ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✝ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✝

Mon. Oct. 26	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Oct. 27	**5:30 PM**	***with Bishop Godfrey at Olney***
Wed. Oct. 28	**8:05 am**	***Mary Jane Kuenstler***
Thu. Oct. 29	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Oct. 30	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***
Sat. Oct. 31		
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
5:00 PM		***Jim Blank***
		Theodore Blank Family
		Linda Gumble
Sun. Nov. 1		**All Saints Day**
8:00 am		***For all the deceased***
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

OUR OCTOBER SPONSORS
Bulletins: Scherer's Repair - Jim & Karen Scherer
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OUR TITHES FOR OCTOBER 18th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $8,805 (106) Loose: $267
Guatemala: $125 (5) World Missions: $273 (14)

Let Us Pray For: James Erbacher, Bob Geiger, Julia Eichhorst, Ed Steber, Carolynn Buckels, Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Dolores Hemrich, Valerie Weidner, Julie Oesch, Margaret Burgener, Fr. Joe Erbacher, Jeff Beard, Judy Spitz, Jerry L. Harper, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, Marlene Harris, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Congratulations to newly baptized ***Nolan James Kocher***, son of Reid & Kenzie (Helmink) Kocher.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, October 24th
- Mass for ***Joseph, Jean, & Norman Zwilling, Edmund, Anna, & Linda Volk, and Rod Kelley.***
- Children's Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 25th
- Mass for ***Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn, Dale Tibbs, and Debbie Rauch.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **Team Kennedy:** The proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00 am Mass in Wendelin, wear your T-Shirt this Sunday as a sign of support for this family. Following mass there will be a carry-in meal and basket raffle. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Thank you for your support!
- 5:30 PM, Youth Group at Holy Cross.

Monday, October 26th
- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church.

Tuesday, October 27th
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Olney. There must always be 2 people in church.
- No Sisters in Christ meeting today.
- 5:30 PM, Mass with **Bishop Godfrey** at St. Joseph, Olney. All are welcome for the mass, and those who were asked to stay for the workshop to follow please do so.

Wednesday, October 28th
- 8:05 am, mass for ***Mary Jane Kuenstler.***
- October Rosary: One decade by the St. Joe students before mass. Full rosary after mass.
- 6:30 PM, CYM pickleball tournament at Olney.

Thursday, October 29th
- **Family Catechesis All Saints Trunk or Treat** at Holy Cross. Mass at 6:30 pm followed by trunk or treat beginning at 7 pm. Come dressed as your favorite saint!!

Monday, November 2nd – All Souls' Day
- 10 am, Mass at Lawrenceville followed by cemetery blessing.
- 1 PM, Rosary at the St. Joseph, Olney Cemetery.
- 6:30 PM, Mass at Stringtown followed by cemetery blessing.

