

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 † *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. May 4 6:30 PM at Stringtown
 Tue. May 5 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. May 6 8:05 am For the Parish
 Thu. May 7 6:30 PM at Wendelin
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Sat. May 9
 4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Carl & Una Kocher
Rod Kelley
Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn
Sun. May 10
8:00 am For all mothers
 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 APRIL 26th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$7,298 (115) Easter: \$15 (1)
 Loose: \$172 Guatemala: \$25 (2)
 Home Missions: \$355 (14) Building Fund: \$380 (10)

Let Us Pray For:Carolynn Buckels, Sandy Fehrenbacher, Sue Dickerson, Brett Stirnaman, 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.

Happy Birthday to *Andy Schuetz* who celebrates his 90th birthday on May 9th!

Happy Birthday to *James Hemrich* who celebrates his 97th birthday on May 10th!

~ *AROUND OUR PARISHES* ~

Saturday, May 2nd

- Mass for *Joe O’Fallon, Clara Rose Wilson, and Rod & Sarah Kelley.*
- Congratulations to our First Communion Class! Names can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Sunday, May 3rd

- Mass for *Mary Ann Kuenstler* and *Alma Hahn.*
- Children’s liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- 10 am, CYM mass and meeting at Holy Cross.
- High School Youth Group - end of year party at 5:30pm at Holy Cross

Monday, May 4th

- 5:30 PM, The Celebration of Women Banquet will take place in the church followed by a catered meal in the cafeteria. Please bring your tickets for the meal and some door prizes.

Tuesday, May 5th

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, May 6th

- 8:05 am, Honor’s Mass.
- 9:00 am, Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis closing family gathering at Holy Cross.

Sunday, May 10th

- Happy Mother’s Day!! Treat your mom to some delicious donuts and coffee that will be available after the 8 am mass. Don’t miss this special time to spend with family and fellow parishioners.

For the month of May, we will be **praying the rosary** before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 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. **We need volunteers to lead** so, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the vestibule. Thank you.

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 St. Joseph Olney 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 6:
 Holy Cross 5:30 pm

If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.

- **There has been an interest in adding Children’s Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office if interested.
- **Grief Care Group:**
 Our meeting on Monday, May 4, has been moved to Monday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 27: Dan Zuber (#276)
 April 28: Julie & Tom Herring (#224)
 April 29: Steve & Kate Patterson (#146)
 April 30: Katie Fehrenbacher (#392)
 May 1: Ron Steber (#589)

SAVE THE DATE

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 "Rainforest Falls"
 Exploring the Nature of God
 Pre-K to 5th grade
 May 26-29 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm
 Holy Cross Wendelin

There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials.

Registration is now open!

Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there

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Thank you to the **58** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **\$9,711.25** to support this mission.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Vocation Corner: May 3, 2026

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Respect Life Corner: May 3, 2026

In honor of the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi’s death, Pope Leo XVI has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis. In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

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Congratulations to our First Communion Class of 2026

Holland Bible
Raylon Cowman
Holden Deimel
Chandler Foust
Owen Graves
Grace Jensen
Georgia Kapper
Jaxon Kocher
Kasen Kuenstler
Garrett Lathrop
Easton Oilar
Graelyn Smithenry
Kaden Williams

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter



~ St. Joseph Church ~

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

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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

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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Carol Potter Assistant Principal

Catherine Fritschle Office Manager

School Office 618-395-3081

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

Collection Total for April 26, 2026

Envelopes: \$1,139.00 (33)
Loose: \$48.00
Total: \$1,187.00

Building Fund: \$125.00 (3)

Catholic Home Mission Appeal: \$249.00 (8)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

May Bulletins: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber Anniversary

May Missalettes: In Memory of Kathy Zwilling

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, May 2 – First Saturday at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 – First Communion Weekend at ALL Parishes!

Monday, May 4 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 7pm.

Tuesday, May 5 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.

Wednesday, May 6 – Closing Family Catechesis Gathering, Holy Cross Parish Center, 6:30pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:



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FLOWERS FOR BLESSED MOTHER MARY:

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. To honor her maternal love and protection, we invite you to bring a flower to Mass on May 2 and 3. Vases will be placed at the altar; please leave your flowers there prior to the start of Mass. Thank you for joining us in this gesture of love for our Blessed Mother.

