ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, May 25th, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

✞ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✞

Mon. May 26	**9:00 am**	**Memorial Day Mass St. Joseph Cemetery**
	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. May 27	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. May 28	**8:05 am**	***For the Parish***
Thu. May 29	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. May 30	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***
Sat. May 31		
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
5:00 PM		***Nina Burcham Living & Deceased Hermina & Frances Zuber***
Sun. June 1		
8:00 am		***Dudley Chamberlin***
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

OUR MAY SPONSORS

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

OUR TITHES FOR May 18th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $5,440 (92) Loose: $484
Guatemala: $50 (1) Seminarian Edu: $75 (1)

Let Us Pray For: Julie Oesch, Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Clara Rose Wilson, John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the prayer list.*

Welcome to ***Alex & Elyse (Eagleson) Waldherr*** as new registered members of St. Joseph Church!

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, May 24th

- Mass for Norman, Joseph, & Carl Zwilling, and Mary Sheridan.

Sunday, May 25th

- Mass for Kimberly Stout, William & Maxine Ferrell, and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All K-3 students are welcome. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass.

Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day

- Church office closed
- 9:00 am, mass at the St. Joseph Cemetery, Olney.

Tuesday, May 27th

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 1st and 5th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 5:00 PM, Ladies Book Study meeting in conference room B.

Wednesday, May 28th

- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 9:15, Bible study at St. Joseph Olney in Room B. There will be no bible study on June 4th.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- Last day of school for St. Joseph.

Saturday, May 31st

- Deacon John Gomez is giving the homily about Catholic Relief Services during 5 pm mass at St. Joseph, Olney. There will possibly be some fair-trade items available after mass as well.

St. Joseph School News

- Monday, May 26- No School- Memorial Day.
- Wednesday, May 28- Field Day, Last Day of School, 11:00 Release (no lunch or home bus service).
- Thanks to Judy Beal who made the altar cloth for First Communion.
- We wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!

Ethan Kocher

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion! May the grace of this sacrament strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God each day.

✞ *Congratulations!* ✞

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The Parish and Family Life committee** will be sponsoring another community outreach project for Memorial Day, serving meals to our community's First Responders. Our goal is to provide meals to as many departments of the community as we have donations for including; Richland County Sheriff's department, Olney City Police, Carle Ambulance service, as well as our area fire departments. We will be delivering ham & cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies & drinks. If anyone from our Parish would like to make a monetary donation to help cover expenses or to provide a food item or baked goods for this service project, please contact the St. Joseph parish office or one of our committee members. Thank you.
- **Sisters in Christ**: A Tuesday evening Ladies Group will begin on May 27th at St. Joseph, Olney. We will meet from 5:00-6:00 pm in Conference Room B. Our new book study begins and our journey of "Loving Like a Saint."
  - Tuesday, 10:00 am at Stringtown
  - Tuesday, 5:00 pm at St. Joseph Olney
  - Wednesday, 5:30 pm Holy Cross

  "Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what Heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way."
  +Pope St. Gregory the Great
- **Annual Baby Bottle Project:** Your change can change a life. We encourage everyone to continue to fill the baby bottles with your extra change and bills. This is a fundraising effort the entire family can enjoy together!
- We are now accepting **mass intentions** through **September 30, 2025**. 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.
- **Graduation Recognition Weekend, June 7 & 8:** During the Masses we will celebrate the graduates and offer a blessing for our 8th grade, High School, and College Graduates.

Vacation Bible School [VBS]

True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"

Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds
Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds

When: June 8-11
Where: Holy Cross, Wendelin
Time: 5:30 pm -7:30 pm (Sunday-Tuesday)
5:30 pm-8:00 pm (Wednesday)

Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders.
Registrations are due by **May 28.**
Register online on the parish website.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- ***Sunday, May 25***: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the Olney 8 AM Mass.
- ***Monday, May 26***: Memorial Day Mass, Olney St. Joseph Cemetery, 9AM. Dan Kuenstler and Dan Zwilling carrying the flags.
- ***Thursday, June 12:*** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
- ***Thursday, June 19***: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- ***Sunday, June 29***: Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the 8AM Mass. Also, Knights Volunteer Ministry at this Mass followed with a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant.
- 3rd Degree and 4th Degree members consider being an Officer for 2025-2026. Contact Steve or Dan Kuenstler, Elmer Weiler, or Hank Ginder.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25