St. Joseph School News

- **Oct. 28th:** Early Dismissal at 1:50 pm.
- **Nov. 2nd:** 5th-8th grade praying rosary at cemetery, 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Oct. 19: Megan Taylor (#196)
Oct. 20: Cindy Herdes (#243)
Oct. 21: Dolores Amerman (#564)
Oct. 22: Dorothy & Gary Zwilling (#019)
Oct. 23: Melissa Brown (#412)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Weekend mass intentions** are full through December 2026. We are now accepting mass intentions through March 30, 2027. 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. Call or stop by the parish office to select the dates you need. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.
- **Eucharistic Minister Training:** The priests will hold EMHC training the weekend of November 14 and 15 after weekend masses and November 18 after school mass. They will also train lectors the weekend of December 5 and 6 after all weekend masses. If you have interest in these ministries, please prayerfully consider these training dates.
- The annual **October Count** of mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend masses during the month of October.
- **For the month of October,** we will be praying the rosary before each of the weekend Masses through Saturday, October 31. We will begin a half hour before Mass with the exception of the last Sunday which will be led by the Knights of Columbus starting at 7:40 am. Thank you.
- **Parish & Family Life Committee:** The committee is sponsoring a Veteran's Thanksgiving Project for local Veteran's in our community. We will be collecting Thanksgiving cards from Parish members (please sign your name), as well as small donated items to be shared with these local Veteran's. Deadline for collection is **Sunday, November 15th**. Suggested items are: socks, gloves, hats, stocking caps, & snack items. Items can be brought to back of church & placed in the designated collection box. Monetary donations can be turned into the church office.
  Let us remember Matthew 25:40 ***"The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."***
- **Operation Christmas Child:** The Parish will be collecting gift packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These boxes will bring joy to many children during the Christmas season. We will be collecting shoeboxes now, until **November 15th**. Shoeboxes are available in the vestibule (or any shoebox will do). Please drop off packed shoeboxes to the parish office or leave in the crate in the back of the church. There is also a shipping fee that is needed to ship each box. Please include $10 in an envelope, along with a label (which can be found on the back table of church) for shipping, or purchase your own shipping label online. For gift ideas see bulletin insert or bulletin board flyers. Please join us as we pray, pack, and ship these gifts in the spirit of Christmas!

- **The Stringtown Community Club** will host a soup supper on Sunday**, November 1st** at the St Joseph Parish Center in Stringtown. Serving times are 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a full meal deal for $10.00 which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. Menu consists of: chili, vegetable soup, chicken noodle with free refills, Hot Dog or Grilled cheese, Pie or ice cream, Tea, Lemonade and coffee. We will also have a cake walk, basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you all there!

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Saturday, October 31st:** Eleven St. Joseph School students are advancing to the Regional 25 Soccer Kick Competition at the Linder Sports Complex in Charleston.
- **Thurs. Nov. 12th:** 3rd Degree Meeting, 7 PM.
- **Friday, November 13:** Memorial Mass for K of C Deceased Members, 7PM. Refreshments after Mass in the Multi-Purpose Room. Families and parishes are welcome to attend to honor: Jim Blank, Dave Zerkle, Jim Hemrich, Dale Tibbs, Ken Ochs, Frank Ginder, John Resor, Tony Steber, Tom Zuber, Rod Kelly, Lary Gartner, Fr. Ron Weber, and Deacon Jack Shuster.
- **Thurs. November 19th:** 4th Degree Meeting, 7 PM. Deadline for Vocation Raffle Books due to Rodney Ochs. Please support our local Seminarians!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Share a smile-Give a compliment-Say a prayer-When we Love the Lord, our God-genuinely love Him- this is simple! When God's Love-lights the way on the journey-the whole world benefits. Love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind- let this beautiful Love increase in you and the world decrease! *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

Journey to Justice Pilgrimage to Cairo, IL

Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:30am-3:30pm
Hosted by Diocesan CCHD Committee
To register go to forms.gle/Yn7UHoSEw2yeuKF67
For registration questions and schedule please email cchddiobelle@gmail.com or call 618-624-2838.
Cost: $30 charge includes breakfast and lunch provided by local businesses. Participants are invited to make a donation of their choice to The Cairo Historical Preservation Project for the historical tour.

St. Thomas Catholic Church, Newton

Candlelight Rosary Procession

Join us for an evening of prayer, peace, and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm

(Don't forget to bring a rosary and a candle)

Vocation Corner: October 25, 2026

Next Sunday, November 1st, starts National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and renewed prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church, and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.

Respect Life Corner: October 25, 2026

Eternal Father, Source of all mercy and love, out of love for us you sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from his side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence. Hear the cry of each woman who mourns the loss of her child to abortion. Forgive her sin, restore her to your grace, and still the terror of her heart with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen her faith in you. Give her the consolation to believe that her child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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 8:05 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

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

Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm
Drop off box available outside office door

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

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

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.