TRI-PARISH VBS:



Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a \$20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-

shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

2026 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET:

The 2026 Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Stringtown Parish Center, starting at 6 pm and lasting until ?, with the theme, "Don't Worry, Bee Happy." Menu is chicken strips, potatoes, salads and desserts. We are asking members with the last name starting with A-M to bring a salad, while members with the last name starting with N-Z to bring a dessert. We have invited Jeff Fleming, a humorist and local attorney, to be our guest speaker on "Laughing is the Best Medicine." We will be having a meeting. Also, Delaney will lead the installation of 2026-2027 officers. A Photo Booth will be available to take pictures at. Games and door prizes will be available.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of May 3rd – The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis, St. Philip the Apostle: Catholic Saints, Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer**

2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th. **Donations** - 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.

Raffles - Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations. There are still several places available to contact if you are interested in helping. Donations can be turned in at the Parish Center after Mass on May 3rd. **All raffle donations should be turned in TODAY at the Parish Center.** If you are unable to drop items off today, please contact Jenny Hancock (618-843-6625)

Quilt & Craft Raffle – Items are still needed for the Quilt and Craft Raffle. If you have anything you'd like to donate to this raffle, please contact Jenny.

Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30th at the Stringtown Parish Center. **Donation Sheets for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date are available in the back of church. Also, we are accepting cash donations for supplies.**

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. Thank you!

Picnic Chairs are 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)

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic” usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

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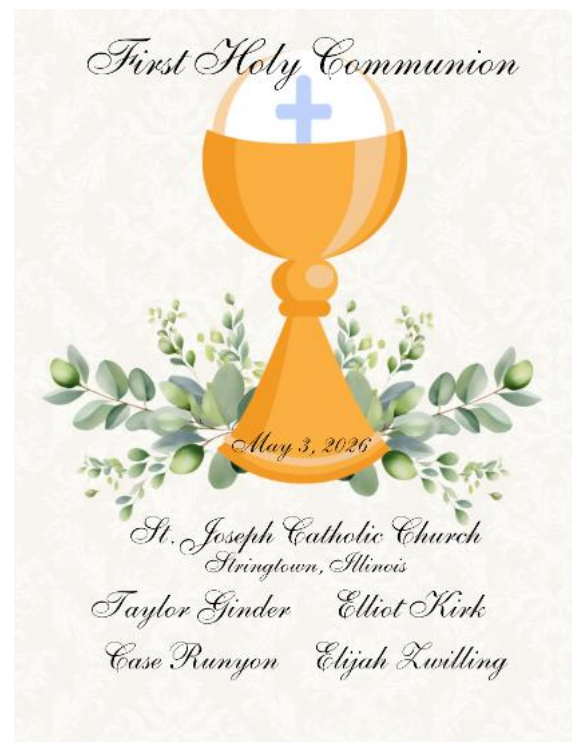
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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire



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“For Our First Communicants”
Monday, May 4, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown
“For the Parish”
Tuesday, May 5, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, May 6, 8:05am at St. Joseph-Olney
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Saturday, May 9, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, May 10, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
“For All Mothers, Living & Deceased”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

05/03/2026

Servers:

Amity Zuber
Hallie Ochs
Nathaniel Zwilling

Lector:

Joselyn Kocher

EMHC:

Scott Seiler
Jenny Hancock
Josie Kocher

Gifts:

First Communicants

Ushers:

Byron Zwilling
Isaac Zwilling

Greeters:

Bill Zuber

Children’s Liturgy:

No Children’s Liturgy!

05/10/2026

Servers:

Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Brady Ochs

Lector:

Kathy Kocher

EMHC:

Owen Kocher
Janette Kocher
Scott Seiler

Gifts:

Jean Kocher
Family

Ushers:

Brian Ochs
Mitchell Ochs

Greeters:

Elmer & Mary Ochs

Children’s Liturgy:

Madison & Natalie

**St. Joseph Church
Stringtown, Illinois**

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***Rhett Geier
 Eli Kennedy
 Wyatt Klingler
 Blair Land
 Ethan Phillips
 Amelia Rauch
 Carter Smith
 Avrie Tinder
 Vera Warfel
 Colin Will***

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown deliverance, alleluia.



Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin
 5782 Ingraham Lane, Newton, IL 62448
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 Parish E-mail: holycrosswendelin@outlook.com
 Parish Phone Number: (618)-752-5671
 Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.
Mass Schedule: Thursdays 6:30pm with Adoration at 5:30pm, Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 10:00am
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Trustees: Carl Will & Kasey Iffert; **Pastoral Council:** Tony Kuenstler-Chair; Kevin Blank-Vice-Chair; Cindy Blank, Sharon Edwards, Kelly Geier, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton, Dusty Smithenry

Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

Pray to Jesus. Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



Try to be like Jesus. Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.



