ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

✞ Eucharistic Celebrations ✞

Mon. Oct. 12	No mass	
Tue. Oct. 13	No mass	
Wed. Oct. 14	**8:05 am**	***Prayer Service***
Thu. Oct. 15	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. Oct. 16	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. Oct. 17

4:00 PM at Wendelin

5:00 PM ***Carl & Una Kocher***
Maren Zuber
Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn

Sun. Oct. 18

8:00 am ***Mary Jane Kuenstler***
Raymond, Marsclene, & Cody Nix

8:00 am at Stringtown

10:00 am at Wendelin

10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR OCTOBER SPONSORS

Bulletins: Scherer's Repair - Jim & Karen Scherer

Missalettes: Meyer Funeral Homes - Bruce Stout

OUR TITHES FOR OCTOBER 4th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00

Envelopes: $8,801 (117) Guatemala: $756 (23)

Outreach: $164

Let Us Pray For: Bob Geiger, 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.

Congratulations to newly baptized ***Zia Myralyn Stinson***, daughter of *Dustin & Melanie Stinson*.

Congratulations to newly baptized ***Addison Marguerite Hatten***, daughter of *Justin & Ashlee Hatten.*

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, October 10th

- Mass for ***Loren & Lucille Ginder, Mary Jane Kuenstler, and Living & Deceased Hermina & Frances Zuber Family.***
- Children's Liturgy at the 5 pm mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- At all masses and at all the parishes, 2nd grade students may receive a chalice as a part of Kitchen Table Catechesis.

Sunday, October 11th

- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- At all masses and at all the parishes, 2nd grade students may receive a chalice as a part of Kitchen Table Catechesis.
- **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.
- 9:00 am, CYM mass and meeting at Holy Cross.
- 5:30 PM, Youth Group at Stringtown.

Monday, October 12th – Columbus Day

- No school and no masses.
- There will be no choir practice today.

Tuesday, October 13th

- There will be no masses, no adoration, and no Sister's in Christ meeting today.

Wednesday, October 14th

- 8:05 am, prayer service.
- October Rosary: One decade by the St. Joe students before service. Full rosary after service.
- **Happy Birthday to Fr. Steven!!** Let's bless him with a card shower. Send cards to the church office or the rectory.
- **Parish office closed.**
- There will be no mass at Carle this week. It will be next Wednesday, October 21st at 1:30 pm.
- 6:30 PM, CYM small group bible study at Holy Cross.

Saturday, October 17th

- 7:00 PM, CYM bonfire at Stringtown.

🐾 St. Joseph School News 🐾

- **Monday, Oct. 12-** No School, Columbus Day
- **Tuesday, Oct. 13-**Yearbook and Fall Picture Day
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14**- School Prayer Service in absence of priests.
- **Thurs., Oct. 15**- McTeacher Night from 4-7pm.
- **Friday, Oct. 16**- Courtyard Band Concert at 2:30pm

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25

Oct. 5: Steve & Kate Patterson (#146)
Oct. 6: Katie Fehrenbacher (#392)
Oct. 7: Ryan & Bailee Dowty (#228)
Oct. 8: Sondra Geiger (#300)
Oct. 9: Jane Blank (#279)

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **The family of *Christine Weber*** would like to thank Father Steve and Father Levi for the beautiful services and the ladies who prepared the delicious meal.
- **Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is ***Friday, October 16th*** to make any changes for the November and December schedules. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries.
- **For the month of October,** we will be praying the rosary before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, October 3 through Saturday, October 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.
- The annual **October Count** of mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done at all weekend masses during the month of October.
- **World Mission Rosary:** Pray the rosary ⟶ with us daily via live stream at 2 pm central.
- **Parish & Family Life Committee:**
  The committee is sponsoring a Veteran's Thanksgiving Project for local Veteran's in our community. We will be collecting Thanksgiving cards from Parish members (please sign your name), as well as small donated items to be shared with these local Veteran's. Deadline for collection is Sunday, November 15th. Suggested items are: socks, gloves, hats, stocking caps, snack items such as hard candy, juice boxes, snack crackers & cookies. Items can be brought to back of church & placed in the designated collection box. Monetary donations can be turned into the church office as well.
  Let us remember Matthew 25:40 ***"The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."***
- **Team Kennedy:** The proceeds will be given to the family on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00 am Mass in Wendelin, wear your T-Shirt that Sunday as a sign of support for this family. Following mass there will be a carry-in meal and basket raffle. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Thank you for your support!
- **Family Life Center may be coming to the Olney Community!**! Informational meeting on October 19th at 6 pm at the Olney Community Building at the City Park. If you are interested in Family Life coming to Olney please attend.