~ St. Joseph School ~

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School Advisory Council:

Brianne Fehrenbacher, Ladi Phillips, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Tyler Ochs, Andrea Kuenstler, Doug Kocher *(St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative),* and Holly Nettleton *(Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative).*

Collection Total for October 18, 2026

Envelopes: $1,067.00 (30)

Loose: $232.00

Total: $1,299.00

Building Fund: $310.00 (4)

World Mission Sunday: $191.00 (8)

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October Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

October Missalettes: In Memory of Alberta Zuber

PARISH EVENTS:

Sunday, October 25 – Team Kennedy Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Followed by Meal in Parish Center.

Monday, October 26 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, October 28– 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.

No Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney.

Bishop Godrey Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.

Wednesday, October 29 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Thursday, October 29 – All Saints Family Mass and Trunk or Treat, Mass at 6:30pm Followed by Trunk or Treat at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, November 1 - Rescheduled Blessing Cup Weekend for 2nd Grade Students for Kitchen Table Catechesis

Sunday, November 1 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7am-12pm.

Soup Supper at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 4-6pm.

Monday, November 2 – All Souls Day! Mass at Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville followed by Cemetery Blessing.

Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery, 1pm.

Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown Followed by Cemetery Blessing, 6:30pm.

Monday, November 16 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30-5:30pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Share a smile-Give a compliment-Say a prayer-When we Love the Lord, our God-genuinely love Him- this is simple! When God's Love-lights the way on the journey-the whole world benefits. Love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind- let this beautiful Love increase in you and the world decrease! *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

TEAM KENNEDY MEAL & THEME BASKETS:

Be sure to wear your shirt to Mass at Holy Cross on October 25th at 10am. There will be a carry-in meal following. Bring your favorite sides and/or desserts to share. There will also be theme baskets donated by families and friends after Mass in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Meat, drinks, and paper products provided. Come and share your prayers and love with the Kennedy family!

MINISTRY TRAINING:

Please prayerfully consider joining us on the weekend of November 15th for Eucharistic Minister training and/or December 6th for Lector training.

VETERAN'S PHOTOS:

If you are veteran or have a veteran within your family and have not submitted photos in the past to be included in the veteran wall, please submit a picture and short biography about service to give to Janette Kocher, Kathy Zuber, or you can bring by the Parish Office asap. These photos will be returned. Our Veteran's will be celebrated during Donut Sunday in November. Kaleb Beavers will also give a presentation that day with uniforms and artifacts to share with the parish. **He will be there for an open house from 10-11am. Everyone is welcome!**

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:

Friendship in the Lord – Sister's in Christ Schedule: ✝ Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney ✝Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



Join this ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, even those at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

The next blood drive is scheduled for Sun., November 1, 2026, from 7am -12 noon. Pre-schedule your appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SOUP SUPPER:

The Stringtown Community Club will host a soup supper on Sunday, November 1 at the St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Serving times are 4-6pm. There is a full meal deal for $10.00 which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. Menu consists of: chili, vegetable soup, chicken noodle with free refills, hot dog or grilled cheese, pie or ice cream, tea, lemonade, and coffee. We will also have a cake walk, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you all there!

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING:

The next meeting of the Stringtown Community Club will be Tuesday, November 3rd. The speaker will be Babbs Cowan Pitts on Knitting, starting at 7pm.

HOLY CROSS TRUNK OR TREAT:

All Saints Family Trunk or Treat will be held October 29th beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. Come join us at Mass dressed as a Saint and then join us for Trunk or Treat beginning at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Have You Been Curiously Seeking More?

Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. **Who is OCIA for?** • Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church. • Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. • Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion. There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of October 25th – What Catholics Believe About Halloween, Eternal Rest, and Who is St. Jude: Catholic Saints**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

October 28 - Early Dismissal at 1:50pm

November 2 – 5th-8th Grade praying Rosary at Cemetery, 1:00pm. All are welcome.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Sunday, October 25: Knights led Rosary before the Olney, 8AM Mass. and 4th Degree Exemplification, Mt. Carmel begins with the 10:30AM Mass.