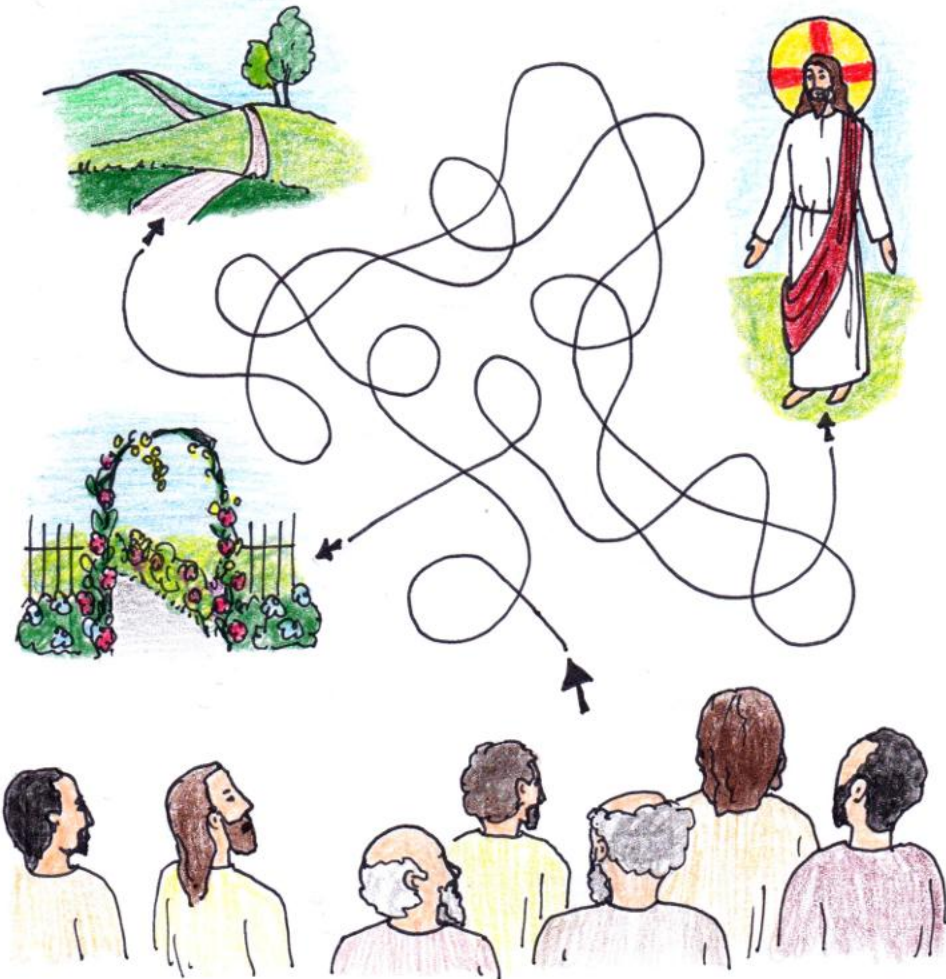
Receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Answers to Cross-Word-Across: 3.Father 5.is 9.time 10.because 11.on 13.will 15.and 17.whoever 18.who 20.than 22.speak Down: 1.of 2.Jesus 4.amen 6.still 7.seen 8.believe 11.own 12.know 14.you 16.doing 17.works 19.show 21.me

The Kids' Bulletin

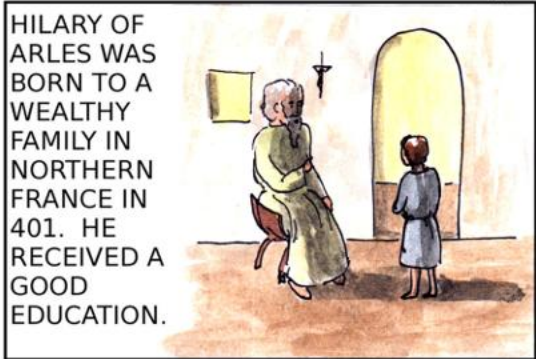
Fifth Sunday of Easter
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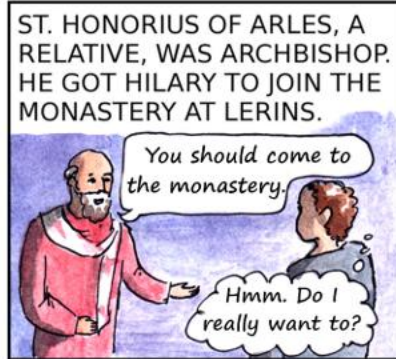
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!

