

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Mon. July 13	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. July 14	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. July 15	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
	1:30 PM	at Carle 3rd Floor
Thu. July 16	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. July 17	8:00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sat. July 18		
4:00 PM	at Wendelin	
5:00 PM	<i>Jeff, Jeanette, & Jamie Ping</i>	
	<i>Bob Hunt</i>	
	<i>Living & Deceased Hermina &</i>	
	<i>Frances Zuber Family</i>	
Sun. July 19		
8:00 am	<i>James E. Hemrich, Jr.</i>	
	<i>Malachi William Jaxon Baltzell</i>	
	<i>Linda Gumble</i>	
8:00 am	at Stringtown	
10:00 am	at Wendelin	
10:00 am	at Lawrenceville	

Bulletins: Edward Jones – Rob David
Missalettes: Ochs Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$7,932 (105) Outreach: \$149
 Guatemala: \$571 (23) Peter's Pence: \$280 (2)

Let Us Pray For: Ed Steber, Rita Kocher, Carolyn Buckels, Sue Dickerson, 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.

- **11 am – 6 pm, Stringtown Picnic!** Raffle drawing, food stand, beer garden, and entertainment. All you can eat smorgasbord from 11-2pm. Come and enjoy the food and fun at the Stringtown Parish Center.

- **Flocknote!** Keep in touch with us via email and text. To join Flocknote text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 to register, or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.

- **Thank you** from the ***Jim Blank Family*** to Father Steven, seminarian Gregory, and the St. Joe Choir for the beautiful funeral mass. Also, special thanks to the funeral committee for the delicious service and meal. All was greatly appreciated.
- **Save the Date!!** Noodle making will be the morning of September 12th!
- **Fall Kids Mall of Richland County: Deadline for donations is Monday, July 20th!!** We will be collecting clothing, toiletries, and school supplies for families in need. Please place your donations in the tubs by the church entrances.

July 6: Joseph Peavler (#644)
July 7: Elizabeth Kessler (#058)
July 8: Deb Rudolphi (#188)
July 9: Shelley Steber (#746)
July 10: Mellissa Brown (#412)

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- **Thursday, July 16:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM
- **Sunday, July 26:** Knight led Rosary at 7:40 am before the 8:00 am mass in Olney.

Thank you to the **68** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$16,312.75** to support this mission. We are 73% to our goal of \$22,468.

Respect Life Corner: July 12, 2026

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Vocation Corner: July 12, 2026

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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

The O2 Youth Center

Great opportunity for the youth in our community! Free Entry and snacks available for purchase. Games include; racing simulator, ping pong, shuffleboard, foosball, pool table, glow dodgeball, Nintendo, reflex game, and NBA Jam.

Summer Hours:

Wed. Open to 6th-12th grades, 3:30-8 pm
Thurs. Discipleship Night, 6th-12th grades 5:45-8 pm
Fri. Open to 6th-12th grades 3:30-8 pm
Also available to rent for an event!
Located at 215 S. Whittle Ave. Olney. IL

Bluegrass in the Bend - Oblong, IL

The Bend Ice Cream Social and Bluegrass music by freewill donations. All are invited! Join us from 3pm-5pm at St. Valentine Hall -The Bend on **Sunday, July 26, 2026**. Pork Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and drinks for sale. Rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ St. Joseph Church ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com
Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty Pastor
Fr. Steven’s Cell 618-697-2632
E-mail frsteven.beatty@gmail.com
Reverend Levi James Parochial Vicar
Fr. Levi’s Cell 618-240-3638
E-mail levi.jamessiu@gmail.com
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate
Caroline’s Cell 618-263-7106
E-mail CtrimblePA@gmail.com
Tyler Timm Youth Minister
Tyler’s Cell 507-530-2911
E-mail timm@stjoeolney.com
Casey Hemrich Administrative Assistant
Parish Office 618-392-8181
E-mail stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com
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

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 ~

Josy Hart Principal
Carol Potter Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle Office Manager
School Office 618-395-3081
E-mail office@stjoeolney.com
Website www.stjoeolney.com
FAX 618-395-8500

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*).

Collection Total for July 5, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,399.00 (35)
Loose: \$21.00
Total: \$1,420.00

Building Fund: \$60.00 (2)

Religious Education: \$205.00 (7)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

July Bulletins: Bartley C. Zuber, Attorney at Law

**July Missalettes: Olney Knights of Columbus
Council #1352**

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, July 12 – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Following 8am Mass.

Monday, July 13 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, July 14 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 2-3pm.

Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

Wednesday, July 15 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30pm-5:30pm.

Sunday, July 15 – Stringtown Parish Picnic, 11am-6pm. All You Can Eat Smorgsbord 11am-2pm.

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!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE – PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

What type of soil represents your life? Is it rich and producing fruit or shallow and dying? You might be thinking, “How do you know if your life is fruitful or dying?” If you look at it through the lens of the world and -compare - speculate – boast - you might be pleased- satisfied- content with the view. The world wants us to feel like we are better than [*alright, alright, alright*] because of who we think we are and what we do! We juxtapose our lives by

where we vacation, our career, house, car, clothes, friends, etc....and respond to others through this lens. The lens that God wants us to see and most importantly live our life through is the same one he uses –the lens of Love! Do we Love? Really, stop here and think about that, do you Love? Do you Love that person that irritates you? Do you Love that individual that ignores you? Gossips about you? Time is a precious commodity and our allotted time on this earth is not of our choosing. The type of soil we possess merits where we spend Eternity- a reminder, Eternity is Heaven or Hell! I urge you, to look at your life – make the changes needed - go to Reconciliation - then begin again! Live a Life of Love - it is really that simple – then the soil of your Soul will be Rich and producing Fruit! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:



The Grief Group that meets on the first Monday of the month at St. Joseph Olney will pause over the summer months. As part of the St. Raphael Ministry of Care, this monthly gathering is designed to provide a Gospel-focused space for prayer, listening, and faithful support for those suffering the loss of a loved one. While we take this seasonal break, please remember that the St. Raphael Ministry of Care continues to provide spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, and their caregivers. If a loved one is anticipating surgery, relocating, or in need of a pastoral visit, please contact your parish representative or the parish office: - St. Joseph Olney: Elaine Grimes, - St. Joseph Stringtown: Janette Kocher, - Holy Cross Wendelin: Sherry Geier. For more information, you may contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, at 618.263.7106.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:

Any parishioner that graduated from high school in 2026 and is attending college or an institution of higher education, may apply for a scholarship from the club. To apply, please pick up an application

and rules in the back of church or call Janice Zuber at 618-392-3411 for the forms. The deadline to return the application is August 1st. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber. You can email them to janice.zuber@yahoo.com or hand them in to her.

2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

Stringtown Picnic is fast approaching with 1 week to go. The outside Food Stand will be offering Porkburgers and Brats on the grill. They will also have soft serve ice cream, a variety of drinks, nacho chips, and much more. They are scheduled to serve from 10:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Each item will be individually priced. Other activities going on throughout the day include Raffles, Basket Stand, Bingo, Country Store, Cake Stand, Dunking Booth, Coin Toss, Kids Games, Inflatables, Beer Garden, Live Bands, and much more. All the outside activities will vary in cost depending on what you choose to do. See you at the Stringtown Picnic on Sunday, July 19th! **Donations** – It’s not too late to make your 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. **Dinner Tickets** – Last chance for early sale of dinner tickets after mass outside (weather permits), otherwise we will be setup in the Parish Center today (7/12). Cost for the meal will be \$13 for adults and \$5 for kids (5-10). The smorgasbord includes beef, ham, homemade noodles, and much more (carryout available) and will be serving from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Workers List** – Workers List is available in the back of church. If your name does not appear on this list and you are willing to help, please contact one of the Committee members. **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. Today is the last day to drop raffle tickets and money into the collection basket. After that raffle tickets and money can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped off picnic day at the Raffle stand. Thank

you! **Wine Pull** – The Stringtown Picnic is fast approaching (July 20th) and it’s not too late to donation unopened bottles of wine to make this year’s Wine Pull. 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 **Wednesday, July 15th**. **Cake Boxes** – Please feel free to take needed cake boxes for picnic day. They are available in the back of church. **St. Joseph Stringtown T-Shirts** – Stringtown t-shirts are in! For those of you who have not picked up your preordered Stringtown t-shirts they will be in back of church after mass. **Help Needed** – Today (July 12th) after Mass and donut Sunday, the Picnic Committee would like some help setting up tables and chairs in the Parish Center for next weekend’s picnic. All help would be appreciated.

PICNIC BASKET STAND:

If you have not turned in your basket yet, you may do so during the following dates and times:

- When Ashley is working on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9am to 2pm at the Parish Center,
- At church on any Sunday, or
- When the Basket Committee meets on Tuesday, July 14 after 6:00pm or Wednesday morning, July 15 after 9:30am at the Parish Center.

