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Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✝ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✝

Mon. Aug. 17	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 18	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 19	**8:05 am**	***For the Parish***
Thu. Aug. 20	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 21	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. Aug. 22
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM ***Loren & Lucille Ginder***
Byron & Virginia Weiler
Jim Blank

Sun. Aug. 23
8:00 am ***Mary Jane Kuenstler***
Debbie Jones
Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR AUGUST SPONSORS
Bulletins: Donald Brian Family
Missalettes: Energy Insurance Services

OUR TITHES FOR AUGUST 9th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $10,387 (99) Loose: $166
Guatemala: $70 (5) Funeral donations: $500

Let Us Pray For: 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.

Please Welcome ***Braxton and Emma Burgener*** as new parishioners! We are so glad to have you as new members here at St. Joseph Church.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of ***Rita L. Kocher***. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, August 15th
- Mass for ***Ed Pool, Maren Zuber, and Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.***
- Children's Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Sunday, August 16th
- Mass for ***James E. Hemrich, Jr., Brenda Ginder, and Cliff & Katie Hahn.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Monday, August 17th
- 7:00 PM, choir practice in the church. New members welcome!! We are beginning to work on Christmas music and would love to have new voices to add to our choir.

Tuesday, August 18th
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Olney. There must always be 2 people in church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meet in the conference room.

Wednesday, August 19th
- 8:05 am, School Mass
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- Parish office closed.

Thursday, August 20th
- 5:30 PM, Parish and Family Life meeting in the sewing room. New members are welcome!

Saturday, August 22nd
- 6 PM, Middle School Youth Group at Olney.

Sunday, August 23rd
- 5:30 PM, High School Youth Group at Holy Cross.

St. Joseph School News

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~ PARISH NEWS ~

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  Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The cost of the book is $15.00. We meet in Olney on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm in the conference room.

  Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you are interested.

- **Save the Date!!** Noodle making will be the morning of September 12th!

- **We are now accepting mass intentions through December 31, 2026.** Up to three first names with the same last name (ex. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (ex. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three mass offerings per mass. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day. These days will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
Aug. 10: Klay Hinterscher (#256)
Aug. 11: Jennifer & Brett Camfield (#107)
Aug. 12: Jeff & Dawn Steber (#592)
Aug. 13: Emily & AJ Gartner (#016)
Aug. 14: Matt Zuber Family (#353)

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Today, Sunday, Aug. 16**: Members and Family Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. If possible, bring a dessert.
- **Thursday, Aug. 20**: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM.
- **Sunday, Aug. 30**: Member Mass Ministry volunteers at the 8am, Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following Mass.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program's** mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT** to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

Thank you to the **69** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **$16,912.75** to support this mission. We are 75% to our goal of $22,468.

Respect Life Corner: August 16, 2026

Real Answers, Not Just an Alternative

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Vocation Corner: August 16, 2026

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Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic

St. Mary's in Ste. Marie

Sunday, September 6, 2026
3pm - 10pm

Brisket and/or BBQ Pork Chop served with potato salad, baked beans, drink, and dessert. Serving from 3-6 pm.

1 Meat Meal: $10
2 Meat Meal: $15

Fun for the whole family!
Bingo, food, kids' games, live music, beer garden, Homewood Grill ice cream, and raffle starts at 6:30 pm.

SOCO playing 7-10 pm!

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry

You are all invited to attend the next retreat at Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL. This retreat is led by Fr. Josh Stengel and is titled "Seven Sorrows and the Mystery of Suffering" and will be held on Friday, Sept 18 and Saturday, Sept 19. The focus will be on how Our Lady teaches us about the mystery of suffering and how, through her, and with her intercession, we unite our sufferings with Christ. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. The cost is $50 to attend. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Website .....www.stjosephchurcholney.com

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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
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Tyler Timm .....Youth Minister
Tyler's Cell 507-530-2911
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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 ~

Josy Hart.....Principal
Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager
School Office 618-395-3081
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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 August 9, 2026

Envelopes: $740.00 (24)

Loose: $52.00

Total: $792.99

Building Fund: $30.00 (1)

Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00

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August Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

August Missalettes: For the Families of Sam & Mary Zwilling

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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:

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Linus Kocher, Mark & Deana Schafer, Chad & Lori Kocher, and Todd Kocher, as well as all family and friends of Rita Kocher. Rita's visitation was held on Wednesday, August 12th and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, August 13th at Holy Cross-Wendelin with burial and St. Joseph Cemetery. ***"Eternal rest unto Rita, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."***

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 as soon as possible. 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.

