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Sunday, August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
✝ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✝

Mon. Aug. 3	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Aug. 4	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Aug. 5	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***
Thu. Aug. 6	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Aug. 7	**8:00 am**	**First Friday**

Sat. Aug. 8
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM ***James E. Hemrich, Jr.***
Jim Blank
Esther Hickel

Sun. Aug. 9
8:00 am ***Rod Kelley***
Jim & Mary Steber
John & Caroline Zuber Family
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 JULY 26th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $5,034 (92) Loose: $200
Guatemala: $105 (2) Building Fund: $320 (6)

Let Us Pray For: Julia Eichhorst, 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.

- **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.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Weekend of August 1-2
- This weekend, please welcome Fr. George Knab, OMI (Oblates of Mary Immaculate) who will be with us to celebrate Mass and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit unbound.org.

Saturday, August 1st
- Mass for ***Loren & Lucille Ginder, Norman, Jean, & Gerald Zwilling, and Donald Kocher.***
- Children's Liturgy now at the 5 pm mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.

Sunday, August 2nd
- Mass for ***Carl & Una Kocher, Dale Tibbs, and Delbert Ginder.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students entering into grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- **10:00 am, Holy Cross Picnic in Wendelin!** Fun for the whole family! Chicken dinner served in the parish hall from 10:45am-4pm. Live music, kid's games, country store, bingo, beer garden, inflatables, raffle drawing, and more! Don't miss this fun event for the whole family!

Tuesday, August 4th
- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Olney. There must always be 2 people in church.

Wednesday, August 5th
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.

Friday, August 6th
- 8:00 am, First Friday Mass followed by communion delivery.

Sunday, August 9th
- 9:00 am, Donut Social! Come and enjoy 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.

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.
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- **Fr. Jerry 5K**: August 15th at 8:00 am.

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **Bill & Judy Spitz** are celebrating their 65th Anniversary on August 9th. Their family is hosting an open house from 2-4 pm on August 9th at Brookstone and are inviting anyone to visit and bring a card. If you'd like to mail a card, their address is:
  1110 N. East St.
  Apt. 32
  Olney, IL 62450
- **The choir of St. Joseph, Olney** is looking for new members! Inviting all new members to join us on **Monday, August 10th** for practice in the church at 7 pm. We are beginning to work on Christmas music and would love to have new voices to add to our choir.
- **The family of Joyce Fehrenbacher Leist** would like to thank Fr. Levi, Fr. Bill, and the choir for the beautiful funeral service. Words cannot express our appreciation.
- **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
July 27: St. Joe Quilters (#406)
July 28: George & Dixie Shipman (#368)
July 29: Nancy Bunn (#032)
July 30: Mitch Kuenstler (#659)
July 31: Paige Steber (#074)

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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Thank you to the **69** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **$16,412.75** to support this mission. We are 73% to our goal of $22,468.

Fr. Jerry 5K

There is still time to register for the **Fr. Jerry 5K** that will be held on August 15th at 8 am. Come out and support the sports and music programs at St. Joseph School.

Sign up here →

Respect Life Corner: August 2, 2026

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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

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ St. Joseph Church ~

Website .....www.stjosephchurcholney.com

Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty..... Pastor
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Tyler Timm .....Youth Minister
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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
E-mail.....office@stjoeolney.com
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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 July 26, 2026

Envelopes: $900.00 (27)

Loose: $44.00

Total: $944.00

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!

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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.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:

Any parishioner that graduated from high school in 2026 and is attending college or an institution of higher education, may apply for a scholarship from the club. To apply, please pick up an application and rules in the back of church or call Janice Zuber at 618-392-3411 for the forms. The deadline to return the application is August 1st. Please return the forms to Janice Zuber. You can email them to janice.zuber@yahoo.com or hand them in to her.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC IS TODAY!:

Please join us for Holy Cross Catholic Church Picnic this Sunday, August 2nd from 10am-10pm. Fun for the whole family! Famous Chicken Dinner in the Parish Center until 4pm.

