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

*The Ascension of the Lord*



~ **St. Joseph Church** ~

Website .....[www.stjosephchurcholney.com](http://www.stjosephchurcholney.com)

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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](http://stjosephchurcholney.com)

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office

**Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm**

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM or contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time of need.

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

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**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*).

**Collection Total for May 10, 2026**

Envelopes: \$725.00 (25)  
Loose: \$107.00  
**Total: \$832.00**

**Building Fund: \$40.00 (1)**

**Religious Education: \$100.00 (1)**

**Seminarian Education: \$100.00 (1)**

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

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

**May Missalettes: In Memory of Kathy Zwilling**

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**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Sunday, May 17 – Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7-11:30am.**

**Monday, May 18 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.**

**Tuesday, May 19 – 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, May 20 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30-5:30pm.**

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

**Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm.**

Cemetery Prayer Service at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

**Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Tri-Parish VBS at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30-7:30pm.**

**CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*"I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain!"* I will rise – I will rise - I will rise!  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, suffered, died, and ascended into heaven, and reigns forever and ever. Our King defeated the throngs of death and darkness and opened the heavens for us

to enter. However, the process of being transformed does not just wait for us at the end of our life but happens with every breath we take. This transformation is either more of HIM and less of me, or more of the world with more of me! One cannot serve two masters; either the prince of this world is your taskmaster and holds you bound, or The King of Kings is God and sets you free! Live a life of Love - and you too will rise! *I will rise when he calls my name* - to the heights of heaven! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**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.

**2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:**

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.  
**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 the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations.

**Quilt & Craft Raffle** – Items are still needed for the Quilt and Craft Raffle. If you have anything you'd like to donate to this raffle, please contact Jenny.

**Noodle Day** - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Stringtown Parish Center. **Donation Sheets for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date are available in the back of church. Also, we are accepting cash donations for supplies.**

**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. Thank you!

**Picnic Chairs** are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance)

**TRI-PARISH VBS:**



Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-

shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:**

Download the app or go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter 62448. **The Week of May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Saint Rita, The Ascension: Sacred Art, Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story

**ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

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**OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, May 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, 7PM. Second reading of the 2026-2027 Officers.

**Sunday, May 31:** Knight led Rosary. Member Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass, followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members and family for a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

**TRI-PARISH GOLF SCRAMBLE:**

Join us for a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship while supporting the Tri Parish CYM Youth Group!

Sunday, June 28

Richland Golf Club

\$300 per 4-person team

Lunch at 12:00PM

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  
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### 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!

### DIRECTORY DEADLINE:

Deadline is approaching for Parish Directory! If any Parish Ministry or Council wants to be represented, they must submit a photo to Fr. Levi by Saturday, May 23.

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission

### VOCATION CORNER:

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### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:



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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:

We love having you as part of our flock. Text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 or connect with us online at [stjosepholney.flocknote.com](http://stjosepholney.flocknote.com).

### REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire



### Sunday, May 17, 2026

#### The Ascension of the Lord

**Sunday, May 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
"Judy Zuber†", "Barbara Ann Ochs†", "Carolyn Zuber†"

**Monday, May 18, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
"William Hahn & Lorraine Ochs Family and Special Intention"

**Tuesday, May 19, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville**

**Wednesday, May 20, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Thursday, May 21, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin**

**Friday, May 22, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**

**Saturday, May 23, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney**

**Sunday, May 24, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**  
"Jean & Norman Zwilling†", "Joseph Schneider†"

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

### 05/17/2026

#### Servers:

Don Seiler  
Sadie Seiler  
Gus Kocher

#### Lector:

Anita Seiler

#### EMHC:

Lisa Boehl  
Harold Boehl  
Jamie Kocher

#### Gifts:

Scott Seiler  
Family

#### Ushers:

David Muhs  
James Schneider

#### Greeters:

Mallory Kocher

#### Children's Liturgy:

Donna & Natalie

### 05/24/2026

#### Servers:

Delana Sterchi  
Grayson Sterchi  
Hallie Ochs

#### Lector:

Laura Sterchi

#### EMHC:

Elmer Ochs  
Mary Ochs  
John Ochs

#### Gifts:

Jack Weidner  
Family

#### Ushers:

Doug Kocher  
Caden Kocher

#### Greeters:

Gary & Beth  
Kocher Family

#### Children's Liturgy:

Jenny & Kylie

## St. Joseph Church Stringtown, Illinois

P.O. Box 10, Dundas, IL 62425



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Website: [www.stjosephstringtown.com](http://www.stjosephstringtown.com)

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

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**Reverend Levi James** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parochial Vicar**  
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May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Saturday, May 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-

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Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 17, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

“Herman & Joan Rudolphi†”, “Don Geier†”,

8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St.