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:

A group of ladies "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together. Our new study will begin in a few weeks -watch bulletins for upcoming information. Consider joining us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, or 5:00pm St. Joseph-Olney, and Wednesday evening 5:30pm. Holy Cross-Wendelin. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! **Sisters in Christ- NEW Book-*Set the World on Fire:*** This awarding winning book offers a beautiful four-week personal retreat that immerses you in the dramatic lives, historical eras, and groundbreaking ideas of these formidable women saints and invites you to develop the grit, humility, pragmatism, hope, joy, and vision these women possessed. Each woman's experience of God, understanding of spirituality, and timeless wisdom gained her the title Doctor of the Church, which indicates that through her life, research, study, and writing, she has deepened and advanced the faith. *Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The cost of the book is $15.00.* Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, if you are interested**.**

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 Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our focus for the year. Registration is open and you can register at the parish website. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May from 6:30pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

Stringtown Community BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled **SUNDAY, August 16th, (appointments are recommended)** from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Stringtown Parish Center. **American Red Cross August Promo:** The heat is on to find lifesaving donors! Come to give blood in August and get a $20 Amazon Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/August for details. **Also, all donors will be eligible to be entered in a chance for a gift card and receive a free individual size ice cream.** Our goal is 38 units, and we were told that it is very important that we reach our goal so we can continue having our future drives. Walkins will be welcome, but pre-scheduled appointments are recommended. This can be done by clicking below and using our drive zip code which is 62450 to schedule your appointment.

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC

Don't forget to complete the RapidPass. RapidPass | American Red Cross - RapidPass allows you to start the blood donation process from the comfort of your home or office and save time at the donation site. The process is simple, just read the following information and complete the questions online, then print your RapidPass and bring it with you or show it on your mobile RapidPass® can help save time during your next blood or platelet donation. For the best donation experience, we recommend you schedule an appointment, then complete your RapidPass®. https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass.html

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY:

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social in the St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center on Sunday, August 16 from 2-4pm. We will be serving ice cream, cookies, and brownies and all are welcome!

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of August 16th – Saint Bernard of Clairvaux: Catholic Saints, The Queen Mother: Lectio: Episode 4, Saint Pope Pius X: Catholic Saints**

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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, Franklin Hinterscher

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Monday, August 17, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
Tuesday, August 18, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
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Friday, August 21, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 22, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 23, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Herman, Ethel, & Kathy Zwilling†", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

08/16/2026
Servers:
Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Hallie Ochs
Lector:
Shelly Seaman
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Scott Seiler
Gifts:
Chad & Jenny Hancock Family
Ushers:
Julian Seaman
Carter Seaman
Greeters:
Elmer & Mary Ochs
Children's Liturgy:
Joselyn & Mallory

08/23/2026
Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Hank Ginder
EMHC:
Janette Kocher
Jamie Kocher
Joselyn Kocher
Gifts:
John Ochs Family
Ushers:
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Mitchell Ochs
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Jean Kocher Family
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Madison & Natalie

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✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

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August Bulletins and Missalettes:
Olney Knights of Columbus Council #1352
In Memory of Carly Knapp

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, August 9, 2026
(77) Envelope Collection: $3,114.00, Loose: $293.00 – **Total: $3,407.00,** (21) Building: $1,275.00, (26) Religious Education Fund: $732.00, (1) Cemetery: $100.00

AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Kelly & Sherry Geier	Kevin & Heather Blank
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Martha Deimel	Jason Warfel
Sherry Geier	Kim Smithenry
Lynn Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Emma Tinder	Missy Buerster
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Victoria Rudolphi	Robin Deckard