May 19: Chris Schuetz (#817)
May 20: Luke Tegeler (#455)
May 21: Quinn Nuss (#385)
May 22: Julie Fleming (#121)
May 23: Neal Rosenburg (#286)

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving". It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

"Peace, I leave with you my friends...peace that the world cannot give!" How so very true it is that there is no peace apart from God. Yes, you may think life is good – even live in a "life is a highway" state of mind; but you will find no true peace amid worldliness. We were not made for this world- we were made for something much more! That something more is the Kingdom! Our lives speak volumes as to whom we belong as well! We either radiate the love and peace of God or the false accolades of the prince of darkness. In the end there are only two options - heaven or hell - and both are eternal! Let today and every day be a new beginning of living the love and light of Christ! Live a Life of Love that is immersed in the peace that surpasses all understanding!
Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

Respect Life Corner: May 25th

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

Vocation Corner: May 25th

Jesus prepares the apostles for his return to His Father in heaven. He gives us His peace. Unfortunately, peace has not always been upon us. This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself, as Christ did, is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January 15-20, 2026
Hosted by CRS in the Diocese of Belleville
Retreat Leaders: Fr. Bob Flannery, Sue Huett Asbeck, and Cheryl Sommer
Initial Registration Deadline June 30, 2025

Registration is now open for a 6-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on behalf of U.S. Catholics. Pilgrimage cost is $2994. To register go online to gocatholictravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Sommer-2026-Mexico-Brochure.pdf.

Congratulations Class of 2025

Please see the bulletin insert for the list of all of our 2025 graduates.

During masses on June 7-8, we will celebrate the graduates and offer a blessing for our 8th grade, High School, and College Graduates.

✞ ***Congratulations!*** ✞

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Artwork: Ethan Kocher

~ St. Joseph Church ~

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Jeffrey Rosenberg ..... Trustee
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ Welcome ~

The St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

Join us for mass:
Wednesday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Live streaming of the 8 am masses on Sunday and Wednesday are now available! To watch it live, go to stjosephchurcholney.com.

New parishioners, please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (618-392-8181) to receive a new member packet

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ Sacraments ~

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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Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager
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Kristen Eagleson……...Financial Manager

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

Collection Total for May 18, 2025

Envelopes: $960.00 (29)
Loose: $187.00
Total: $1,147.00

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
Building Fund: $490.00 (6)
Catholic Communication Campaign: $165.00 (5)

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May Bulletins: Olney Knights of Columbus
May Missalettes: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber Wedding Anniversary
Available for 2025. Contact Ashley to schedule. Missalette sponsors are still needed. Bulletins are full for 2025. Price is $100 to sponsor missalettes.

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PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, May 25 – Donut Sunday TODAY at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following Mass.
Monday, May 26 – Happy Memorial Day! Parish Offices closed. Holy Cross-Wendelin Memorial Day Prayer Service, 9am at Holy Cross-Cemetery – Weather Permitting**.**
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.
Tuesday, May 27– ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ, 10:00am in St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in the church at all times.
Wednesday, May 28– Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:15am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, May 29 – Ashley Out of Office for VBS Prep!
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin Followed by Weekday Mass, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Saturday, June 7 and 8 – Graduation Recognition Weekend at ALL parishes!
Sunday, June 11 – True North VBS begins at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Sunday, June 22 – Senior Citizen Breakfast at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, Following Mass.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

"Peace I leave with you my friends… peace that the world cannot give!" How so very true it is that there is no peace apart from God. Yes, you may think life is good – even live in a "life is a highway" state of mind; but you will find no true peace amid worldliness. We were not made for this world- we were made for something much more! That something more is the Kingdom! Our lives speak volumes as to whom we belong as well! We either radiate the love and peace of God or the false accolades of the prince of darkness. In the end there are only two options - heaven or hell - and both are eternal! Let today and every day be a new beginning of living the love and light of Christ! Live a Life of Love that is immersed in the peace that surpasses all understanding! Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us*!

SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Our new book study begins and our journey of "Loving Like a Saint." **Tuesday** - 10:00 am at St. Joseph- Stringtown, 5:00 pm at St. Joseph-Olney **Wednesday -** 5:30 pm Holy Cross Wendelin "Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what Heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way." +Pope St. Gregory the Great

BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

The Stringtown Community Club is hosting the annual Senior Citizen Breakfast on Sunday, June 22nd after 8:00am Mass. All parishioners age 65 and older are invited to attend with a guest. Please RSVP by June 8th to Anne Crites at 618-838-3935.