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Lawrenceville

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Wendelin “Fred Kessler†”, “Srs. Antoinette &

Loretta Volk, PHJC†” 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 24, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin

“Harold Rauch†” “Gib & Pat Volk and Deceased

Family†” 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown,

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St.

Lawrence-Lawrenceville

April Bulletins and Missalettes:

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Carl & Judy Kessler Family

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:

To schedule, contact Ashley. Price to sponsor for a month is \$100 for bulletins and \$100 for missalettes.

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, May 10, 2026

(80) Envelope Collection: \$3,103.00, Loose:

\$313.00 – Total: \$3,416.00, (17) Building:

\$643.00, (1) Home Mission: \$20.00, (9) Seminarian

\*MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS\*

SATURDAY SUNDAY

Open/Lock/Greet: Open/Lock/Greet:

Keith & Pam Blank Eric & Kristi Sandschafer

EMHC: EMHC:

Celia Rudolphi Paul Kocher

Bev Weidner Ellen Weber

Josy Hart Jason Warfel

Tammy Rudolphi Kim Smithenry

Lectors: Lectors:

Maria Rudolphi Kristi Sandschafer

Money Counters:

\*Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster\*

Ushers: Ushers:

Tim Weidner Austin Zwilling

James Rudolphi Kevin Blank

Mark Rudolphi Jerome Kistner

Michael Kuenstler Michael Kistner

Mass Servers:

Saturday, May 16 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd

Weidner

Sunday, May 17 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke &

Braden Weidner

Saturday, May 23 – Noah & Levi Rudolphi,

Mattux Hart

Sunday, May 24 – Bailey Kistner, Nora & Alex

Street

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:

May 17 – Alli Kirts and Nora Street

May 24 – Melissa, Brooke, and Clara Weidner

May 31 – Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber

CRMH Communion:

May 17 – Marge Kessler

May 31 – Diane Herdes

Education: \$355.00, (7) Cemetery: \$370.00, (1)

Catholic Communication: \$10.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:

As of Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – \$299,098.57 has

been received from 419 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:



Mary Beth Scherer, Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Jim & Norma Kocher, Rita Kocher, Amelia Rauch

PARISH EVENTS:

Monday, May 18 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, May 19 – 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, May 20 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30-5:30pm.

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm.

Cemetery Prayer Service at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.

Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Tri-Parish VBS at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30-7:30pm.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Zoey Lynn Tinder, daughter of Dalton Tinder and Emma (Rudolphi) Tinder, who was baptized today, Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> by Fr. Steven Beatty. Godparents are Alec Balding and Elizabeth Laley. “Lord, surround Zoey with goodness, lead her in your light each day; help her walk the path you’ve chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep her from all harm and bless her always with your grace and love.”

TRI-PARISH GOLF SCRAMBLE:

Join us for a fun afternoon of golf and fellowship while supporting the Tri Parish CYM Youth Group! Sunday, June 28 Richland Golf Club

\$ \$300 per 4-person team Lunch at 12:00PM

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 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!

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 Holy Cross-Wendelin representative Sherry Geier, 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.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. The Week of May 17<sup>th</sup> – Saint Rita, The Ascension: Sacred Art, Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story

FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:

Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church. They are located in the vestibule/gathering space. Please note if these are not picked up

before May 17<sup>th</sup>, they will be donated for use in the Parish Center.

#### **TRI-PARISH VBS:**



Tri-Parish VBS, "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30-7:30pm for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **CEMETERY FLOWERS:**

Mowing season is underway, please remember all flowers must be attached to the headstone – NO flowers are to be placed on the ground around the headstone. All placed on ground will be removed as it makes it difficult for mowers to maintain grounds. Thanks for your cooperation!

#### **GRADUATION LIST:**

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.

#### **DIRECTORY DEADLINE:**

If any Parish Ministry or Council wants to be represented, they must submit a photo to Fr. Levi by Saturday, May 23.

#### **PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:**

Please contact worker's list committee with changes or if not available to work your shift this year by June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and proceeds will stay in the Ladies Altar Sodality this month. Reminder there will be drawings in July or August.

#### **CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

*"I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain!"* I will rise – I will rise - I will rise! Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, suffered, died, and ascended into heaven, and reigns forever and ever. Our King defeated the throngs of death and darkness and opened the heavens for us to enter. However, the process of being transformed does not just wait for us at the end of our life but happens with every breath we take. This transformation is either more of HIM and less of me, or more of the world with more of me! One cannot serve two masters; either the prince of this world is your taskmaster and holds you bound, or The King of Kings is God and sets you free! Live a life of Love - and you too will rise! *I will rise when he calls my name* - to the heights of heaven! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

#### **ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Tuesday, May 19-** Preschool graduation at 11am in gym. **Wednesday, May 20-** Field Day, Last Day of School, 10:50 Dismissal. **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!