BAND SCHEDULE

11:00-1:00 - BEPPLER & CAUDLE

1:00-2:00 - RHONDA KUENSTLER

2:00-4:00 - SOUTHERN COMFORT

4:00-5:00 - RHONDA KUENSTLER

7:00-9:00 - COREY EVITTS

Adults $12, Children (6-12) $6, 5 and under are FREE. Dinner tickets sold 10:45am-3:45pm. Lunch stand food available all day! Live music all day, kids games, inflatables, dunk tank, pedal tractor pulls, country store, raffle, bingo, and beer garden.

Please join us and support Holy Cross Parish Picnic! Hope to see you there!

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Sunday, August 2, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Living & Deceased Members of Pike & Mary Ginder Family✝"
Monday, August 3, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For the Parish"
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Wednesday, August 5, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
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Friday, August 7, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, August 8, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, August 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bill & Catherine Zwilling Families", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

08/02/2026
Servers:
Izzy Volk
Will Volk
Gabriel Volk
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Jenny Hancock
Gifts:
Brian Ochs
Family
Ushers:
Carter Seaman
Julian Seaman
Greeters:
Natalie Ochs
Children's Liturgy:
Anne & Kaitlin

08/09/2026
Servers:
Don Seiler
Sadie Seiler
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Owen Kocher
EMHC:
Elmer Ochs
Mary Ochs
John Ochs
Gifts:
David Muhs
Family
Ushers:
Austin Kuenstler
Ian Kocher
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Mallory Kocher
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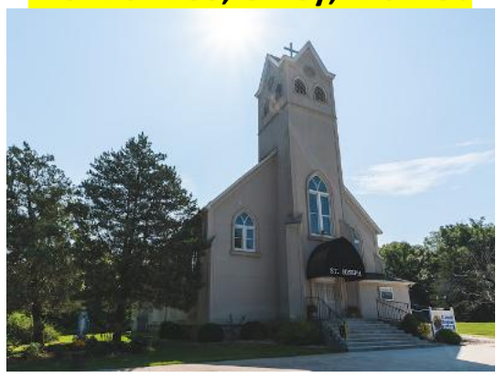

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August Bulletins and Missalettes:
Olney Knights of Columbus and In Memory of Carly Knapp

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, July 26, 2026
(73) Envelope Collection: $2,811.00, Loose: $290.00 – **Total: $3,101.00,** (6) Building: $472.00, (1) CSMA $500.00

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:
Dave & Michelle Rauch

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

Mass Servers:
Saturday, August 1 – Mattux Hart, Noah & Levi Rudolphi
Sunday, August 2 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner
Saturday, August 8 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, August 9 – Alex Street, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
August 2 – No Children's Liturgy!
August 9 – Kaila & Bailey Kistner
August 16 – Alli Street & Nora Street
August 23 – Robin & Karly Deckard
August 30 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare

CRMH Communion:
August 9 – Martha Deimel
August 16 – Maria Rudolphi
August 30 – Ellen Weber

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Terry Tolliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Rita Kocher, Ruth Rauch (Ruth would appreciate cards and they can be sent to 3069 North 250th Street, Newton, IL 62448!), Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher

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2026 Picnic Committee Members: Chair- Chris Warfel, Co-Chair- Ashley Hinterscher, Co-Treasurers- Grace Weidner and Jennifer Rudolphi, Secretary- Allison Schnepper, Raffle- Gracey Himelick, Macie Wheat, and Alli Street, Inventory- Kyle Amerman, Dalton Tinder, Victor Sandschafer, and Ben Street.
We are looking for volunteers to help clean/put up tables and chairs in the hall on TODAY, Sunday, August 2nd from 5-7pm after the meal is over. Even if you can only help for a little while, it will be greatly appreciated.

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ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Summer Office Hours: Monday & Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00pm. **Back to School Open House:** Monday, August 10 from 4-6pm. **First day of School K-8:** August 12th. **First day of Preschool:** August 13th.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, August 13: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Sunday, August 16: Free members and Family Picnic, 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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
A Trinity of Love: Where God Enters the Picture
Soon-to-be beatified Archbishop Fulton Sheen used a simple image of a triangle to describe marriage: husband and wife are two points at the base, but God is the third point at the top, and their love for one another must first rise toward Him before it can bear fruit between them. When a couple struggles with infertility, it can feel like that fruitfulness is being withheld, and that pain is real; it is rightly called a cross. But even here, God remains in the midst of the marriage, and the "children" born of a couple's love don't always take the form expected. Sometimes they are spiritual children, works of mercy, or a fruitfulness the couple could not have planned. This month, we begin exploring Restorative Reproductive Medicine, a faithful, medically sound path that seeks healing for couples facing these crosses. Join us as we walk through it together.