Saint Hilary of Arles

May 5



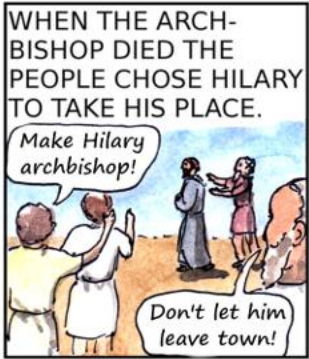
HILARY OF ARLES WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN NORTHERN FRANCE IN 401. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.



ST. HONORIUS OF ARLES, A RELATIVE, WAS ARCHBISHOP. HE GOT HILARY TO JOIN THE MONASTERY AT LERINS.

You should come to the monastery.

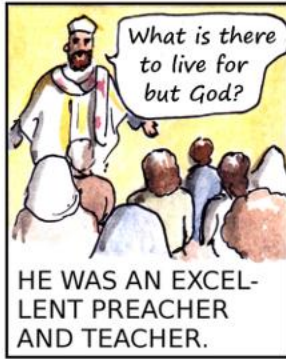
Hmm. Do I really want to?



WHEN THE ARCH-BISHOP DIED THE PEOPLE CHOSE HILARY TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

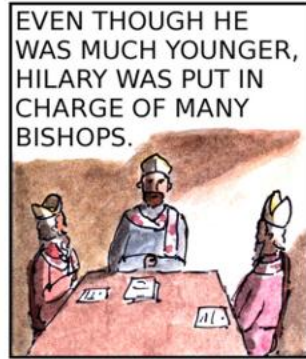
Make Hilary archbishop!

Don't let him leave town!



What is there to live for but God?

HE WAS AN EXCELLENT PREACHER AND TEACHER.



EVEN THOUGH HE WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HILARY WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANY BISHOPS.



HE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN HIS DIRECTION OF THE BISHOPS, SO POPE ST. LEO TOOK AWAY SOME OF HIS POWER.

You should not have done that.



Your excellency, my brother has been taken captive!

I will find a ransom for him.

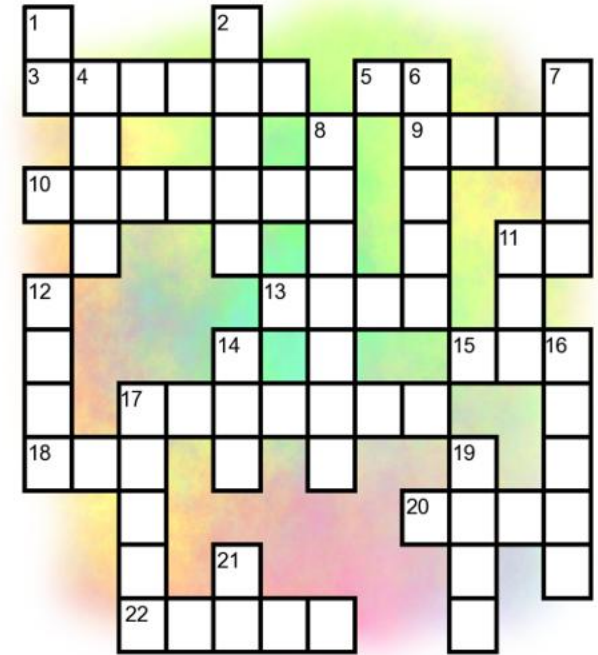
ST. HILARY ACCEPTED THE POPE'S DECISIONS AND KEPT WORKING TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 48 YEARS OLD.

SAINT HILARY OF ARLES IS AN EXAMPLE TO US THAT GOD SOMETIMES WANTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS. SAINT HILARY WAS YOUNGER THAN THE BISHOPS HE WAS IN CHARGE OF BUT HE WAS HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RULE THEM WELL. ALSO, WHEN HE MADE MISTAKES HE ACCEPTED THE CONSEQUENCES.

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER
OF BECAUSE
ON BELIEVE
ME FATHER
YOU WORKS
AND DOING
WHO SPEAK
WILL AMEN
OWN JESUS
TIME THAN
SHOW STILL
KNOW SEEN



_____ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____ (9a) and you _____ (6d) do not _____ (12d) me, Philip? _____ (17a) has seen me has _____ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in _____ (21d) The words that I _____ (22a) to you I do not speak _____ (11a) my _____ (11d). The Father _____ (18a) dwells in me is _____ (16d) his works. _____ (8d) me that I am in the _____ (3a) and the Father _____ (5a) in me, or else, believe _____ (10a) _____ (1d) the works themselves. _____ (4d) amen, I say to _____ (14d), whoever believes in me _____ (13a) do the _____ (17d) that I do, _____ (15a) will do greater ones _____ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."