GRADUATES 2025:

Graduation Recognition Weekend - June 7 & 8
During the Masses we will celebrate the graduates and offer a blessing for our 8th grade, high school, and college graduates. ***Our list of graduates flyer will be released then***.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY*:*

To Jean Kocher and all family and friends of Clara Louise (Bangert) Kocher. Clara died on Saturday, May 17th***. Eternal rest grant unto Clara, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, May 26- No School- Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 27- Field Day, Last Day of School, 11:00 Release (no lunch or home bus service)
Thanks to Carol Zuber for making cakes for our 2nd graders receiving First Communion and for Judy Beal who made the altar cloth. **We wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!**

2025 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2025 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th.
Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, and prizes are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair. **Raffles** – Envelopes with raffle tickets and list for parishioners, along with extra raffle tickets and list are available in the back of church. Please take the time to pick up your envelope. Thank you! **Noodle Day** – Noodle Day was a huge success, with a total of 83 pounds made. All donations and volunteers were greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your help!

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. Please have all donations dropped off or contact Janice by Monday, July 14th. **Picnic Chairs** - 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)

PICNIC BASKET STAND:

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" Pre-School Crew 3-5 year olds & Elementary Crew 6-10 year olds. Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders. **When:** June 8-11 [Sunday-Wednesday evenings] **Where:** Holy Cross-Wendelin **Time:** 5:30pm -7:30pm (Sunday-Tuesday) 5:30pm-8:00pm (Wednesday) Register online at the parish website. Contribution envelopes are still available in the vestibules of the parishes.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:
Wednesdays at 9:30am, Room B.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
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TODD HERENDEEN CONCERT:
Tribute to Legends of Rock and County including hits from many decades from Cash to The King! Doors open at 5pm with show at 7pm on June 26th at Holy Cross Parish Center. Tickets are $15 at the door. Light refreshments will be served with soda and water available to purchase. You can also bring your own drinks. Contact Cindy Blank at 618-843-8018 for more information.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:
We will collect the filled bottles on Father's Day weekend and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its life-saving ministry. **YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

WELCOME DEACON JOHN GOMEZ:
Next weekend, we will welcome Deacon John Gomez to preach in Olney at 5pm mass and Stringtown 8am mass. Deacon John is a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Global Fellow. He will be preaching on Catholic Social Teaching and how CRS works on our behalf around the globe to live out these values in caring for our vulnerable brothers and sisters. After the Masses at which he preaches, there will be an opportunity to purchase fair trade products including olive oil, coffee, tea, chocolate, dates, and more. By purchasing these products you are living out our Catholic teaching on the rights of workers to receive a just price for their work. Additionally, 10% of all purchases will go to the CRS-run Growing Hope Globally agriculture program in Malawi.

ORDINATION OF LEVI K. JAMES:
You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of the Reverend Mr. Levi K. James the son of David & Ann James of St. Mary Parish in Mt. Carmel to the Order of the Sacred Priesthood by The Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, Titular Bishop of Turuzi, through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, Illinois. Reception following in the McCormick Center.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Rick Rennier, Teresa Zehner, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Ralph McIntire

Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Joseph Schneider+" "Carolyn Zuber+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Monday, May 26, 9:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery**, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For All Military"**
Tuesday, May 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, May 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, May 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, May 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, May 31, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, June 1, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Ed & Janel Ginder+" "Ralph & Cyril Zwilling+" 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

05/25/2025
Servers:
Emmitt Kocher
Sadie Seiler
Levi Weidner
Lector:
Anita Seiler
EMHC:
Scott Seiler
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Gifts:
Wayne Kocher
Family
Ushers:
James Schneider
Evelyn Volk
Greeters:
Bill Zuber

Children's Liturgy:
Laura, Dorothy, Delana

06/01/2025
Servers:
Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Kylie Kocher
EMHC:
Gary Kocher
Beth Kocher
Ian Kocher
Gifts:
John Ochs
Family
Ushers:
Brian Ochs
Mitchell Ochs
Greeters:
Seaman Family

Children's Liturgy:
Anita & Anna

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

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

+Eucharistic Celebrations+

Saturday, May 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Jack & Lavera Bryan+" "Jerry Kessler & Deceased Family+" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, May 25, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Eva Grace Street+"
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**,** 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, May 26, 9:00am at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, May 27, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, May 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, May 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "For the Parish"

