

Sunday, July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. July 20 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. July 21 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. July 22 8:00 am *For the Parish*
Thu. July 23 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. July 24 8:00 am NO MASS

Sat. July 25
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM *Carl & Una Kocher*
Rod Kelley
Jean Zwilling

Sun. July 26
8:00 am *Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn*
Jim Hemrich, Jr.
Jim Blank
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR JULY SPONSORS

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

OUR TITHES FOR JULY 12th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$8977 (120) Loose: \$214
Guatemala: \$391 (11) Peter’s Pence: \$200

Let Us Pray For: Ed Steber, Rita Kocher, Carolynn 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, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Congratulations to newly baptized *Hadley Maren Jansen* child of Jeffery & Stephanie (Zuber) Jansen

~ ***AROUND OUR PARISHES*** ~

Saturday, July 18th

- Mass for *Jeff, Jeanette, & Jamie Ping, Bob Hunt, and Living & Deceased Hermina & Frances Zuber Family.*
- **New!!** Children’s Liturgy now at the 5 pm mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Sunday, July 19th

- Mass for *James E. Hemrich, Jr., Malachi William Jaxon Baltzell, and Linda Gumble.*
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **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.

Tuesday, July 21st

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Olney. There must always be 2 people in church.
- 7:00 PM, CYM softball at Holy Cross.

Wednesday, July 22nd

- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

- **Deepest Sympathy** to the family of *Deborah Jones and John “Pooh” Jones, Jr.* May they rest in the peace of God’s love.
- **Deepest Sympathy** to the family of *Anita Shultz* May she rest in the peace of God’s love.
- **Deepest Sympathy** to the family of *Don Matheny.* May he rest in the peace of God’s love.

- **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.

🐾 **St. Joseph School News** 🐾

- **Summer Office Hours:** Monday & Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00pm.
- **Back to School Open House:** Monday, August 10 from 4-6pm.
- **Now Hiring!!** Join the team at St. Joseph School. Full-time custodial position. For more details or to submit your resume, please contact Josy Hart, principal at jhart@stjoeolney.com.

~ ***PARISH NEWS*** ~

- **Thank you** from *the Mary Jane Kuenstler Family* to Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Fr. Jim Buerster, Fr. Bill, Seminarian Gregory and the awesome choir for the beautiful funeral Mass. Also special thanks to the funeral committee for the delicious service and meal.
- **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.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

July 13: Quinn Patterson (#154)
July 14: Tracy May (#007)
July 15: Norman Boehle (#015)
July 16: Scott & Lea Daigle (#232)
July 17: Patton Mann (#658)

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

The emphasis on good seeds and a fruitful harvest continues. The good seed are the children of the Kingdom for they do the will of God – and the weeds are the evil of this world and they are the children of Satan. Are you a good seed or a weed?

Does your life reflect your response? In the present times it may appear that the weeds are taking over - with all the ongoing division, threats of war, political rampage, etc. It is imperative that we remember the words of St. Paul - *Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more!* When the evils of this world ramp and rage - stay firmly rooted in the soil of peace and love. Let Love grow in all that you are, and the Eternal harvest will be heavenly abundant! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

~ ***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS*** ~

- **Sunday, July 26:** Knight led Rosary at 7:40 am before the 8:00 am mass in Olney.
- **Thursday, August, 13:** 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM
 - **Sunday, August 16:** Free Members and Family Picnic, Doll's Cabin, 5PM.
 - **Thursday, August 20:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
 - **Sunday, August 30:** Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast after Mass at a local restaurant for any 3rd and 4th Degree member and family.
- Knights of the Month - Eight Honor Guard Members at the Olney Vicariate Bishop Mass.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

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!

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 19, 2026

Natural Family Planning (NFP): Science-Backed. Life-Changing.

So, how do you actually learn NFP? Start by choosing an NFP method that you prefer. Most take about 3 months to learn, guided by a certified instructor. Contact our diocesan NFP Coordinator, Emily Joost, at mejoost@gmail.com for guidance. The payoff? A lifetime of body literacy — a gift from God to be used in harmony with His design — to avoid or achieve pregnancy, navigate PMS, PCOS, postpartum, infertility, and even perimenopause. And yes — it works. Modern NFP methods are 97–99% effective at avoiding pregnancy, backed by continually advancing research and rooted in the Church's teaching on the beauty of the human person. Scan the QR code to see how the numbers compare and get more information about methods.



Vocation Corner: July 19, 2026

“The countless gravestones at Normandy American Cemetery in France stirred my heart. These brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives challenged me: Would I be willing to lay down my life, as these men did, for the Lord and his people? Long before this pivotal moment, the seeds of my vocation had been planted by family role models. My grandfather served his family and parish sacrificially for many years after his WWII duty. Likewise, my father coached me in self-discipline, and my dear mother raised me to serve others. It was at college that the Lord Jesus truly captured my heart. After graduation, I served as a missionary and met the Brotherhood of Hope. I admired the brothers and their work evangelizing students at secular universities, but I resisted the idea of celibacy and did not have the courage to explore a vocation with them until after my experience at Normandy Beach. My

years with the Brothers of Hope have strengthened my conviction that Jesus Christ alone can satisfy our deepest desires.” Brother Brandt Haglund; Brotherhood of Hope, Tallahassee, FL; *Columbia Magazine* May 2022

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.
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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 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 ~

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Joseph-Stringtown Representative), and Holly
Nettleton (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*).

