

ST. JOSEPH - OLNEY

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- **Want to know the Church's best kept secret?**
For more than 100 years, Catholic Social Teaching has offered a bold, beautiful vision for human dignity, solidarity with the poor, the rights of workers, care for creation and the common good.

Carol Potter will facilitate a **JustFaith group** exploring Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching - a prayerful, accessible series designed for busy adults who want to connect faith with real life. The group will meet one Wednesday/month for 90 minutes from 6:15 - 7:45 pm in the St. Joseph, Olney, MPR.

Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24, and April 28. To register, contact Carol Potter at cpotter@stjoeolney.com or Casey Hemrich in the church office. Materials will be provided once the group size is determined.

O.C.I.A.-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 Pastoral Associate, Fr. Steven or Fr. Levi if you are interested in joining.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day with your personalized tribute in The Messenger. Sign up forms are in the back of church on the table in the hallway.

St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450



Sunday, September 6, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Very Rev. Steven L. Beatty Pastor
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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: Tues. Wed. Thurs. 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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Carol Potter Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle Office Manager
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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 30, 2026

Envelopes: \$790.00 (21)

Loose: \$45.00

Total: \$835.00

Building Fund: \$20.00 (1)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

August Bulletins: In Memory of Janice Zuber & Albert & Geneva Zuber

August Missalettes: In Memory of Bob & Francella Dhom & Pike & Mary Ginder Families

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Sunday, September 20 – Donut Sunday at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center Following 8am Mass.

Sunday, September 27 – CYM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Joseph-Stringtown.

CYM Youth Group at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm with Praise and Worship at 7pm.

IMPORTANT AED NOTICE:

The parish now has an AED inside the church as well as the previous one in parish center. The one in the church is located in the vestibule near the holy fonts. Both machines are equipped to treat children and adults

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE:

The parish recently replaced both 12 foot trees and has the old ones available for free will donation. One is prelit and the other has lights that do not work. Both are 5 ft. diameter. Please contact Janette Kocher if you are interested 618-843-1650.

PARISH CENTER CLOSURE SEPTEMBER 12-14TH:

Please note Parish Center will be closed from September 12-September 14th for floor cleaning and waxing! Please do not enter for any reason. Due to the closure, there will **NOT** be Children Liturgy on September 13th. Thank you for your cooperation!

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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.

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FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Encountering Christ & Living the Virtues is our focus for the year. We meet the first Wednesday of the month through May from 6:30pm-7:45pm at Holy Cross.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:

The next Stringtown Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Sun., November 1, 2026, from 7am - 12 noon. Mark your calendar and go ahead and pre-scheduled your November 1st appointment by clicking below to schedule your appointment. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StringtownCC>

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MESSENGER PRIEST APPRECIATION:
The Messenger celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our priests with a special PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE, which falls on Oct. 8, 2026. Our priests’ pastoral ministries affect people’s spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home, receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual. To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests’ pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. Please send brief comments to: editor@bellevillemessenger.org. **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17**

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Rick Rennie, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire, Franklin Hinterscher, Mary Rowark

On this Labor Day, we turn to St. Joseph and the child Jesus, who remind us of the dignity and sacredness of work. In our Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to earn a living—it is a way of sharing in God’s ongoing work of creation. Whether in an office, classroom, home, or in service to others, our labor becomes holy when it reflects love, justice, and care. As we celebrate today, let us also remember those burdened by unjust wages and inequality. May we commit ourselves to building workplaces rooted in dignity, fairness, and respect for every person.
St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

Sunday, September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 6, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown “Kathy Zuber†” “Nadine Zwilling†, Pike, Mary, & Ed & Janel Ginder†”
Monday, September 7, 6:30pm at St. Joseph-Stringtown “For the Dignity of Workers”
Tuesday, September 8, 5:00pm at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
Wednesday, September 9, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Thursday, September 10, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, September 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, September 12, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, September 13, 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

09/06/2026 Servers: Don Seiler Sadie Seiler Gus Kocher Lector: Joselyn Kocher EMHC: Jenny Hancock Scott Seiler Gary Zwilling Gifts: Harold & Lisa Boehl Ushers: James Schneider Elmer Ochs Greeters: Ralph & Sue McIntire Children’s Liturgy: Jenny & Kylie	09/13/2026 Servers: Amity Zuber Levi Weidner Nathaniel Zwilling Lector: Beth Kocher EMHC: Elmer Ochs Mary Ochs John Ochs Gifts: Werner & Janette Kocher Ushers: Jack Weidner Jared Weidner Greeters: Sam & Mary Zwilling Children’s Liturgy: No Children Liturgy!
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St. Joseph Church

Stringtown, Illinois

P.O. Box 188, Olney, IL 62450



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Email: stjoestringtown@hotmail.com
Website: www.stjosephstringtown.com
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-2pm & Thursday 9am-1pm

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Eucharistic Celebrations†

Saturday, September 5, 9:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “For the Parishes”, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Gerald & Wilma Jean Geier and Deceased Family† and Wayne Stark†”, 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, September 6, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin “Bob Staser†”, “Barbara Fetch†”, “Alma Mae Summers†”, “Floyd & Gerry Carter†”, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