Friday, May 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, May 31, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Leonard Kessler+, Judy & Carl Kessler+" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, June 1, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Bernice Klingler+"
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown**;** 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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May Bulletins: In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Ochs and Hinterscher Families

May Missalettes: For the Parish

BULLETIN & MISSALETTE SPONSORS:
Interested in sponsoring a bulletin or missalette as a business, individual, or in memory of loved ones? Have questions or if interested in scheduling, please contact Ashley**. Price to sponsor for a month is $100 for bulletins and $100 for missalettes.**

MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Jeannie Nix	Kim Smithenry
Bev Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Sherry Geier	Missy Buerster
Christine Hall	Marcia Street
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard
Money Counters:	
*Mark & Jeannie Nix *	
Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Toby Hall	Dusty Smithenry
Michael Kuenstler	Shad Street
Kelly Geier	Ben Street
Daniel Baker	Danny Quinn

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sun. May 18, 2025
(56) Envelope Collection: $1,773.00
Loose: $478.00 **Total: $2,251.00** (7) Building Fund: $415.00 (1) Rebuild: $300.00, (1) Seminarian Education: $55.00, (3) Cemetery: $205.00, (7) Catholic Communication: $155.00, (3) VBS: $65.00

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, May 21st – $**273,848.57** has been received from 387 donations – thank you!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Carl Klingler, Mary Beth Scherer, Gerry Carter, Terry Tolliver, Jane Kocher (Sister of Fred Kuhl and Rose Stark), Wesley Frohning, Wilmajean Geier, Cindy Henson (Daughter of Dean Klingler)

CRMH COMMUNION:
June 8 – Maria Rudolphi (618)-752-5900
June 15 – Ellen Weber (618)-771-7752
June 29 – Lynn Weidner (618)-843-0361

MASS SERVERS:
Sat. May 24 – Karly, Ethan, & Chloe Deckard
Sun. May 25 – Ellee Nettleton, Kaleb & Kelby Iffert
Sat. May 30 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sun. June 1 – Stella Warfel, Nora & Alex Street

PARISH EVENTS:
Monday, May 26 – Monday, May 26 – Happy Memorial Day! Parish Offices closed. Holy Cross-Wendelin Memorial Day Prayer Service, 9am at Holy Cross-Cemetery – Weather Permitting.
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross, 7pm.
Tuesday, May 27 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Must be 2 people in church.
Wednesday, May 28 – Deacon Jack Bible Study at St. Joseph-Olney, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, May 29 – Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross-Wendelin Followed by Weekday Mass, 5:30pm.
Brothers in Christ at Holy Cross Parish Center, 7pm.
Saturday, June 7 and 8 – Graduation Recognition Weekend at ALL parishes!
Sunday, June 11 – True North VBS begins at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 5:30pm.
Thursday, June 26 – Todd Herendeen Concert at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Center, 7pm.

TODD HERENDEEN CONCERT:
Tribute to Legends of Rock and County including hits from many decades from Cash to The King! Doors open at 5pm with show at 7pm on June 26th at Holy Cross Parish Center. Tickets are $15 at the door. Light refreshments will be served with soda and water available to purchase. You can also bring your own drinks. Contact Cindy Blank at 618-843-8018 for more information.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY*:*
+To all relatives and friends of Clara Louise (Bangert) Kocher. Clara died on Saturday, May 17th**.**
+To all relatives and friends of Inis Faye (Kistner) Probst. Inis died on Friday, May 16th.
+To all relatives and friends of Carl Joseph Kessler. Carl died on Thursday, May 22nd. Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 28th from 4-7pm and from 9-10am on Thursday, May 29th. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, May 29th at 10am. All will be held at Holy Cross. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery with full military rites.
Eternal rest grant unto Clara, Inis, and Carl, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION WEEKEND:
June 7 & 8, during the Masses we will celebrate the graduates and offer a blessing for our 8th grade, high school, and college graduates. ***Our list of graduates flyer will be released then.***

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
"Peace I leave with you my friends… peace that the world cannot give!" How so very true it is that there is no peace apart from God. Yes, you may think life is good – even live in a "life is a highway" state of mind; but you will find no true peace amid worldliness. We were not made for this world- we were made for something much more! That something more is the Kingdom! Our lives speak volumes as to whom we belong as well! We either radiate the love and peace of God or the false accolades of the prince of darkness. In the end there are only two options - heaven or hell - and both are eternal! Let today and every day be a new beginning of living the love and light of Christ! Live a Life of Love that is immersed in the peace that surpasses all understanding! Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us*!