Saturday, October 31: Regional Soccer Kick Shoot-Out at Linder Sports Complex in Charleston. 11 St. Joe students qualify; Kaden Williams, Haven Hemrich. Gavin Ochs, Haven Hensley, Jett Royse,

Hazel Fehrenbacher, Rylan Ochs Delana Sterchi, Josiah Williams, Ella Fitch, and Ray Zuber. Registration begins at 11AM. **Thursday, November 12:** 3rd Degree Meeting, 7pm. **Friday, November 13:** St. Joseph-Olney Mass for K of C Deceased Members, 7PM. Refreshments after Mass in the MPR. Families and parishioners are invited to attend to honor these fellow Knights: Jim Blank, Dave Zerkle, Jim Hemrich, Dale Tibbs, Ken Ochs, Frank Ginder, John Resor, Tony Steber, Tom Zuber, Rod Kelly, Larry Gartner, Deacon Jack Shuster, and Fr. Ron Weber. **November 19:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. Also, the Vocation Raffle Book deadline. Please support our local Seminarians!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

What to Say to Someone Who Has Had an Abortion. Almost everyone knows someone who's had an abortion. Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Much as you'd like to make all her suffering go away with the right words, her grief and loss won't disappear after one conversation. Assure her of your friendship. Tell her you will be there for her and help her find healing. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. Invite her to visit these helpful websites: www.hopeafterabortion.org and http://archstl.org/hope-healing.

VOCATION CORNER:

Next Sunday, November 1st, starts National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and renewed prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

The Diocese of Belleville is blessed with 11 seminarians who are discerning God's call to the priesthood. This week, please keep Mateo Leonelli in your prayers at he continues his formation at Conception Seminary College. As Mateo continues to grow in his relationship with Christ and discern God's plan for his life, we invite you to keep him in your prayers. Whether through a Rosary, a candle lit in prayer, an intention offered at Mass, or a quiet moment spent asking God's blessing upon him, your spiritual support can be a powerful source of encouragement as he continues his formation and prepares for a life of service to the Church. Want to send a note of encouragement? Mateo Leonelli, Conception Seminary College, 37174 State Hwy VV, PO Box 52, Conception, MO 64433. Thank you for remembering Mateo in your prayers this week. The support of the faithful plays an important role in encouraging our seminarians and nurturing vocations within our diocese.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION:

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church will hold a Candlelight Rosary Procession on Wednesday, October 28th at 6pm. Join us for an evening of prayer, peace and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Adoration will begin after the 8:30AM Mass and last all day until right before the procession starts at 6pm. Don't forget to bring your rosary and a candle or light. All are welcome!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS*:*

Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Franklin Hinterscher, Mary Rowark, Linda McWhirter

Sunday, October 25, 2026
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 25, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Norman Kocher✝", "Judy Zuber✝", "Carolyn Zuber✝"
Monday, October 26, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Tuesday, October 27, 6:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney with Bishop Godrey
Wednesday, October 28, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, October 29, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, October 30, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, November 1, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, November 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For All Our Faithful Departed✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10/25/2026

Servers:
Amity Zuber
Nathaniel Zwilling
Levi Weidner
Lector:
Natalie Zwilling
EMHC:
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs
Gifts:
Jack Weidner
Family
Ushers:
Byron Zwilling
Isaac Zwilling
Greeters:
Mallory Kocher
Children's Liturgy:
Jenny & Kylie

11/01/2026

Servers:
Izzy Volk
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Janette Kocher
Jenny Hancock
Scott Seiler
Gifts:
Brian Ochs
Family
Ushers:
Carter Seaman
Julian Seaman
Greeters:
Sam & Mary Zwilling
Children's Liturgy:
Laura, Dorothy, Delana

St. Joseph Church
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St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Council Members: Anne Crites, Jenny Hancock, Gary Kocher, Joselyn Kocher, and Janice Zwilling