Weeds Among the Wheat



Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



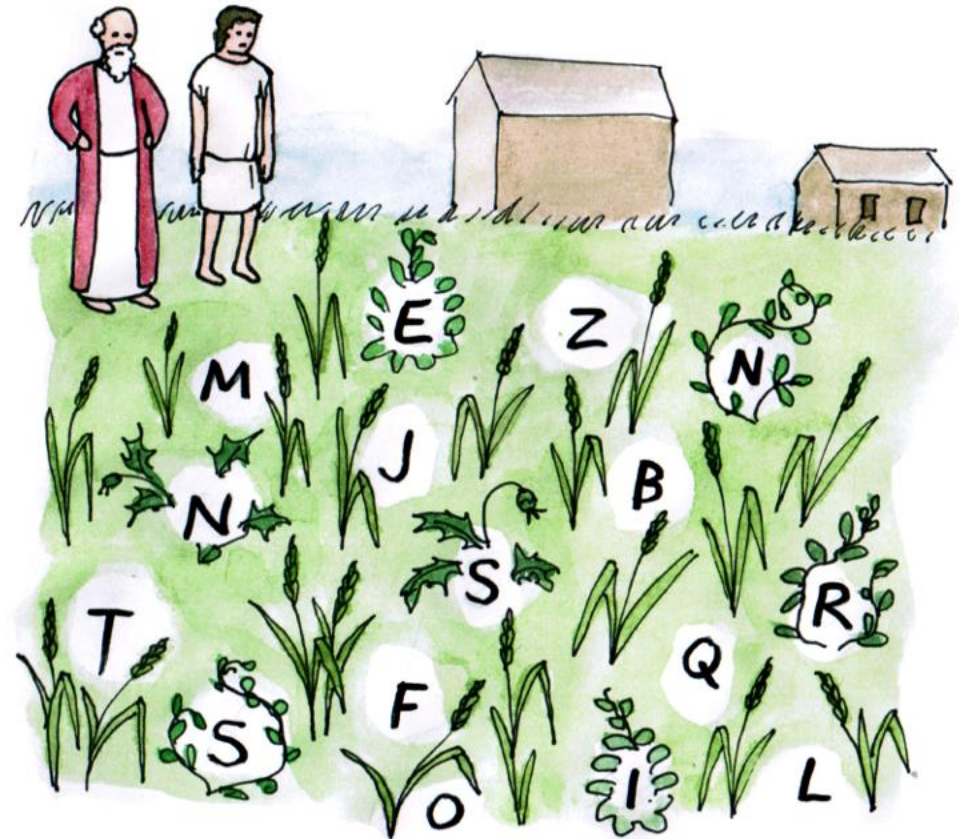
All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



Answers for front page: sinners
Answers for sort-out-the-pictures: top:3,6
middle:5,2 bottom:1,4 OR top:5,6 middle:4,2
bottom:1,3.

The Kids' Bulletin

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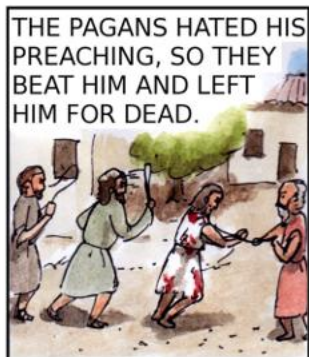
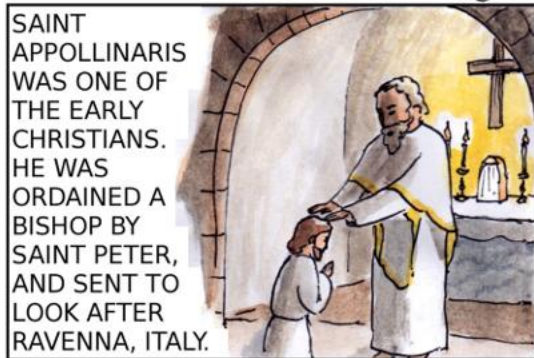
What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and
unscramble them to find out.



*The weeds are any plant
that doesn't look like this.*

St. Appollinaris of Ravenna

July 20



SAINT APPOLLINARIS WAS A TRUE HERO FOR THE FAITH. HE KEPT GOING BACK TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT GETTING BEATEN AND TORTURED. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US TO NEVER QUIT HELPING PEOPLE COME TO GOD EVEN WHEN OTHERS KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST US.

Sort Out the Pictures: The Weeds and the Wheat

What happened in today's parable?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes
to show the order in which the story went.