2026 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar

The 2026 St. Joseph Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 18th.

Please review the updated workers list. If your name is not listed or if you would like to fill an empty spot, contact Lauren Tibbs (618-367-6268) or smorg@stjoeolney.com to volunteer.

Cash Raffle Tickets are $20 each. The prizes are: 1st Prize- $5,000, 2nd prize- $1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- $500, (4) 4th prizes- $250, (10) 5th prizes; $100, (20) 6th Prizes- $50. Tickets are available in the Parish Office. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg at (618) 302-0391.

Quilt Raffle Tickets: You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked 'Quilt Raffle' and place them in the collection.

Chance Stand Items: Bring your item(s) to the Chance Stand on Sunday, October 18 by 8:00 AM. Items may be dropped off or picked up prior to Smorgasbord Day by contacting Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610).

DROP OFF Food Donations: bring your salads and desserts to the cafeteria Friday 4pm-7pm, Saturday 4:30pm-6:30pm or Sunday morning by 9:30AM.

Country Store: Many items are needed for the Country Store. These include canned produce, baked goods, cookies, bread, sweet rolls, etc. Call Mischelle Doll (618-843-4925) with any questions. Please turn in items by 9:30 AM on Sunday, October 18.

Games: Please bring the kids for some fun games where they can earn tickets to be entered into some awesome prizes. Game times from 10AM to 1PM in the gym.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

- **Thurs. October 15:** 4th Degree meeting, 7pm.
- **Sun. October 25:** Knights led Rosary before the 8 am Olney Mass beginning at 7:40 am.
- **Sun. October 25:** 4th Degree Exemplification at Mt. Carmel. Contact Steve Kuenstler or Mike Ginder.
- If you are interested in Vocational Raffle books to support local Seminarians, contact Rodney Ochs. $10,000 1st prize and a total of $20,000 in cash awards.

Diocesan Blessing of the Harvest

All are invited to join Bishop Godfrey for the Blessing of the Harvest which will be held on Friday, October 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Mike & Julie Dietz Farm, 9920 Reider Road, Lebanon, IL. See bulletin board for full directions.

Journey to Justice Pilgrimage to Cairo, IL

Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:30am-3:30pm
Hosted by Diocesan CCHD Committee
To register go to forms.gle/Yn7UHoSEw2yeuKF67
For registration questions and schedule please email cchddiobelle@gmail.com or call 618-624-2838.

Cost: $30 charge includes breakfast and lunch provided by local businesses. Participants are invited to make a donation of their choice to The Cairo Historical Preservation Project for the historical tour.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Let us be pure of heart-it is the virtue of charity- so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be ours. How does one become pure of heart? What must one do to let charity overflow? If we are not wearing our Wedding garment- then we do not Love- period! It becomes obvious because our hearts become clouded – hard- and eventually darken. If uncharitable thoughts- words- and actions- come from our mouths more than -kindness-compassion-gratitude- we risk being tossed out of the Kingdom. What a mercy from God to give us time on this side of Heaven to make amends- to learn- seek-live-a Life of LOVE- to wear our Wedding garment. Our King- Jesus Christ-invites- over and over again! What is your response? Are you living a life that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of darkness? Be pure in heart for the Kingdom of Heaven awaits! Journey onward every day with a pure heart- a heart of Love! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

St. Thomas Harvest Picnic

Sunday, October 11th
4:00 – 7:30 PM in Newton, IL
Food, games, live music, & raffle!
See flyer for more details.

St. Thomas Catholic Church, Newton

Candlelight Rosary Procession
Join us for an evening of prayer, peace, and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm
(Don't forget to bring a rosary and a candle)

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
✞
Sunday, October 11, 2026
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~ St. Joseph Church ~

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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 8:05 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. Thurs. Fri. 8:00-3:00 pm
Drop off box available outside office door

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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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 October 4, 2026

Envelopes: $1,409.00 (37)

Loose: $72.00

Total: $1,481.00

Building Fund: $160.00 (3)

Retired Diocesan Priest: $150.00 (2)

Religious Education: $200.00 (6)

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October Bulletins: In Memory of Norman Kocher

October Missalettes: In Memory of Alberta Zuber

PARISH EVENTS:

Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11 – 2nd Graders Receive Blessing Cups at ALL Parishes at ALL Masses.