VOCATION CORNER:
"Growing up on the east coast of Canada, I was involved in my family's parish, but my faith remained lukewarm. A vocation to the priesthood never crossed my mind. Instead, my attention was captured by the insights in the natural world provided by science, which eventually led me to pursue a doctorate in chemistry at a university in California. During my Ph.D. research, the Holy Spirit led me to ask deeper questions that could not be answered by chemistry alone. As a result, I came to believe the Catholic faith firmly and sought to live it intentionally. During this time, I sensed an unexpected call to the priesthood. The priests serving in campus ministry helped my discernment, and in time I heard God calling me home as a diocesan priest. After my doctorate, I entered seminary and was ordained in 2016.
Fr. James Fleming; Archdiocese of St. John's, Torbay Newfoundland and Labrador Columbia Nov 2025

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & 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!**

Good and loving God, we join with all members of Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin in prayer for the success of our Picnic. We ask for your blessings upon our efforts as we work together in the spirit of cooperation. Bless us with a good day, generous spirits, patience, laughter, fun and hospitality. We ask this is the name of your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever, amen!

BAND SCHEDULE

11:00-1:00 - BEPPLER & CAUDLE

1:00-2:00 - RHONDA KUENSTLER

2:00-4:00 - SOUTHERN COMFORT

4:00-5:00 - RHONDA KUENSTLER

7:00-9:00 - COREY EVITTS

Sunday, August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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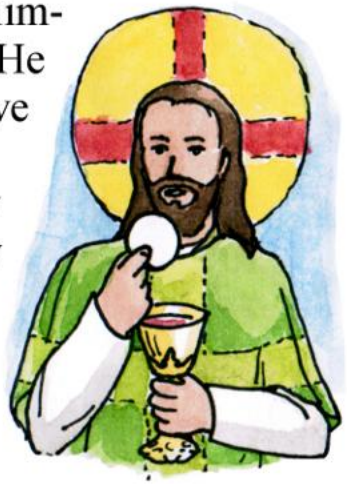
Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

with five loaves and two fish

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



Answer to the Transfiguration puzzle:
Top: 6, 1. Middle: 2, 4. Bottom 3, 5.

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The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2026

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

Saint Cajetan
August 7

ST. CAJETAN WAS BORN IN THE LATE 1400'S NEAR VENICE. HE WAS A GOOD BOY AND AFTER DOING WELL IN HIS STUDIES HE BECAME A LAWYER.

IN THOSE DAYS MANY OF THE PRIESTS AND BISHOPS DID NOT CARE ABOUT GOD OR PEOPLE'S SOULS.

THIS MADE ST. CAJETAN SAD. SO HE STUDIED AND BECAME A PRIEST.

HE STARTED AN ORDER OF PRIESTS THAT WOULD CARE FOR PEOPLE'S SOULS.

HE BEGAN A HOSPITAL FOR PEOPLE WITH INCURABLE DISEASES.

ALTHOUGH HE WORKED WITH DYING PEOPLE, HE WAS MORE SADDENED BY THE SOULS THAT WERE AWAY FROM GOD.

WHEN HE GREW ILL THE DOCTORS TRIED TO GET HIM TO SLEEP ON A SOFT BED BUT HE WANTED TO DIE LYING ON BOARDS LIKE OUR LORD DYING ON THE CROSS FOR SINNERS.

SAINT CAEJTAN KNEW THAT PEOPLE WERE GOING TO HELL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT GOD, SO HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SAVING SOULS. DO YOU EVER PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO HAVE FALLEN AWAY FROM GOD AND THE FAITH? CAN YOU SAY A HAIL MARY FOR THEM TODAY?

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The Transfiguration

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them. How well do you know the story? Sort the pictures by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.