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Friday, September 11, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

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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 30, 2026
(81) Envelope Collection: \$3,687.00, Loose: \$265.00 – **Total: \$3,952.00**, (2) Building: \$550.00, (2) CSMA: \$435.00

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	Open/Lock/Greet:
Rusty & Tonya Hall	Dusty & Kim Smithenry
EMHC:	EMHC:
Kathy Kuenstler	Ellen Weber
Jeannie Nix	Phyllis Eggers
Diane Schackmann	Travis Weber
Josy Hart	Marcia Street
Lectors:	Lectors:
Jennifer Rudolphi	Marge Kessler
Money Counters:	
Herb & Martha Deimel	
Ushers:	Ushers:
Michael Kuenstler	Austin Zwilling
Mark Rudolphi	Eric Sandschafer
Daniel Baker	Victor Sandschafer
Henry Weidner	Aaron Eggers
Mass Servers:	
Saturday, September 5 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner	
Sunday, September 6 – Bailey Kistner, Stella & Cora Warfel	
Saturday, September 13 – Mattux Hart, Chloe & Ethan Deckard	
Sunday, September 14 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner	
Children’s Liturgy of the Word:	
September 6 – Stephanie Geier & Nicole Kuhl	
September 13 – Holly Nettleton & Ellee Bare	
September 20 – Marcia Street & Nora Street	
September 27 – Stephanie Geier	
CRMH Communion:	
September 13 – Diane Herdes	
September 20 – Sheryl Klingler	

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, Julia Weber

PARISH EVENTS:
Saturday, September 5 – First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 9am with Confession beginning at 8:15am.
CYM Lock-In at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Following First Saturday Mass to Sunday at 8am.
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LADIES ALTAR SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:
Will be held this weekend! Drawing will be a cross and cutting board from the old pews of Holy Cross Church made and donated by Ben & Gail Niebrugge.

DISCERNMENT YEAR FOR CLINTON:
Clinton would appreciate your ongoing prayers, encouragement and cards as he participates in his discernment year at St. Meinrad Seminary.

St. Meinrad Seminary, Clinton Rauch, 200 Hill Drive, Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

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To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to comment on how priests' pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community for a Priesthood Sunday issue on October 8, 2026. Please send brief comments to: [edi-tor@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org). **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17.**

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:

The Diocese of Belleville is blessed with 11 seminarians who are discerning God's call to the priesthood. We will be featuring one seminarian each week and asking for your prayers as they continue their formation. **This week, please pray for Cazmir Cozzi, who is attending Mundelein Seminary.** Whether it's a Rosary, a decade, a Mass intention, or a simple prayer, your support helps strengthen our seminarians as they prepare to serve God's people. Want to send a note of encouragement? Casmir Cozzi, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Thank you for supporting vocations in the Diocese of Belleville. **St. John Vianney, pray for us.**

On this Labor Day, we turn to St. Joseph and the child Jesus, who remind us of the dignity and sacredness of work. In our Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to earn a living—it is a way of sharing in God's ongoing work of creation. Whether in an office, classroom, home, or in service to others, our labor becomes holy when it reflects love, justice, and care. As we celebrate today, let us also remember those burdened by unjust wages and inequality. May we commit ourselves to building workplaces rooted in dignity, fairness, and respect for every person.

St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

Sunday, September 6, 2026 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.



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What should I do when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



I DON'T WANT TO
BOTHER YOU, BUT
I THINK YOU'RE
MAKING A MISTAKE!



WE REALLY WANT
YOU TO BE OUR FRIEND,
BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP
LYING TO US!

When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!

Answer to puzzle on front: yes!
Answer to word-find puzzle:
Pray with others

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CAN YOU
PLEASE
BE MORE
CAREFUL?

YES,
MOM.