Monday, October 12 – Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.

Tuesday, October 13 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.

Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am. There will not be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm. Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.

Wednesday, October 14 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.

Fr. Steven Birthday! Happy Birthday, Fr. Steven! Thankful for all you do for our parishes!

Sunday, October 18 – St. Joseph-Olney Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar at St. Joseph-Olney, 10am-2pm.

Sunday, November 1 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7am-12pm.

Soup Supper at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Let us be pure of heart-*it is the virtue of charity*- so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be ours. How does one become pure of heart? What must one do to let charity overflow? If we are not wearing our Wedding garment- then we do not Love- period! It becomes obvious because our hearts become clouded – hard- and eventually darken. If uncharitable thoughts- words- and actions- come from our mouths more than -kindness- compassion- gratitude- we risk being tossed out of the Kingdom. What a mercy from God to give us time on this side of Heaven to make amends- to learn- seek- live- a Life of LOVE- to wear our Wedding garment. Our King- Jesus Christ- invites- over and over again! What is your response? Are you living a life that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of darkness? Be pure in heart for the Kingdom of Heaven awaits! Journey onward every day with a pure heart- a heart of Love! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

TEAM KENNEDY:

If you ordered a Team Kennedy t-shirt, they will be available to pickup on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18th following weekend Masses at Holy Cross. Be sure to wear your shirt to Mass at Holy Cross on October 25th at 10am. There will be a carry-in meal following. Please bring your favorite sides and/or desserts to share. There will also be theme baskets donated by parish families and friends after Mass in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Meat, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Come and share your prayers and love with the Kennedy family!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. STEVEN!:

Father Steven will celebrate his birthday on Wednesday, October 14th. Cards can be dropped off in the basket in church.

OCTOBER COUNT:

October count for Mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done through the month of October. Thank you to Werner Kocher for keeping track. You are appreciated!

MINISTRY TRAINING:

Please prayerfully consider joining us on the weekend of November 15th for Eucharistic Minister training and/or December 6th for Lector training.

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 asap. 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:

Friendship in the Lord – Sister's in Christ Schedule: ✝ Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney ✝Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

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 Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB:

Stringtown Community Club Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th from 3:30-5:00pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. There will be games, snacks, and prizes. Costumes are encouraged. Bring your friends and come join the fun. All are welcome!

STRINGTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE:

The next blood drive is scheduled for Sun., November 1, 2026, from 7am -12 noon. Pre-schedule your appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Have You Been Curiously Seeking More?

Are you or someone you know exploring the Catholic faith? Jesus invited His first disciples to "come and see" who He was. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming, no-pressure journey of faith, discussion, and discovery. **Who is OCIA for?**

• Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church. • Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. • Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion. There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of October 11th – An Ardent Heart, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Antioch**

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Daily Rosary in October: Throughout October, St. Joseph School students will focus on the Rosary by praying a decade together to begin each school day. On All Souls' Day, our 5th–8thgrade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery. **Monday, October 12**- No School, Columbus Day! **Tuesday, October 13-** Yearbook and Fall Picture Day! **Wednesday, October 14-** School Prayer Service in Absence of Priests. **Thursday, October 15-** McTeacher Night from 4-7pm. **Friday, October 16 -** Courtyard Band Concert at 2:30pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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at 10:30AM. If you are interested, and you are a male Practical Catholic over 18, you are welcome to join locally the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degrees. For more information, contact Steve Kuenstler, Matt Zuber, Rodney Ochs, or Mike Ginder. **If you are interested in Vocational Raffle Books to support local Belleville Seminarians,** contact Rodney Ochs. 1st prize raffle ticket is $10,000 and a total of $20,000 in cash prizes.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Stories of Hope – St. Louis Archdiocesan Abortion Healing Ministry, Abortion Healing Ministry is a beautiful example of the infinite love and mercy of Jesus Christ. We meet each person where they are and walk with them on the path to hope and healing. Women and men attend weekend retreats and participate in support groups. What a joy it is to see them receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist! It is truly a privilege to serve those suffering in silence to find hope, healing, and peace through Jesus Christ. If you or someone you know is suffering from the hidden wound of abortion, call/text 314-778-0628 or email us hopehealing@archstl.org. Visit our website for more information at https://resources.archstl.org/article/998994/abortion-healing-ministry. All communication is confidential, and we serve everyone, not only the St. Louis region.

