

Sunday, February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. Feb. 2	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 3	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. Feb. 4	8:05 am	For the Parish
Thu. Feb. 5	6:30 pm	at Wendelin
Fri. Feb. 6	8:00 am	First Friday
Sat. Feb. 7	First Saturday	
9:00 am		at Wendelin
4:00 PM		at Wendelin
5:00 PM		<i>Lawrence & Dorothy Fehrenbacher Charlotte Hough Living & Deceased members of Hermina & Frances Zuber</i>
Sun. Feb. 8	8:00 am	<i>Jim & Mary Steber Frank Ginder Ken, Marcella, & Janet Ochs</i>
8:00 am		at Stringtown
10:00 am		at Wendelin
10:00 am		at Lawrenceville

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OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 25th
Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$9,375 (59) Loose: \$142
Guatemala: \$40 (1) First Offering: \$20 (3)
Building Fund: \$190 (6)

Let Us Pray For: Allen Kocher, Charlotte Hough, Blaine Sholders, Kevin Bookhout, Marilyn McCormick, Elizabeth Ginder, Jim Gassmann, Dolores Hemrich, Clara Rose Wilson, 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 **Pat Ritter** who celebrates her 99th birthday on February 6th!!

Deepest Sympathy to the family of **Dannette M. Craig**. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, January 31st

- Mass for **Carolyn & Joe Moran, Henry Weiler, and Maren Zuber**.
- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass on January 31st and February 1st for a special blessing. A tradition of the Presentation of the Lord.

Sunday, February 1st

- Mass for **Tony Steber, Wilbert & Virginia Blank, and Living and Deceased Gus & Frances Weiler Family**.
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Candlemas! Bring your candles to mass on January 31st and February 1st for a special blessing. A tradition of the Presentation of the Lord.

Monday, February 2nd – February 6th

- Parish office in Olney will be closed this week. Casey will be gone Monday through Friday.

Tuesday, February 3rd

- 12:00-3:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Olney. There must always be 2 people in the church.
- 5:00 PM, Sisters in Christ meeting in the conference room.
- 6:30 PM, OCIA meeting in the conference room. Topic: Sacraments of Initiation.

Wednesday, February 4th

- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis meets at Holy Cross.

Friday, February 6th – First Friday

- 8:00 am mass followed by communion delivery.
- 9:00 am, mass at Holy Cross.
- 5:00 PM, Married Catholics for Christ and Engaged Couples Valentine's Dinner & Dance at Holy Cross. CYM babysitting available.
- 5:00-7 PM, Booster's Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph, Olney. Food will be served in the cafeteria.

Sunday, February 8th

- Treat your family to **donuts and coffee** after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney in the MPR. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!

Thank you to all who helped shovel snow and clear the sidewalks and parking lots this past week. Big thanks to Carl Sager, Steve Kuenstler, Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Drew Bunting and Doll's for all of your help. We appreciate you!

St. Joseph School News

- Saturday, February 7th- Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival from 5-7pm. Join us for a wonderful meal in the cafeteria and fun and games in the gym to benefit St. Joseph School sports, music, and school programs!

PARISH NEWS ~

- **St. Joseph School Bingo Bash & Auction Saturday, March 14th.** Join us for food, fun, many chances to win and purchase items to support the school! Tables: \$280 or \$35/person. Bingo and a catered meal by the Smokin' Pig included in the price. Call the school office to reserve your table. If you cannot attend but want to help, reach out to Carol Potter at cpotter@stjoeolney.com.
- **Church Directory:** Please submit photos if you were unable to schedule a date for a photo. Please send to Fr. Levi at levi.jamessiu@gmail.com or drop off a photo to the parish office.
- **We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2026.** 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. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the following days: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, First Communion and Confirmation. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our parishioners.

- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We would love to provide this opportunity to our children who attend mass on Saturdays. To begin we will need volunteers to help lead the class. It is a very simple gospel lesson and the materials are all provided. Please contact Casey at the parish office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Monday, Feb. 2nd:** Olney Council Free Throw Competition for St. Joseph School grades 3rd through 8th PE Classes.
- **Monday, Feb. 9th:** Olney Council Spelling Bee. St. Joseph School grades 6th, 7th, & 8th. Also, a Fun 5th Grade Spelling Bee. Cash prizes
- **The First of 6 Friday Night Fish Fry's will begin February 20th.** Fish will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Community Building in the Olney City Park. All are welcome!!

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

How Great is our Lord! He offers us the only way to live and that is found in the Beatitudes. These words are intended to be the "attitudes" of our life. Our Lord knows we are not always going to be jovial because life is not always like that. There will be trials-sickness-hurts- loss- but Our Lord always offers a blessed way. So, Blessed be the poor in spirit-those who mourn-the meek-the hungry-the merciful-clean of heart-the peacemakers-those persecuted-the insulted: Great is the reward! Live a life of Beatitudes- a Life of Love and let the blessings flow. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Decolores Weekends:

Men's Weekend: March 12-15; Lay Leader: Gene Niemerg. Call or text him at 217-240-4365
Women's Weekend: March 19-22; Lay Leader: Pat Thompson. Call or text her at 217-246-2150
Or email Effingham
DeColores: effdecolores@gmail.com

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend Feb. 7-8, 2026

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to *The Messenger* and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

Respect Life Corner: February 1, 2026

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.” Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Vocation Corner: February 1, 2026

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying “THANK YOU” to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God’s call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Church

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Olney, Illinois 62450



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~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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 (618-392-8181) to receive a new member form

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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How to be Happy!

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes.
Beatitude means happiness.
Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important things in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!