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

Saturday, October 24, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald & Wilmajean Geier & Deceased Family✝,", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 25, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Herman & Joan Rudolphi✝", "Kristen Kennedy", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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October 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, October 18, 2026
(81) Envelope Collection: $3,061.00 , Loose: $340.00 – **Total:$3,401.00,** (2) Building: $45.00, (26) World Mission Sunday: $975.00, (1) CSMA: $25.00

NOVEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Brent & Sharon Edwards	Danny & Lori Quinn
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Kathy Kuenstler	Paul Kocher
Josy Hart	Ellen Weber
Jeannie Nix	Travis Weber
Emma Tinder	Kim Smithenry
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Victoria Rudolphi	James Kistner

Money Counters:
Kevin & Heather Blank

Ushers:	Ushers:
Brent Edwards	Gary D. Fehrenbacher
Daniel Baker	Danny Quinn
Henry Weidner	Aaron Eggers
Michael Kuenstler	Gregg Weber

Mass Servers:
Saturday, October 24 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, October 25 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower
Saturday, November 1 – Bailey Kistner, Ethan & Chloe Deckard
Sunday, November 2 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
October 25 – Robin & Chloe Deckard
November 1 – Alli & Nora Street
November 8 – Melissa & Brooke Weidner
November 15 – Gracey Himelick & Alex Street
November 22 – Nicki Himelick & Hope Zuber
November 29 – Robin & Chloe Deckard

CRMH Communion:
November 8 – Ellen Weber
November 15 – Marge Kessler
November 29 – Maria Rudolphi

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Ruth Rauch, Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher, Julia Weber, Tonya Hall

PARISH EVENTS:
Sunday, October 25 – Team Kennedy Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am Mass Followed By Meal in Parish Center.
Monday, October 26 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Tuesday, October 27 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
There will not be Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney this week.
Bishop Godrey Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, 6pm.
Wednesday, October 28 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Thursday, October 29 – All Saints Family Mass and Trunk or Treat, Mass at 6:30pm Followed by Trunk or Treat at Holy Cross-Wendelin.
Sunday, November 1 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7am-12pm.
Soup Supper at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 4-6pm.
Monday, November 2 – All Souls Day! Mass at Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville followed by Cemetery Blessing.
Rosary at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery, 1pm.
Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown Followed by Cemetery Blessing, 6:30pm.
Monday, November 16 – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 1:30-5:30pm.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:
Our Deepest Sympathy to the Brad & Vickie (Beals) Kessler family and all family and friends of Vickie's father, ***William "Jack" Ralph Beals***, who died on October 2, 2026. ***May Jack rest in the peace and love of the our Lord.***

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:
The next drawing will be held the weekend November 7th and 8th.

HOLY CROSS TRUNK OR TREAT:
All Saints Family Trunk or Treat will be held October 29th beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. Come join us at Mass dressed as a Saint and then join us for Trunk or Treat beginning at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

STRINGTOWN TRUNK OR TREAT:
Stringtown Community Club Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th from 3:30-5:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. There will be games, snacks, and prizes. Costumes are encouraged. Bring your friends and come join the fun. All are welcome!

STRINGTOWN SOUP SUPPER:
The Stringtown Community Club will host a soup supper on Sunday, November 1 at the St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Serving times are 4-6pm. There is a full meal deal for $10.00 which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. Items can also be purchased separately. Menu consists of: chili, vegetable soup, chicken noodle with free refills, hot dog or grilled cheese, pie or ice cream, tea, lemonade, and coffee. We will also have a cake walk, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Hope to see you all there!

MINISTRY TRAINING:
Please prayerfully consider joining us on the weekend of November 14 and 15th for Eucharistic Minister training and/or December 5th and 6th for Lector training. These will follow both Saturday night and Sunday Masses.