VOCATION CORNER:

"Jesus, I'm done discerning." This was my prayer in the back of a quiet chapel, the summer after graduating college. The Lord's call to me as a child was strong and clear, but where and when were not. The many Holy Hours I'd spent wrestling with the mystery since had brought no clarity. My prayer continued, "I am spending all my energy discerning when all I really desire is to love you. So I am just going to love you and love you lavishly. I ask your Blessed Mother to make the rest abundantly clear." Only later did I understand that perhaps it was what the Lord had been waiting for; for me to simply rejoice to be in relationship with Him, and to simply let myself be His. The lesson the Lord taught me that day remains ever new, even now after final vows. How much more beautiful is the journey when lived in the simplicity of his Love!" Sister Maria Lucia Stella Maris, Missionaries of the Word. Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

This week, please keep **Christopher Berry** in your prayers as he continues his formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary. As Christopher continues his journey of discernment and preparation for the priesthood, we invite you to pray that he remains open to God's guidance and strengthened in faith, wisdom, and perseverance. Your prayers are an important part of supporting our seminarians as they grow in their vocation and prepare to serve the people of God. Want to send a note of encouragement? Christopher Berry, Saint Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN 47577. Thank you for remembering Christopher in your prayers this week. The support of the faithful plays a vital role in fostering vocations and encouraging those who are answering God's call with generous hearts. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

GLORY TO CHRIST THE KING FAMILY EXHIBIT:

Glory to Christ the King Family Exhibit: October 11-13th – Come, view & pray with over 100 Crucifixes & Crosses by various artisans at the National Miraculous Medal Shine, Perryville, MO. The Parents of Servant of God, Michelle Duppong, will be visiting on October 11th. The Exhibit times can be found at www.centreformercy.org.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS*:* Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Franklin Hinterscher, Mary Rowark, Linda McWhirter

Sunday, October 11, 2026
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Sr. Antoinette Volk, PHJC✝ and Sr. Loretta Volk, PHJC✝"
Monday, October 12, NO MASS
Tuesday, October 13, NO MASS
Wednesday, October 14, NO MASS
Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, October 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, October 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, October 18, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Bob & Francella Dhom✝ and Mary and Holly Kocher✝", "Alberta Zuber", "Donna Boehl✝ and David & Betty Zwilling✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10/11/2026
Servers:
Kaitlyn Ginder
Haley Ginder
Hallie Ochs
Lector:
Laura Sterchi
EMHC:
Jenny Hancock
Scott Seiler
Jamie Kocher
Gifts:
Seaman Family
Ushers:
David Muhs
Werner Kocher
Greeters:
Bill Zuber

Children's Liturgy:
Madison & Natalie

10/18/2026
Servers:
Delana Sterchi
Grayson Sterchi
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Gary Zwilling
EMHC:
Harold Boehl
Lisa Boehl
Gary Zwilling
Gifts:
Ellen Steber Family
Ushers:
Gary Kocher
Owen Kocher
Greeters:
Gary & Beth Kocher Family

Children's Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

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St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Council Members: Anne Crites, Jenny Hancock, Gary Kocher, Joselyn Kocher, and Janice Zwilling

Flocknote: Text STJOEHOLYCROSS to 84576 or connect with us online at stjosepholney.flocknote.com.