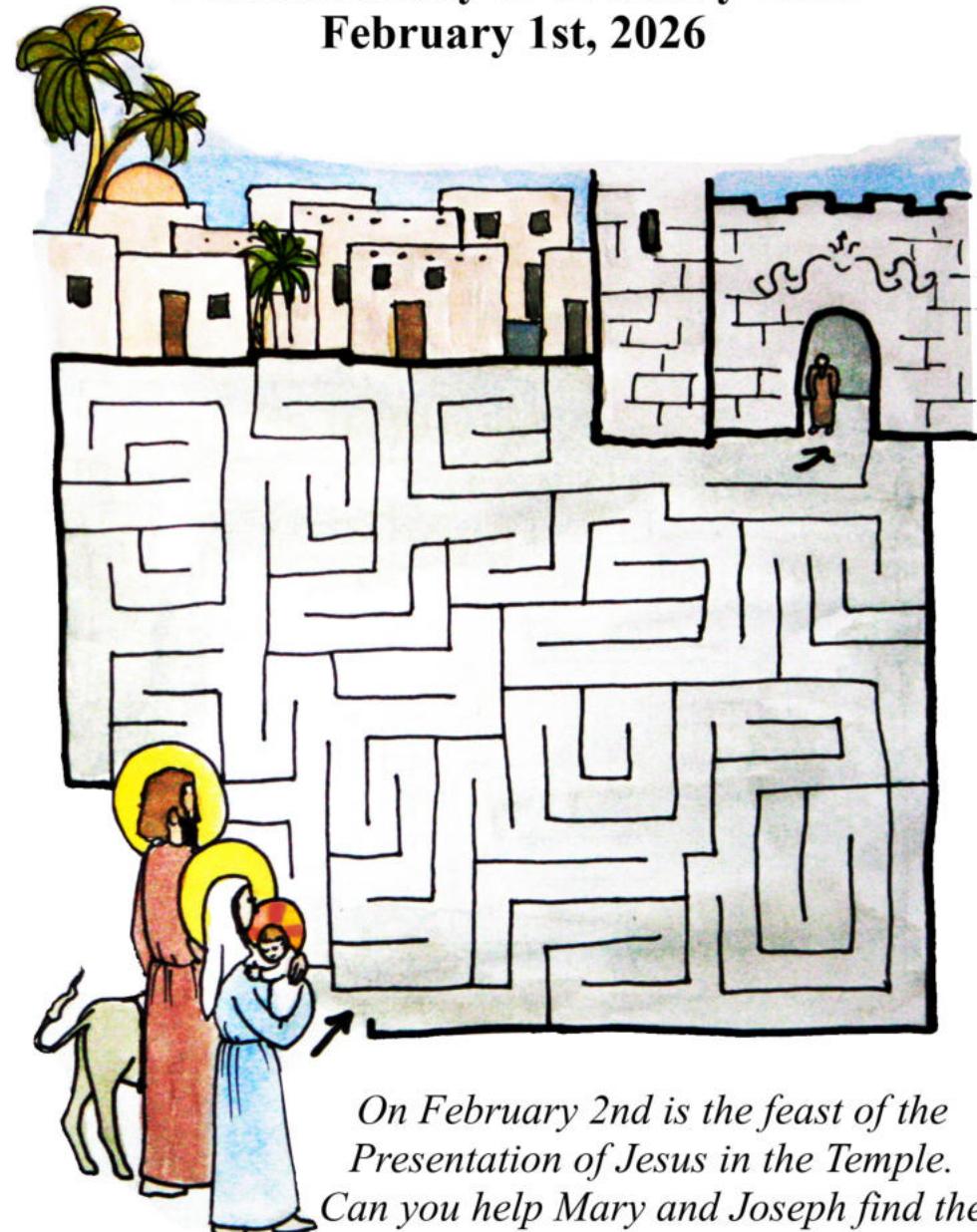


Answer to Beatitudes Word Find: Will be happy

www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

The Kids' Bulletin

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On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

SAINT BLAISE

FEBRUARY 3

SAINT BLAISE WAS A BISHOP IN ARMENIA IN THE EARLY 300'S. WHEN PERSECUTION AROSE, HE WENT INTO THE WILDERNESS AND LIVED IN A CAVE.



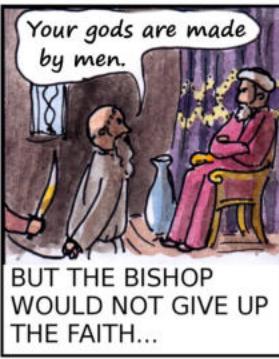
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SICK WILD ANIMALS WOULD COME TO HIM SO HE COULD HEAL THEM.



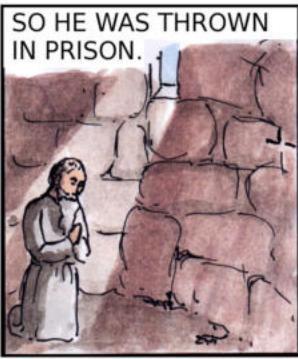
WHEN HUNTERS CAME AND FOUND BLAISE, THEY TOOK HIM TO THE GOVERNOR.



Hey! Look! There's a cross in there!



Your gods are made by men.
BUT THE BISHOP WOULD NOT GIVE UP THE FAITH...



SO HE WAS THROWN IN PRISON.

WHILE IN PRISON, HE HEALED A BOY WHO HAD A FISH BONE STUCK IN HIS THROAT.



You can see him for five minutes.

Cough! Cough!



If that doesn't change him, nothing will!

BLAISE'S CAPTORS TORTURED HIM TO TRY TO GET HIM TO GIVE UP THE FAITH, BUT HE WOULD NOT. FINALLY HE WAS BEHEADED.

SAINT BLAISE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF PEOPLE WITH THROAT PROBLEMS, SO YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM IF YOU GET A SORE THROAT. SAINT BLAISE TEACHES US TO BE KIND TO WILD ANIMALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE TEACHES US TO NEVER GIVE UP OUR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN UNDER TORTURE.

Beatitudes Word Find

GREAT W MERCY I
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O S P I R I T C L E A N

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED.

BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land.

Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY.

Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY

BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you