TEAM KENNEDY MEAL & THEME BASKETS:
Be sure to wear your shirt to Mass at Holy Cross on October 25th at 10am. There will be a carry-in meal following. Bring your favorite sides and/or desserts to share. There will also be theme baskets

donated by families and friends after Mass in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Meat, drinks, and paper products provided. Come and share your prayers and love with the Kennedy family!

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Share a smile-Give a compliment-Say a prayer-When we Love the Lord, our God-genuinely love Him- this is simple! When God's Love-lights the way on the journey-the whole world benefits. Love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind- let this beautiful Love increase in you and the world decrease! *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:

Ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, or at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Sherry Geier or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. Who is OCIA for?
• Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church. • Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. • Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion. There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of October 25th – What Catholics Believe About Halloween, Eternal Rest, and Who is St. Jude: Catholic Saints**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
October 28 - Early Dismissal at 1:50pm
November 2 – 5th-8th Grade praying Rosary at Cemetery, 1:00pm. All are welcome.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Sunday, October 25: Knights led Rosary before the Olney, 8AM Mass. and 4th Degree Exemplification, Mt. Carmel begins with the 10:30AM Mass. **Saturday, October 31:** Regional Soccer Kick Shoot-Out at Linder Sports Complex in Charleston. 11 St. Joe students qualify; Kaden Williams, Haven Hemrich. Gavin Ochs, Haven Hensley, Jett Royse, Hazel Fehrenbacher, Rylan Ochs Delana Sterchi, Josiah Williams, Ella Fitch, and Ray Zuber. Registration begins at 11AM. **Thursday, November 12:** 3rd Degree Meeting, 7pm. **Friday, November 13:** St. Joseph-Olney Mass for K of C Deceased Members, 7PM. Refreshments after Mass in the MPR. Families and parishioners are invited to attend to honor these fellow Knights: Jim Blank, Dave Zerkle, Jim Hemrich, Dale Tibbs, Ken Ochs, Frank Ginder, John Resor, Tony Steber, Tom Zuber, Rod Kelly, Larry Gartner, Deacon Jack Shuster, and Fr. Ron Weber. **November 19:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. Also, the Vocation Raffle Book deadline. Please support our local Seminarians!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
What to Say to Someone Who Has Had an Abortion. Almost everyone knows someone who's had an abortion. Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Much as you'd like to make all her suffering go away with the right words, her grief and loss won't disappear after one conversation. Assure her of your friendship. Tell her you will be there for her and help her find healing. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. Invite her to visit these helpful websites: www.hopeafterabortion.org and http://archstl.org/hope-healing.

VOCATION CORNER:
Next Sunday, November 1st, starts National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and renewed prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:
The Diocese of Belleville is blessed with 11 seminarians who are discerning God's call to the priesthood. This week, please keep Mateo Leonelli in your prayers at he continues his formation at Conception Seminary College. As Mateo continues to grow in his relationship with Christ and discern God's plan for his life, we invite you to keep him in your prayers. Whether through a Rosary, a candle lit in prayer, an intention offered at Mass, or a quiet moment spent asking God's blessing upon him, your spiritual support can be a powerful source of encouragement as he continues his formation and prepares for a life of service to the Church. Want to send a note of encouragement? Mateo Leonelli, Conception Seminary College, 37174 State Hwy V V, PO Box 52, Conception, MO 64433. Thank you for remembering Mateo in your prayers this week. The support of the faithful plays an important role in encouraging our seminarians and nurturing vocations within our diocese.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Sunday, October 25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.



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The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?



Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind.
Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole. TO LOVE GOD

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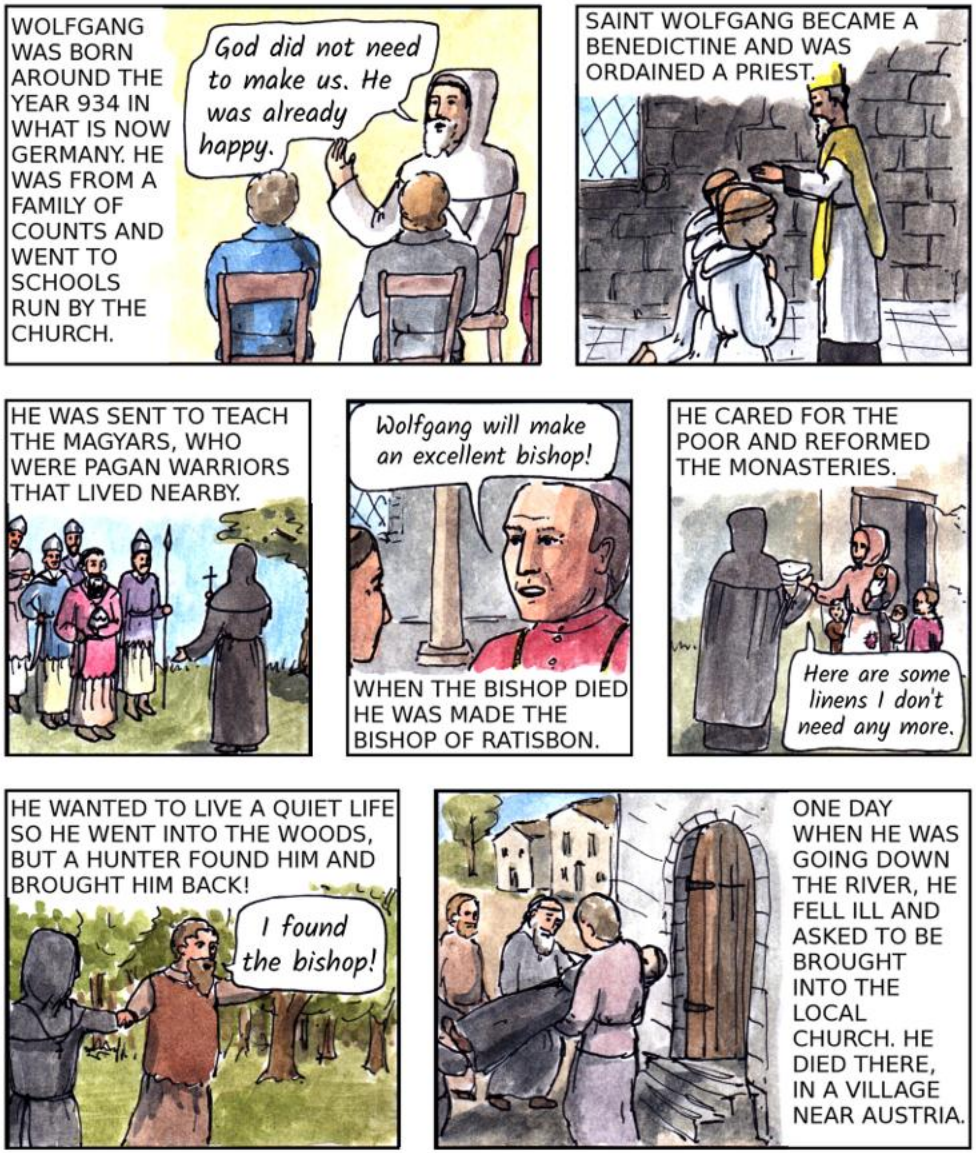


How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _ _ _ _ _, _ _ _ _ _,
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Saint Wolfgang
October 31



SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.

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Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the □[7]__ __ __ __ __ __ __?" He said to him, "You
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shall love the __ □[4] __ __, your God, with all
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ARTHE OSUL
and with all your __ __ __ □[9]. This is the greatest
IDMN
and __ __ __ __ □[1]commandment. The second is
SRTFI
like it: You shall __ __ □[5]__ your neighbour as
OEVL
__ □[2]__ __ __ __ __ __. The __ __ __ □[3]__
ESUYFOLR LOHWE
law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?



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