We appreciate everyone’s time and effort in helping the basket stand to be a success. Also, you may still put money donations in the Donation Bucket in the vestibule. Questions? Contact Mona Kocher 618-843-6662 or 618-869-2498, Janette Kocher 618-843-1650, Mary Zwilling 618-562-8433, or Kathy Zuber (Justin) 618-869-2306.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of July 12th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha: God’s Princesses, St. Bonaventure: Catholic Saints, What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity.**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

School office summer hours: Monday and Thursday, 10am-3pm. **Registration:** July 14-16: 9am-3pm. **Now Hiring!** Join the team at St. Joseph School. 2 positions needed. Full-time custodial position and full-day hybrid instructional & support aide. For more details or to submit a resume, please contact Josy Hart at jhart@stjoeolney.com. **Back to School Open House** on Monday, August 10 from 4-6pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, July 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, July 26: Knight led Rosary before the Olney, 8AM Mass.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL:

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2026 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!

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FLOCKNOTE REMINDER:

Text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire



Sunday, July 12, 2026
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 12, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
“Carolyn Zuber†”, “Joseph Schneider†”
Monday, July 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
“Louis & Lelia Volk†”
Tuesday, July 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, July 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor
Thursday, July 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, July 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, July 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, July 19, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
“For A Successful Parish Picnic”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

07/12/2026

Servers:

Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Kerigan Kocher

Lector:

Wayne Kocher

EMHC:

Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs

Gifts:

Chad & Jenny
Hancock Family

Ushers:

Ray Schneider
Alex Schneider

Greeters:

Werner & Janette
Kocher

Children’s Liturgy:

Jenny & Kylie

07/19/2026

Servers:

Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Sadie Seiler

Lector:

Natalie Zwilling

EMHC:

Janette Kocher
Gary Zwilling
Jamie Kocher

Gifts:

Jack & Kerrie
Weidner Family

Ushers:

Byron Zwilling
Isaac Zwilling

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary
Ochs

Children’s Liturgy:

**No Children’s
Liturgy TODAY!**

St. Joseph Church
Stringtown, Illinois
P.O. Box 188, Olney, IL 62450



(GPS address: 6342 N. Stringtown Rd, Olney, IL 62450) Phone: 618-754-3676

Email: stjoestringtown@hotmail.com

Website: www.stjosephstringtown.com

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

Very Rev. Fr. Steven Beatty _____ **Pastor**
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July 12, 2026
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, July 11, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
“Virginia Blank†”, “Dana (Kuhl) Bell†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, July 12, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
“Kevin Frohning† and Leo & Judy Frohning†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, July 13, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, July 14, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, July 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney,
1:30pm at CRMH 3rd Floor

Thursday, July 16, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
“For the Parish”

Friday, July 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, July 18, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
“Melvin & Helen Rudolphi† and Louis & Lelia Volk†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, July 19, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin
“John G. Volk† and Gilbert & Patricia Volk†”
8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, July 5, 2026
(67) Envelope Collection: \$3,250.00, Loose: \$339.00 – **Total: \$3,589.00**, (42) Building: \$2,608.00, (1) Cemetery: \$20.00, (1) CSMA: \$100.00

JULY LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Dave & Tammy	Holly Nettleton
Rudolphi	
EMHC:	EMHC:
Tammy Rudolphi	Penni Kuenstler
Josy Hart	Phyllis Eggers
Bev Weidner	Breanne Jones
Celia Rudolphi	Diane Schackmann
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Tony Kuenstler
Money Counters:	
Gerald & Diane Schackmann	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Mark Rudolphi	Ben Niebrugge
Dave Rudolphi	Paul Lybarger
Michael Kuenstler	Danny Quinn
Carl Weidner	Gary D. Fehrenbacher
Mass Servers:	
Saturday, July 11 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, July 12 – Ian Kessler, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower	
Saturday, July 18 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi	
Sunday, July 19 – Bailey Kistner, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
July 12 – Stephanie Geier and Nicole Kuhl	
July 19 and July 26 – Anna Land and Audrey Smith	
CRMH Communion:	
July 12 – Diane Herdes	
July 19 – Lynn Weidner	

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

 Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Rita 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

PARISH EVENTS:
Monday, July 13 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Tuesday, July 14 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney 12-3pm.
Sister’s in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
Wednesday, July 15 – Sister’s in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30pm-5:30pm.
Sunday, July 19 – Stringtown Picnic at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish, 11am-6pm. All You Can Eat Smorgsbord 11am-2pm.
Sunday, August 2 – Holy Cross Parish Picnic!