BAPTISM:
To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble.

PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:
If you need to change your job for any reason at the picnic, please contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Christine Hall 618-544-2019, Marty Klingler 618-843-4305, or Kim Correll 618-676-5789 **by next Wednesday, May 28**. After that you will need to find your own replacement.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

True North "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" Pre-School Crew 3–5-year-olds & Elementary Crew 6–10-year-olds. Pre-teen and CYM can assist as Crew Leaders.
When: June 8-11 [Sunday-Wednesday evenings]
Where: Holy Cross-Wendelin **Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Sunday-Tuesday) 5:30pm-8:00pm (Wednesday). Register online at the parish website. Contribution envelopes are still available in the vestibules of the parishes.

SISTERS IN CHRIST:
Our new book study begins and our journey of "Loving Like a Saint." **Tuesday** - 10:00am at St. Joseph- Stringtown, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney **Wednesday -** 5:30pm Holy Cross-Wendelin "Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what Heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way." +Pope St. Gregory the Great

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Thursdays at 5:30pm prior to Mass. Please text/call Ashley to secure a date for you to assist with Exposition.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Monday, May 26- No School- Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 27- Field Day, Last Day of School, 11:00 Release (no lunch or home bus service) **Thanks to Carol Zuber** for making cakes for our 2nd graders receiving First Communion and for Judy Beal who made the altar cloth. **We wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!**

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Monday, May 26: Memorial Day Mass, Olney St. Joseph Cemetery, 9AM. Dan Kuenstler and Dan Zwilling carrying the flags. **Thursday, June 12:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. **Thursday, June 19:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, June 29:** Knights of Columbus led Rosary before the 8AM Mass. Also, Knights Volunteer Ministry at this Mass followed with a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. **3rd Degree and 4th Degree members consider being an Officer for 2025-2026.** Contact Steve or Dan Kuenstler, Elmer Weiler, or Hank Ginder.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:
Still weekends available to sponsor drawings for 2025. Sign-up in vestibule or by calling/texting Ashley. Next cake/craft weekend will be June 7th and 8th.

ORDINATION OF LEVI JAMES:
You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of the Reverend Mr. Levi K. James the son of David & Ann James of St. Mary Parish in Mt. Carmel to the Order of the Sacred Priesthood by The Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, Titular Bishop of Turuzi, through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, Illinois. Reception following in the McCormick Center.

WELCOME DEACON JOHN GOMEZ:
Next weekend, we will welcome Deacon John Gomez to preach in Olney at 5 pm mass and Stringtown 8 am mass. Deacon John is a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Global Fellow. He will be preaching on Catholic Social Teaching and how CRS works on our behalf around the globe to live out these values in caring for our vulnerable bothers and sisters. After the Masses at which he preaches, there will be an opportunity to purchase fair trade products including olive oil, coffee, tea, chocolate, dates, and more. By purchasing these products you are living out our Catholic teaching on the rights of workers to receive a just price for their work. Additionally, 10% of all purchases will go to the CRS-run Growing Hope Globally agriculture program in Malawi.

PEW REPLACEMENT AND SALE:
Catholic Mutual Insurance will replace our pews due to the extreme cracking and splitting that occurred over winter. Mobley Construction will work, section by section, beginning with the southeast corner of the building to replace the pews with no interruption to the mass schedule. **All the current pews will be sold**. Registered parishioners of Holy Cross, on a first come, first served basis, can purchase one pew per family for $100 until June 15. Any pews not spoken for by that date will again be made available to registered parishioners. **To purchase a pew, email Sherry Geier (sherrygeier@gmail.com), do not contact the church office**. Pews will be numbered with a painter's tape sticker and parishioners can request a pew they want. **Information to include on email**:

- Full name
- best phone number
- top three choices for the pew you want or "next available long pew" or "best available short pew".

Pickup and payment (check to Holy Cross Parish) will be expected on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of the week you are notified that the pew has been replaced. Email all questions to Sherry Geier sherrygeier@gmail.com.
Memorial Day 2025 – "Heavenly Father, keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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