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

Saturday, October 10, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "JV, Florine, & Marj Weidner✝", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 11, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Gerald & Maryjane Kuenstler✝ and Jacqueline Kuenstler✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Monday, October 12, NO MASS
Tuesday, October 13, NO MASS
Wednesday, October 14, NO MASS

Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, October 16, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, October 17, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "George, William, & Caide Weidner✝" 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, October 18, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Leonard Kessler✝", "Arthur & Barbara Rauch✝" "Floyd & Gerry Carter✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

October Bulletins and Missalettes:
For the Parish

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, October 4, 2026
(92) Envelope Collection: $5,426.00, Loose: $231.00 – **Total: $5,657.00,** (20) Building: $1,020.00, (3) World Mission: $90.00

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Terry Toliver, Wesley Frohning, Valerie Weidner, Stacy Kessler, Norma Kocher, Ruth Rauch, Leah Finley, Keith Blank, Jerome Nix, Kristen Kennedy, Franklin Hinterscher, Julia Weber

OCTOBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Marge Kessler/Marty Klingler	Cindy Blank
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Bev Weidner	Penni Kuenstler
Celia Rudolphi	Phyllis Eggers
Lynn Weidner	Diane Schackmann
Kristy Weidner	Ginny Zwilling
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Amy Heuerman

Money Counters:
Tony & Penni Kuenstler

Ushers:	Ushers:
James Rudolphi	Ben Niebrugge
Carl Weidner	Paul Lybarger
Hank Weidner	Dusty Smithenry
Kelly Geier	Jim Rauch

Mass Servers:
Saturday, October 10 – Alex Street, Levi & Noah Rudolphi
Sunday, October 11 – CYM
Saturday, October 17 – Mattux Hart, Ethan & Chloe Deckard
Sunday, October 18 – Ian Kessler, Brooke & Blaine Bergbower

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
October 11 – Anna Land and Audrey Smith
October 18 – Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber
October 25 – Robin & Chloe Deckard

CRMH Communion:
October 11 – Lynn Weidner
October 18 – Martha Deimel

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11th – 2nd Graders Receive Blessing Cups at ALL PARISHES at ALL MASSES.
Monday, October 12 – Parish Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day!
Young Adults Bible Study at Holy Cross Parish House, 7pm.
Tuesday, October 13 – ASAP Prayer Service and Adoration at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 9:30am.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 10am.
There will not be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney this week.
Sisters in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
Wednesday, October 14 – Sister's in Christ at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm.
Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 6:30-7:45pm.
Fr. Steven Birthday! Happy Birthday, Fr. Steven! Thankful for all you do for our parishes!
Sunday, October 18 – St. Joseph-Olney Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar at St. Joseph-Olney, 10am-2pm.
Sunday, November 1 – Stringtown Community Club Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7am-12pm.
Soup Supper at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center.

PARISH CENTER CLOSURE:
Please note Parish Center will be **CLOSED** from October 8-15th for floor cleaning and waxing! ***Please do not enter for any reason.*** Thank you!

MINISTRY TRAINING:
As you've probably noticed, we are in need of additional help for our ministry lists. Please prayerfully consider joining us on the weekend of November 14 and 15th for Eucharistic Minister training and/or December 5th and 6th for Lector training. These will follow both Saturday night and Sunday Masses.

TEAM KENNEDY:
If you ordered a Team Kennedy t-shirt, they will be available to pickup on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18th following weekend Masses. Be sure to wear your shirt to Mass at Holy Cross on October 25th at 10am. There will be a carry-in meal following. Please bring your favorite sides and/or desserts to share. There will also be theme baskets donated by parish families and friends after Mass in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Meat, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Come and share your prayers and love with the Kennedy family!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY RALPH & GEORGIANNA!:
Ralph & Georgianna are celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary on October 15th and they would enjoy getting cards and greetings from friends and their parish family. Cards can be mailed to 7588 N Wakefield Road, Newton, IL 62448.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. STEVEN!:
Father Steven will celebrate his birthday on Wednesday, October 14th. Cards can be dropped off in the basket in church.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Let us be pure of heart-*it is the virtue of charity*- so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be ours. How does one become pure of heart? What must one do to let charity overflow? If we are not wearing our Wedding garment- then we do not Love- period! It becomes obvious because our hearts become clouded – hard- and eventually darken. If uncharitable thoughts- words- and actions- come from our mouths more than -kindness- compassion- gratitude- we risk being tossed out of the Kingdom. What a mercy from God to give us time on this side of Heaven to make amends- to learn- seek- live- a Life of LOVE- to wear our Wedding garment. Our King- Jesus Christ- invites- over and over again! What is your response? Are you living a life that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of darkness? Be pure in heart for the Kingdom of Heaven awaits! Journey onward every day with a pure heart- a heart of Love! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:
Sister's in Christ Schedule: ✝ Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 5pm at St. Joseph-Olney ✝Wednesday - 5:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:

Ministry team that brings Holy Communion to those in the hospital, and facilities, or at home. Assist in sending cards, making home visits, and praying for the sick in our parishes. Contact Sherry Geier or Caroline Trimble, if interested.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
Who is OCIA for? • Unbaptized adults wanting to learn about and join the Catholic Church. • Baptized Christians from other denominations looking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. • Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion. There is no obligation or immediate commitment required—just an open door to ask questions, explore beliefs, and learn in a warm, supportive environment. Contact Caroline Trimble, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi, if interested.