2026 HOLY CROSS PICNIC NEWS:
Sunday, August 2, 2026
2026 Picnic Committee Members: Chair- Chris Warfel, Co-Chair- Ashley Hinterscher, Co-Treasurers- Grace Weidner and Jennifer Rudolphi, Secretary- Allison Schnepfer, Raffle- Gracey Himelick, Macie Wheat, and Alli Street, Inventory- Kyle Amerman, Dalton Tinder, Victor Sandschafer, and Ben Street.
HEADS OF STANDS: Please let someone on Picnic Committee know if you have any concerns or need anything for picnic as soon as possible so we can be sure to help you out before picnic weekend. All Heads of Stands need to come on Friday (July 31st) or Saturday (August 1st) to set up their stand and check in with picnic committee. This helps picnic run smoothly for everyone. Thank you all for everything you do to make picnic a success! **PICNIC DONATIONS:** We are now accepting picnic donations/hog donations for picnic. For a \$200 donation made to Holy Cross Picnic, we will have signage featuring your name or business in the lunch stand, as well as read periodically throughout picnic day. If you have questions or donations, text or call Chris Warfel 618-843-3367 or Ashley Hinterscher 618-843-1892, or another picnic committee member. Donations can be dropped in the collec-

tion basket at church or brought to the Parish Office, please mark picnic donation. **LARGE RAFFLE TICKETS** (135+ prizes) are available in back of church. Please pick these up if you need them.
RAFFLE SALES CONTEST: There will be a contest again - for those selling the most tickets. Please have your sold books in by Friday, July 31st at 12:00 Noon). Bring to the Parish House or Parish Center to a committee member. **For all stands below items:** Contact Chris Warfel (618-843-3367), Ashley Hinterscher (618-843-1892), or the Parish Office to schedule a time to drop off items if dropping off items early. Items can also be dropped off picnic weekend in parish center, starting Thursday, July 30 from 5-7pm. **COUNTRY STORE:** Please identify each item brought for the country store. This will help with organizing items day of picnic. Any questions please contact Natalie Hopson at 217-240-4281 or Chris Warfel. **MYSTERY BOX STAND:** Items valued at \$1.00, \$0.75, \$0.50 or \$0.25. No less than \$0.25. Please NO candy (it melts). Bring bagged items to Parish House or to the stand day of picnic. **LUCK OF THE DRAW:** (formerly Instant Winner) prizes are also being accepted at this time. If you would like to donate, we are looking for unique, one-of-a-kind, quality items. Please no used or duplicate items. **If you would like to make a monetary donation to the stand, you can put in collection basket marked Luck of the Draw, bring to Parish Office, or give to Karla Volk. Please make sure items are brought in for this stand PRIOR to picnic day, as it makes set up much more difficult.** If you have any questions, please contact Karla Volk at 618-752-7531. **THEME BASKETS:** can be dropped off the week of picnic on Thursday (July 30th) evening 5-7pm or during set up on Friday (July 31st) and Saturday (August 1st). Please also list the theme name on each of your baskets. **PIE AND CAKE BOXES:** Now available in the gathering space. **WORKERS LISTS:** Available in the gathering space. We appreciate your support of Holy Cross Parish Picnic 2026!

STRINGTOWN PARISH PICNIC:



Join support our Tri-Parish by attending Stringtown Parish Picnic next Sunday, July 19th from 11am-6pm. All you can eat Smorgasbord in the Parish Center with menu including beef, ham, homemade noodles, and much more! Carry outs are available. Adults are \$13, Kids 5-10 \$5, and Kids

4 and under eat free! Raffles, basket pull, bingo, kids games, inflatables, beer garden, live bands, ice cream, porkburgers, brats, and much more!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE – PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

What type of soil represents your life? Is it rich and producing fruit or shallow and dying? You might be thinking, “How do you know if your life is fruitful or dying?” If you look at it through the lens of the world and -compare - speculate – boast - you might be pleased- satisfied- content with the view. The world wants us to feel like we are better than [*alright, alright, alright*] because of who we think we are and what we do! We juxtapose our lives by where we vacation, our career, house, car, clothes, friends, etc....and respond to others through this lens. The lens that God wants us to see and most importantly live our life through is the same one he uses –the lens of Love! Do we Love? Really, stop here and think about that, do you Love? Do you Love that person that irritates you? Do you Love that individual that ignores you? Gossips about you? Time is a precious commodity and our allotted time on this earth is not of our choosing. The type of soil we possess merits where we spend Eternity- a reminder, Eternity is Heaven or Hell! I urge you, to look at your life – make the changes needed - go to Reconciliation - then begin again! Live a Life of Love - it is really that simple – then the soil of your Soul will be Rich and producing Fruit! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. RAPHAEL’S MINISTRY OF CARE:



While we take this seasonal break, please remember that the St. Raphael Ministry of Care continues to provide spiritual support to the sick, homebound, elderly, and their caregivers. If a loved one is anticipating surgery, relocating, or in need of a pastoral visit, please contact your parish representative or the parish office: - St. Joseph Olney: Elaine Grimes, - St. Joseph Stringtown: Janette Kocher, - **Holy Cross Wendelin: Sherry Geier. For more information**, you may contact Caroline Trimble at 618.263.7106.

SISTER’S IN CHRIST:

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 July 12th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha: God’s Princesses, St. Bonaventure: Catholic Saints, What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity.**

LADIES SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWINGS:

Reminder there will **NOT** be drawings in July or August.

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

School office summer hours: Monday and Thursday, 10am-3pm. **Registration:** July 14-16: 9am-3pm. **Now Hiring!** Join the team at St. Joseph School. 2 positions needed. Full-time custodial position and full-day hybrid instructional & support aide. For more details or to submit a resume, please contact Josy Hart at jhart@stjoeolney.com. **Back to School Open House** on Monday, August 10 from 4-6pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, July 16: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.

Sunday, July 26: Knight led Rosary before the Olney, 8AM Mass.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:



“Discover the Power of Natural Family Planning”

NFP is a church-approved, scientifically validated system of fertility awareness that honors your marriage vows to love Freely, Totally, Faithfully, and Fruitfully. But how many children should you have? The Church leaves that to your prayerful discernment through “responsible parenthood”—balancing a generous heart with a prudent look at your life circumstances. NFP also empowers ALL women by decoding the body's natural signs. It provides deep insight into reproductive health, helps uncover underlying medical issues, and fosters true marital connection. Follow the QR code to learn about several different methods of NFP, Responsible Parenthood, and more. Contact mejoost@gmail.com for more help in finding the right method for you.

VOCATION CORNER:



“I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life, and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!”
Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. [Columbia, September 2022](#)

Sunday, July 12, 2026 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.



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God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:
Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth, word, sent.

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The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2026

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on on the , and



came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky

ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was

not deep, and when the  rose it was

scorched, and it withered for lack of .

Some  fell among , and the thorns

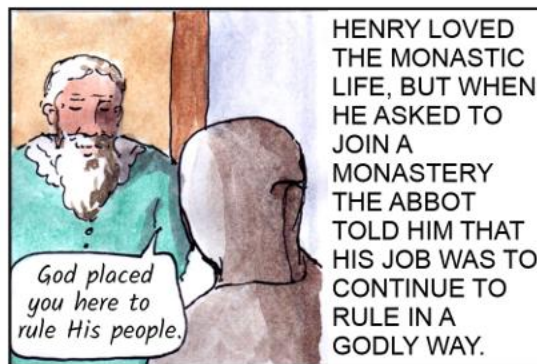
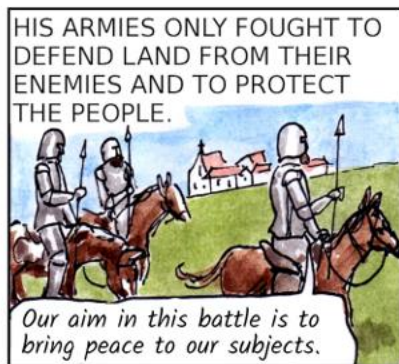
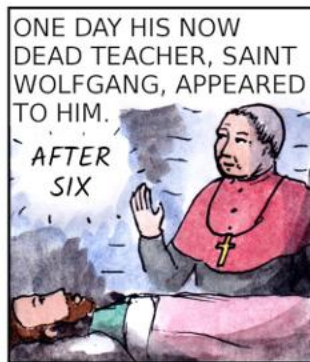
grew up and choked it. But some  fell on

rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or

sixty, or thirty-fold.

Saint Henry

Holy Roman Emperor
July 13



SAINT HENRY DIED IN 1024. HE HAD THE HIGHEST POSITION OF POWER IN EUROPE, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE KNEW THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO RESPECT PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE ARE IN AUTHORITY.

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

so shall my word be

that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]

my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.