#### **OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**Thursday, May 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, 7PM. Second reading of the 2026-2027 Officers. **Sunday, May 31:** Knight led Rosary. Member Ministry at 8AM Olney Mass, followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members and family for a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission

#### **VOCATION CORNER:**

"There was never a dull moment growing up with seven siblings. Little did I know that this experience would prepare me well for Benedictine life, a life of stability in community lived in the enclosure of the monastery. Would I have become a monk if my grandmother had not prayed that one of her grandsons would become a priest; if my dad had not told me, "It doesn't hurt to give God the first option"; Nothing is more beautiful than encountering Christ. I didn't lose my family when I entered the monastery; I joined a family much larger than 10. I belong to God's family." Fr. Caesarius Marple, OSB; Westminster Abbey, Mission, British Columbia; Columbia Magazine April 2020

#### **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.anedot.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](http://stjosepholney.flocknote.com).

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.



**Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin**

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**Parish E-mail: [holycrosswendelin@outlook.com](mailto:holycrosswendelin@outlook.com)**

**Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671**

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.**

**Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am**

**\*\*Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty – Pastor**

**Fr. Steven's Cell: 618-697-2632**

**E-mail: [frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)**

**\*\*Reverend Levi James – Parochial Vicar**

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**Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; Pastoral**

**Council: Tony Kuentler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier,**

**Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty**

**Smithenry**

# Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



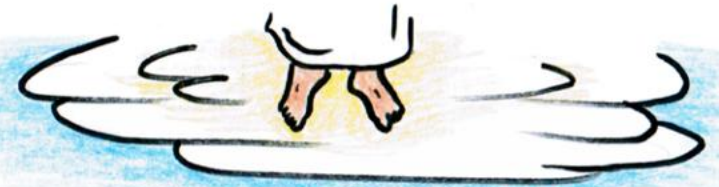
YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

Answer to puzzle on front page: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy! Answers to True or False: 1.True 2.False 3.False 4.True 5.True 6.False 7.True

# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension  
May 14th or May 17th, 2026

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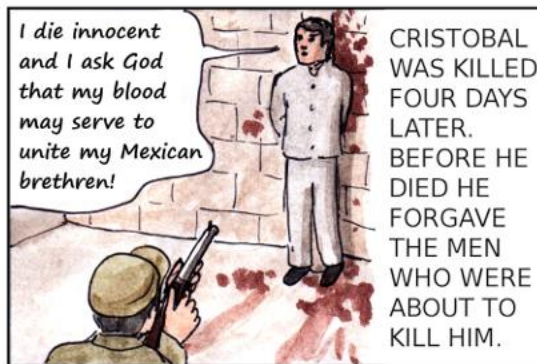
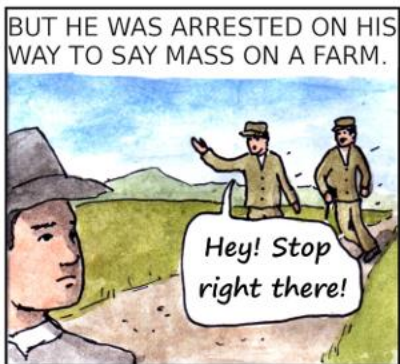
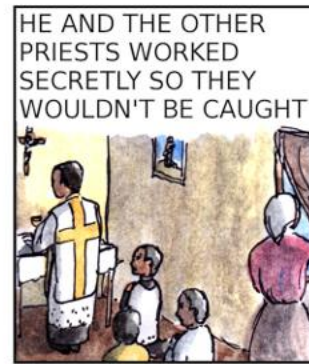
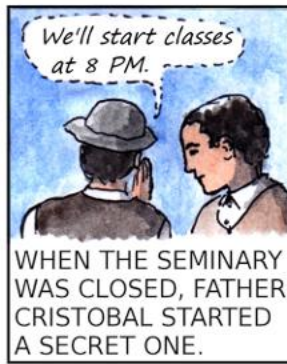
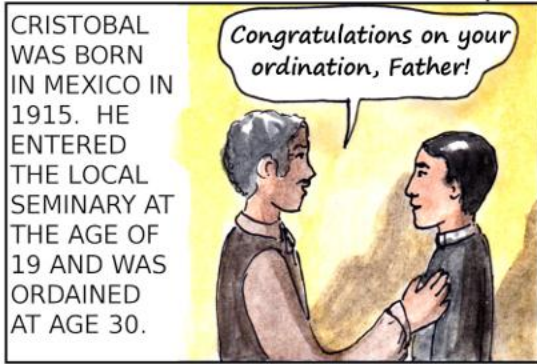


What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension? Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

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# Saint Cristobal Magallanes

## May 21



SAINT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

# True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension?  
See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?