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to http://www.formed.org/ and enter 62448. **The Week of October 11th – An Ardent Heart, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Antioch**

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Daily Rosary in October: Throughout October, St. Joseph School students will focus on the Rosary by praying a decade together to begin each school day. On All Souls' Day, our 5th–8thgrade students will pray the Rosary together at the cemetery. **Monday, October 12**- No School, Columbus Day! **Tuesday, October 13-** Yearbook and Fall Picture Day! **Wednesday, October 14-** School Prayer Service in Absence of Priests. **Thursday, October 15-** McTeacher Night from 4-7pm. **Friday, October 16 -** Courtyard Band Concert at 2:30pm.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, October 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7PM. **Sunday, October 25:** Knights led Rosary before the 8AM Olney Mass. **Sunday, October 25:** 4th Degree Exemplification, Mt. Carmel beginning with Mass at 10:30AM. If you are interested or for more information, contact Steve Kuenstler, Matt Zuber, Rodney Ochs, or Mike Ginder. **If you are interested in Vocational Raffle Books to support local Belleville Seminarians,** contact Rodney Ochs.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
Stories of Hope – St. Louis Archdiocesan Abortion Healing Ministry, Abortion Healing Ministry is a beautiful example of the infinite love and mercy of Jesus Christ. We meet each person where they are and walk with them on the path to hope and healing. Women and men attend weekend retreats and participate in support groups. What a joy it is to see them receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist! It is truly a privilege to serve those suffering in silence to find hope, healing, and peace through Jesus Christ. If you or someone you know is suffering from the hidden wound of abortion, call/text 314-778-0628 or email us hopehealing@archstl.org. Visit our website for more information at https://resources.archstl.org/article/998994/abortion-healing-ministry. All communication is confidential, and we serve everyone, not only the St. Louis region.

VOCATION CORNER:
"Jesus, I'm done discerning." This was my prayer in the back of a quiet chapel, the summer after graduating college. The Lord's call to me as a child was strong and clear, but where and when were not. The many Holy Hours I'd spent wrestling with the mystery since had brought no clarity. My prayer continued, "I am spending all my energy discerning when all I really desire is to love you. So I am just going to love you and love you lavishly. I ask your Blessed Mother to make the rest abundantly clear." Only later did I understand that perhaps it was what the Lord had been waiting for; for me to simply rejoice to be in relationship with Him, and to simply let myself be His. The lesson the Lord taught me that day remains ever new, even now after final vows. How much more beautiful is the journey when lived in the simplicity of his Love!"
Sister Maria Lucia Stella Maris, Missionaries of the Word. Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:
This week, please keep **Christopher Berry** in your prayers as he continues his formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary. As Christopher continues his journey of discernment and preparation for the priesthood, we invite you to pray that he remains open to God's guidance and strengthened in faith, wisdom, and perseverance. Your prayers are an important part of supporting our seminarians as they grow in their vocation and prepare to serve the people of God. Want to send a note of encouragement? Christopher Berry, Saint Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN 47577. Thank you for remembering Christopher in your prayers this week. The support of the faithful plays a vital role in fostering vocations and encouraging those who are answering God's call with generous hearts. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

OCTOBER COUNT:
October count for Mass attendance and Holy Communion reception will be done through the month of October.

5th ANNUAL HSHS WOMEN'S HEALTH SHOWCASE:
Pretty in Pink, Powerful in Purpose – Thursday, October 15th, 5pm at the Effingham Performance Center. Tickets are $20. Social Hour from 5-7pm with Entertainment and Inspiration at 7pm. More information available in the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule of church.

Sunday, October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you , O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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Invitation to the Wedding Feast

Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven.

Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

Answer to front page: Everyone's invited! Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.true 7.true

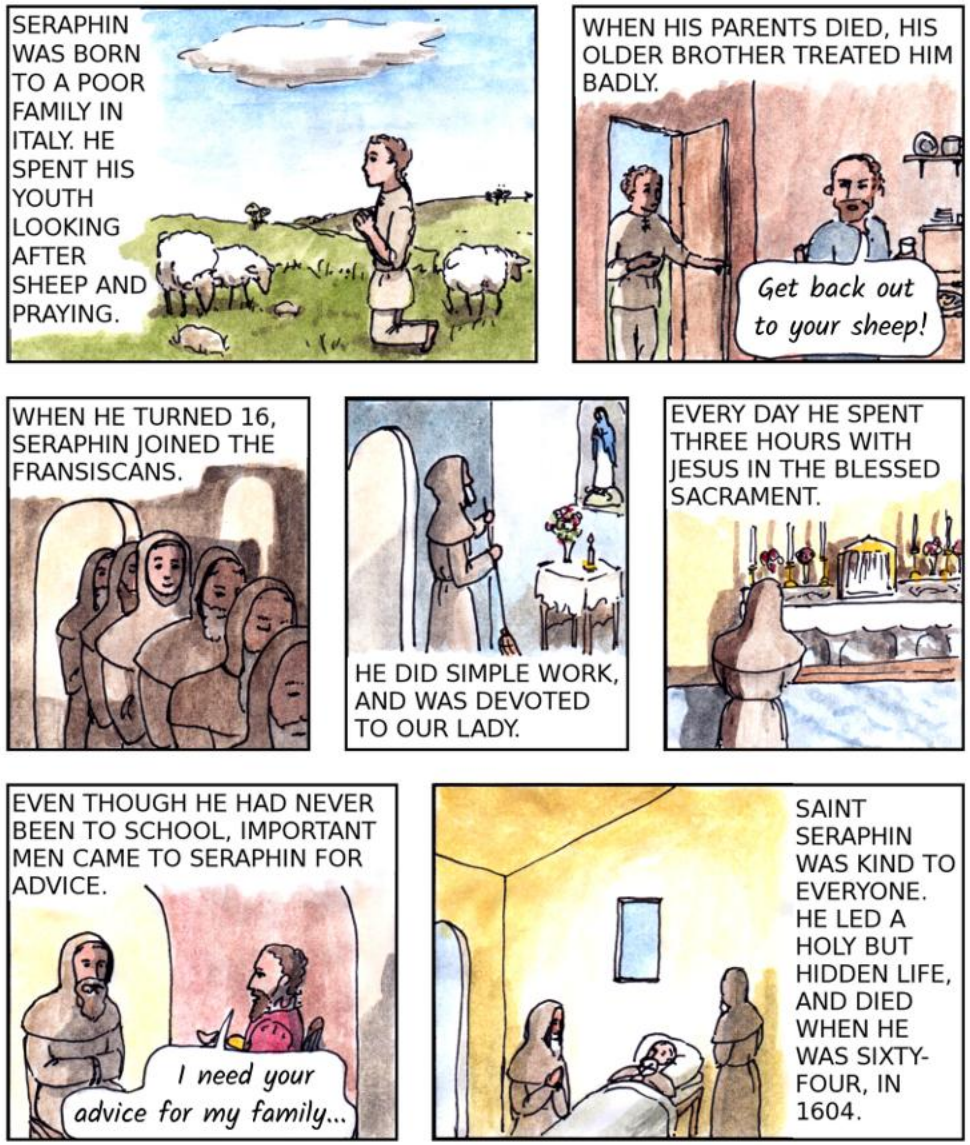
The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11th, 2026

The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

Saint Seraphin
October 12



SAINT SERAPHIN NEVER DID ANYTHING GREAT OR IMPORTANT, BUT HE DID EVERYTHING WITH GREAT LOVE FOR GOD. HE TRIED TO BE LIKE SAINT FRANCIS IN HIS ZEAL AND LOVE OF THE POOR. LIKE SAINT SERAPHIN, WE CAN IMITATE THE SAINTS AND DO EVERY LITTLE THING OUT OF LOVE OF GOD.

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True or False:
Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. *The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?*

2. *When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?*

3. *Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?*

4. *The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?*

5. *The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?*

6. *When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?*

7. *When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?*