Money Counters:
Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster

Ushers:	Ushers:
Kelly Geier	Kevin Blank
Hank Weidner	Jerome Kistner
Tim Weidner	Michael Kistner
James Rudolphi	James Kistner

Mass Servers:
Saturday, August 15 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi
Sunday, August 16 – Alex & Nora Street, Ellee Bare
Saturday, August 22 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, August 23 – Bailey Kistner, Brooke & Braden Weidner

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
August 16 – Alli Street & Nora Street
August 23 – Melissa & Brooke Weidner
August 30 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare

CRMH Communion:
August 16 – Maria Rudolphi
August 30 – Ellen Weber

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma 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, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher

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Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Linus Kocher, Mark & Deana Schafer, Chad & Lori Kocher, and Todd Kocher, James & Jane Kuhl, Charles & Marie Kuhl, and Robert & Carla Kuhl, as well as all family and friends of Rita Kocher. Rita's visitation was held on Wednesday, August 12th and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, August 13th at Holy Cross-Wendelin with burial and St. Joseph Cemetery. ***"Eternal rest unto Rita, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace."***

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

To Jade Marie Weber, daughter of Travis & Erica Weber, who was baptized this Saturday, August 15, 2026 by Fr. Levi James. Godparents are Mark Mammoser and Mariah Goode. ***"Lord, surround Jade with goodness, lead her in your light each day; help her walk the path you've chosen, guide her steps along the way. Teach her, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep her from all harm and bless her always with your grace and love."***

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HOLY BAPTISM:

To Silas Kenneth Ridgely, son of Mason & Sydney (Rudolphi) Ridgely, who was baptized this Sunday, August 16, 2026 by Fr. Levi James. Godparents are Matthew Rudolphi & Katelyn Atteberry. ***"Lord, surround Silas with goodness, lead him in your light each day; help his walk the path you've chosen, guide his steps along the way. Teach him, Lord, to trust your wisdom with a faith from up above; keep him from all harm and bless him always with your grace and love."***

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:
A group of ladies "Sisters" who support, encourage, pray for one another, and deepen our Catholic faith life together. Consider joining us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, or 5:00pm St. Joseph-Olney, and Wednesday evening 5:30pm. Holy Cross-Wendelin. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life! **Sisters in Christ- NEW Book- *Set the World on Fire:*** This awarding winning book

offers a beautiful four-week personal retreat that immerses you in the dramatic lives, historical eras, and groundbreaking ideas of these formidable women saints and invites you to develop the grit, humility, pragmatism, hope, joy, and vision these women possessed. Each woman's experience of God, understanding of spirituality, and timeless wisdom gained her the title Doctor of the Church, which indicates that through her life, research, study, and writing, she has deepened and advanced the faith. *Join us for this study and prepare to fall so in love with these women who reflect the life of Christ. The cost of the book is $15.00.* Contact Janette Kocher, Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate, if you are interested**.**

FAMILY CATECHESIS:
Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our focus for the year. Registration is open and you can register at the parish website. We meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept-May from 6:30 pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

2026 HOLY CROSS PICNIC NEWS:
Dinner Tickets Sold – There were 1,070 total meals sold, 960 adults and 70 kids. Thank you for your support! **Raffle Contest Winners –** The winners from the Raffle Contest were 1st Place $75.00: Bill Hinterscher sold 177 books, 2nd Place $50.00: Brad Wilson sold 118 books *In Memory of Clara Wilson*, and 3rd Place $25.00: John Weidner sold 82 books.

