

Sunday, September 21st, 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sep. 22	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Sep. 23	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Sep. 24	8:05 am	For the Parish
Thu. Sep. 25	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Sep. 26	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. Sep. 27	4:00 PM	at Wendelin
	5:00 PM	Donald Kocher Jean, Norman, & Joseph Zwilling
Sun. Sep. 28	8:00 am	Fr. Jerry Wirth
	8:00 am	at Stringtown
	10:00 am	at Wendelin
	10:00 am	at Lawrenceville

OUR SEPTEMBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: Anonymous Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 14th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,848 (120) Loose: \$243
Retired Diocesan Priests: \$435 (8)
Guatemala: \$195 (8)

Let Us Pray For: Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, Kenneth Ochs, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Deacon Jack, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Bill, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, John Bower, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Sep. 15: Heath Houchin (#592)
Sep. 16: Bruce Stout (#027)
Sep. 17: Garai Doll (#523)
Sep. 18: Elmer Weiler (#679)
Sep. 19: Allyson Padilla (#192)

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, September 20th

- Mass for **Linda Gumble** and **Jean Zwilling**.
- Catechetical mass at all parishes. Children present will come forward to give a special blessing to catechists.

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- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Catechetical Sunday mass at all parishes. Children present will come forward to give a special blessing to catechists.
- Congratulations to all of our anniversary couples that are celebrating their milestone anniversaries this year.

Tuesday, September 23rd

- 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sister’s in Christ meet in conference room B at St. Joseph, Olney. This group meets every Tuesday until September 30th.
- 7:00 PM, Bibles and Brews for adults ages 21-35. Come and join us for a discussion on prayer lead by Fr. Levi at HV’s restaurant in Olney.

Wednesday, September 24th

- Praying the rosary after mass, Olney.
- 12 noon, Bulletin deadline.

September 29th – October 1st

- There will be no masses Monday, September 29th through Wednesday, October 1st. Fr. Steven and Fr. Levi will be at convocation. On Wednesday, October 1st there will be a prayer service at 8 am.

Wednesday, October 1st

- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis Gathering will meet in the Parish Center at Holy Cross followed by a presentation for adults and an activity for the youth. The evening will offer you Saints that will leave your hearts full of maternal love! Let us continue to Follow in the Footsteps of the Saints!

Friday, October 3rd

- 2:30 PM, pet blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi in the grassy lot across from the gym.

The family of **Eleanor Steber** would like to thank the parish for their prayers and expressions of sympathy at our loss. Special thanks to Fr. Steven for his help in planning the service and his comforting presence after the visitation. To Fr. George Mauck for his wonderful homily and to Fr. Levi for being with us and praying at the hospital, his gracious presence with us after the visitation and for celebrating the funeral Mass. And thank you to Fr. Bill for his weekly visits and prayers. We also want to thank Valerie Rodriquez for the beautiful accompaniment, Dan Hahn and Fr. Bill for leading us in song, and the choir members (past and present) for raising their beautiful voices before and during the service. And last, but not least, the members of the parish who provided, served and cleaned up the delightful meal for our family. We are so grateful to everyone and their support to our family during this difficult time.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- Scholastic Book Fair open to the public Thursday, September 25 from 1:50-2:30 in the MPR.
- Early dismissal at 1:50 pm on Thursday, September 25.
- Students in 2nd-8th grade will take the IOWA Test of Basic Skills next week, September 22-26.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- We are now **accepting mass intentions** through December 31, 2025. 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.

- **The Parish and Family Life committee** will be sponsoring a community outreach project for November, **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 platters of ham and cheese, along with bread, chips, cookies, and drinks. If anyone from our Parish would like to make a monetary donation to help cover expenses or to provide a food item (little bags of chips, cookies, bread, or individual drinks) for this service project, please bring items to the St. Joseph parish office or one of our committee members. Please have donations brought in by **Sunday, November 2nd**. Thank you.

~ SMORGASBORD NEWS ~

- The 2025 **St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar** will be held on **Sunday, October 19** in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Adults: \$12, Children (ages 5-10): \$8, Children 4 & under: Free, All Takeout: \$12. The meal will include pork loin, noodles, baked beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and desserts. Homebound meal delivery is available. Please call Casey Hemrich at the church office (618-392-8181) with name, address, and phone number. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on Elliot Street by the Parish Office. Bazaar includes Chance Stand, Cake Stand, Country Store and games! Raffles drawings at 2:00 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship!
- **Help is needed** to make this year another success. Please contact Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268) or smorg@stjoeolney.com to volunteer.
- **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 the parish office (618-392-8181) or email stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com. Tickets are available to pick up 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 19.

- **Chance Stand:** It is time again to think about your contribution to the annual Smorgasbord. Any new item, gift certificate(s) or cash can be donated (minimum value of \$35). Chances for those items are sold the day of the Smorgasbord with winners drawn at 2:00 PM. We ask that you secure multiple items together to display. Drop off items at the stand the morning of the Smorgasbord by 8:00 AM or dropped off earlier by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610). Thank you!
- **Quilt Raffle Tickets** will be handed out after masses this weekend. The items to be raffled will be on display.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

- **Sunday, September 28:** Knight Led Rosary before Olney 8 AM Mass.
- **Kudos** to St. Joseph School staff, teachers and 142 students in the 3rd through 8th grade PE classes for participation in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Kick Challenge.
- Winners qualify for the Regional Competition at Charleston on October 15th.
- **Knight of the Month:** Brad Doll for the Annual Picnic.
- **Can you volunteer to pass out Tootsie Rolls?**
Contact Scott Seiler
 - at Walmart 9/20 8:00 to noon (I need volunteers)
 - at IGA is 10/3 noon to 6:00 PM (I need volunteers 4:00 to 6:00)
 - At IGA is 10/4 8:00 to noon (cover by Special Olympics)
 - At Football Game is 9/19 (I need volunteers)

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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS LIBRARY

The weather is cooler, and there is nothing like a great book and a warm drink! Be sure to check out the library and take home a book to read! Our library is located in the vestibule by the front entrance to the church. **Book Suggestions: For Kids: *The Little Flower* and *The Canticle of the Sun*. For Adults: *The Imitation of Christ* and *True Devotion to Mary*.**



The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. Scan the QR code to download.

Parent Survey

As a parish, we are looking for ways to help our **youngest parishioners** to become more involved within the parish by participating at weekend masses. This survey will help us find some ideas and solutions as to what changes could be made to help increase mass attendance to fulfill our school/parish covenants. **Please fill out** all sections that would benefit the children in your family. The Google Form survey can be found by clicking the QR code below. Thank you!



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~ **Welcome** ~

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

Join us for mass:

Wednesday School Mass 8:05 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

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

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

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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