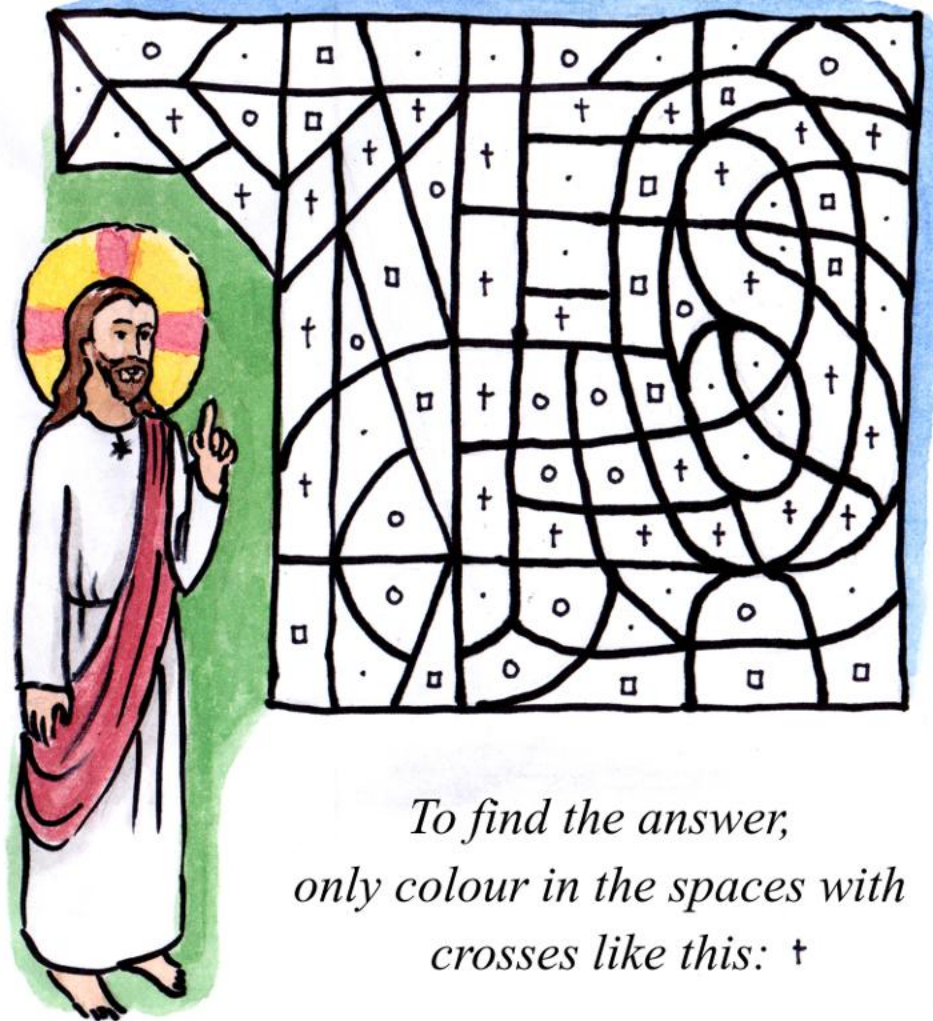


The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6th, 2026

*Sometimes we see other people doing things
that we know are wrong.*

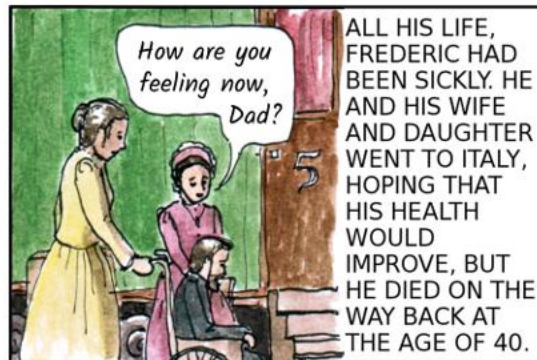
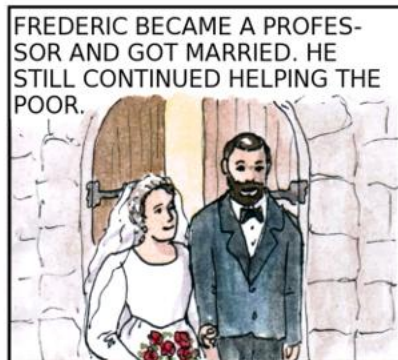
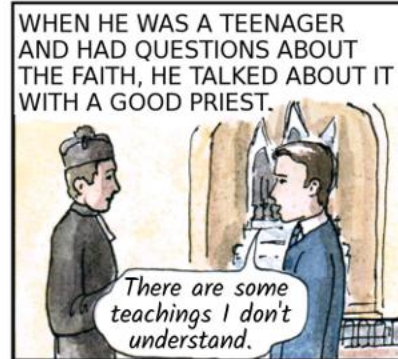
*When we see other people doing sins, does
Jesus want us to talk to them about it?*



*To find the answer,
only colour in the spaces with
crosses like this: †*

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

September 7



WE CAN LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF BLESSED FREDERIC THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS THE FAITH WITH PEOPLE, BOTH THOSE WHO CAN HELP US AND THOSE WE CAN HELP. BUT WE ALSO LEARN THAT JUST TALKING ISN'T ENOUGH. WE HAVE TO ACT, TO BE CHARITABLE LIKE CHRIST WAS AS WELL.

...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

T W H I C H P R T A
H H E A R T H S H T
R E A G A I N H E O
E R V R M Y W A R G
E E E E E S G L E E
P I N E N A R L N T
R T L H O Y A T A H
A N Y T H I N G M E
Y Y O U F A T H E R
G A T H E R E D H E
R T W O M I D S T S

Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



Dear First Grade Families

This year, we continue our tradition to support the work of parents as the primary catechists of their children.

Our parishes will offer all of our first-grade students

**The Red Blessing Plate
weekend of September 12-13 at your parish.**

Your first-grade student will be called forward during Mass for the blessing and to receive a plate.

The Red Blessing Plate - A Family Tradition

Whenever someone in your family does something noteworthy or something in which to take pride, her/his dinner is served on **THE RED PLATE.**

Such special moments can be either big or small. You might celebrate, for example: a good report card, a new job, a job well done, First Communion, an award, a birthday, etc.

You might also want to take a picture each time you celebrate such a special moment!