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 Elaine Grimes, Janette Kocher, Mary Ochs, Sherry Geier, Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if you would be interested in this Ministry of Care.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of August 16th – Saint Bernard of Clairvaux: Catholic Saints, The Queen Mother: Lectio: Episode 4, Saint Pope Pius X: Catholic Saints**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Big Mums fundraiser will start Monday, August 17th! See any St. Joseph School student to order or contact the school office! All proceeds directly benefit the school and school programs. Order forms are due on Friday, August 31st. Pick up day is September 11th at the Olney City Park cattle barn from 10:00am to 5:30pm. Make checks payable to St. Joe School. This year we are going to have the option of purchasing tri-colored mums for $20 each. The other colors available yellow, orange, burgundy, and purple. They will be $18 each or two for $35.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Sunday, TODAY, August 16: Members and Family Free Picnic at Doll's Cabin, 5PM. If possible, bring a dessert. **Thursday, August 20:** 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, August 30:** Member Mass Ministry at the 8AM Olney Mass. Fellowship breakfast following the Mass at a local restaurant.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Real Answers, Not Just an Alternative, What if infertility isn't just something to work around, but a signal your body is asking you to listen to? Restorative Reproductive Medicine, including NaPro-Technology, does exactly that: it identifies and treats the root causes behind infertility, from hormonal imbalances to endometriosis to cycle irregularities, often restoring a couple's natural fertility altogether. This isn't the Church's consolation prize for those who won't pursue IVF. It's genuine, evidence-based medicine that treats both body and marriage with dignity, working with a woman's cycle instead of overriding it. For many couples, it succeeds where other approaches couldn't, because it heals rather than bypasses. This week, we invite you to see RRM not as a "no," but as a hopeful and faithful "yes." If you or someone you love is walking this road, follow the QR code to learn more about RRM and find doctors in our area who can help.

VOCATION CORNER:
"When I was 7, my older sister joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and took the name Sister Celine. This sparked in me a deep curiosity about her religious vocation, which eventually led me to spend several weeks with her community in a remote island mission in the Bicol region of the Philippines. The conditions were stark; the area lacked electricity and clean water. Yet, I discovered extraordinary richness in the lives of the people. And, undiminished by material poverty, the SOLT sisters radiated joy that stemmed from their faith and dedication to serving others. During my stay, I felt an unprecedented sense of peace, as if enveloped by God's love. I saw Jesus in the faces of those we served, each interaction revealing the transformative beauty and power of faith. Now, as a SOLT sister, I find fulfillment in living the Gospel's message, witnessing to hope and the miracle of faith in action." Sr. Mary Louis Granadillos; Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity; Columbia Magazine April 2025

Sunday, August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on your face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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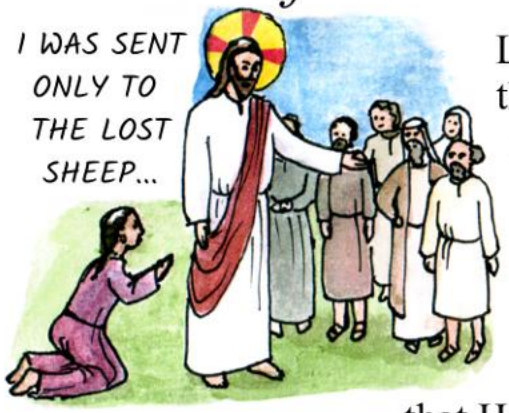
Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.

Dot to dot: dogs. Fill-in-the-Blanks: just, revealed, Lord, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, altar, house. ALL PEOPLES.

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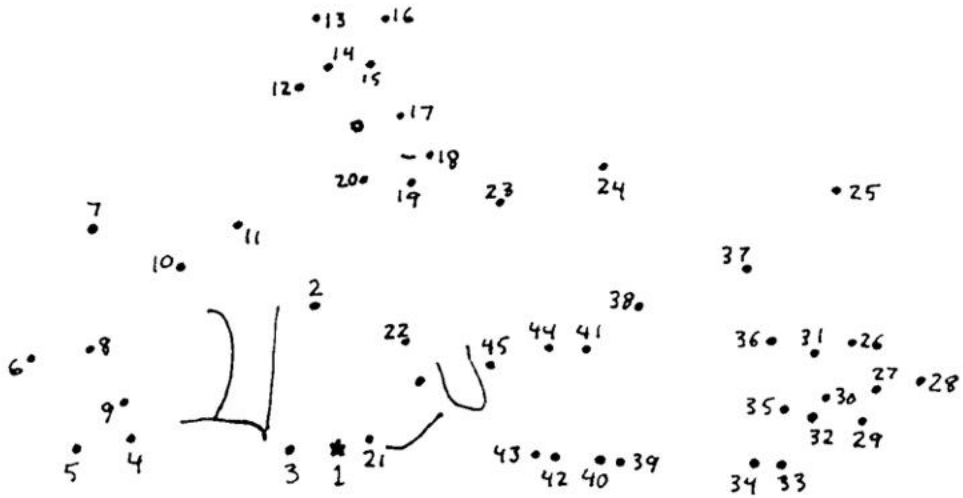
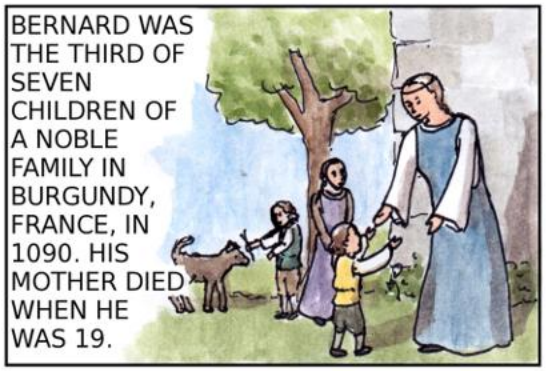


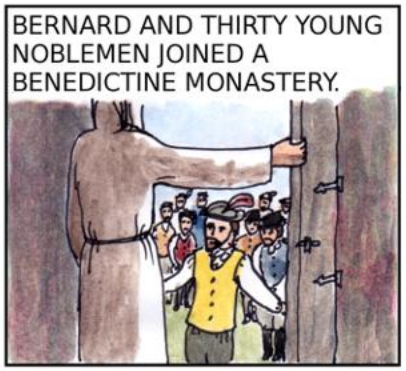
In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

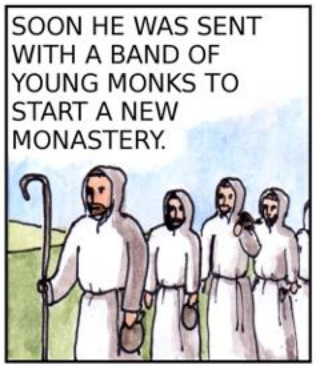
The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the _____ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

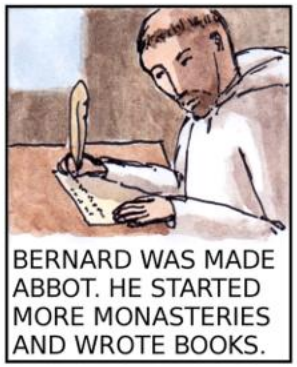
What did she say she was like? Connect the dots to find out!

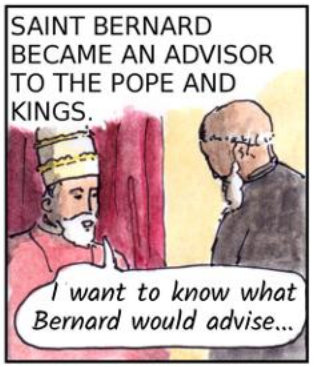
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
August 20











SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE OF HIS TIME, BUT HE DIDN'T THINK OF HIMSELF AS BEING BETTER THAN OTHERS. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM WAS THAT HE LOVED AND SERVED GOD IN EVERYTHING HE DID. DO YOU TRY TO PLEASE GOD IN EVERYTHING YOU DO?

Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.

Thus says the Lord:
Observe what is right, do what is __ __ [10] __ __ ;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be __ __ __ __ __ [2] __ __ __.
The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
ministering to him,
loving the name of the [3] __ __ __ __,
and becoming his __ [9] __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ -
all who __ __ __ [7] __ the __ __ __ __ [1] __ __ __
free from profanation
and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy __ [6] __ __ __ __ __ __ __
and make joyful in my house of [4] __ __ __ __ __ __;
their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my __ [8] __ __ __ __,
for my __ __ __ __ [5] __ shall be called a
house of prayer for __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __.
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