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Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
✝ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✝

Mon. May 11	6:30 PM	at Stringtown
Tue. May 12	5:00 PM	at Lawrenceville
Wed. May 13	**8:05 am**	***James Troutman***
		Dale Tibbs
Thu. May 14	6:30 PM	at Wendelin
Fri. May 15	**8:00 am**	***For the Parish***

Sat. May 16
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM ***Clara Rose Wilson***
Loren & Lucille Ginder

Sun. May 17
8:00 am ***Carl & Una Kocher***
Dale Tibbs
Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR MAY SPONSORS
Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler Family
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR MAY 3rd
Parish Operating Expense per Week = $9,847.00
Envelopes: $12,685 (120) Easter: $50 (1)
Outreach: $468 Guatemala: $561 (25)
Home Missions: $70 (2) Good Friday: $25 (1)
Seminarian Edu: $975 (23)

Let Us Pray For: Rita Kocher, Carolynn Buckels, Sandy Fehrenbacher, Sue Dickerson, Brett Stirnaman, 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, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling.

Happy Birthday to ***Carl Frohning*** who celebrates his 95th birthday on May 15!

Deepest Sympathy to the family of ***James E. Hemrich Jr.*** May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~

Saturday, May 9th
- Mass for ***Carl & Una Kocher, Rod Kelley,*** and ***Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn.***
- 6:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group end of year party at Olney.

Sunday, May 10th – Mother's Day
- Mass for ***all mothers.***
- Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. All students in grades K-3 are welcome to attend.
- Happy Mother's Day!! Treat your mom to some delicious 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.

Tuesday, May 12th
- 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.
- 7:00 PM, Choir practice in the church.

Wednesday, May 13th
- 8:15 am, Graduation Mass.
- Rosary after mass.
- 12 noon, bulletin deadline.
- 7:00 PM, Graduation ceremony.

For the month of May, we will be **praying the rosary** before each of the weekend Masses beginning on Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 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.

Card Shower for Fr. Steven's ordination anniversary on May 26th. Please send a card to the church or rectory by May 26th. Thank you!

St. Joseph School News

- **Wednesday, May 13**- Graduation Mass at 8:15am in church. Graduation Ceremony at 7pm in the courtyard (bring lawn chairs).
- **Congratulations** to all graduates from our school and parishes! You make us proud!

~ PARISH NEWS ~

- **On behalf of the Parish and Family Life Committee** we would like to thank all the ladies who attended our Banquet on Monday evening. Your support is very much appreciated. After 7 years, we were so happy to bring back this tradition to our parish. Special thanks to the first communion girls, Steve Kuenstler and the crew of men who helped serve the meal, and Fr. Levi for a beautiful blessing over all the women in attendance. We would love to continue this tradition in the future. Please fill out this survey to help us make it the best event we can for everyone. Thank you to each and every one of you who made this event possible. Many thanks!!
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- **Graduation List:** The list of 2026 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph preschool, 8th grade, high school, and colleges. We have the names of the preschoolers and the St. Joseph School 8th graders in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from high school or any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. The deadline to turn in names is **Wednesday, May 20.**

- **There has been an interest in adding Children's Liturgy to the 5 pm mass at Olney.** We currently have 2 volunteers to help lead the class. One more is needed. Please contact the parish office if interested.

- **Join us in supporting the Family Life Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser** from Mother's Day to Father's Day! You can give online using the QR code or website link below or leave your donation in the baby bottle in the vestibule of the church. Every gift makes a difference for local families in need. Thank you!
Website: rebrand.ly/bbnew

- **Grief Care Group:**
Meeting **Monday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m.** Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions.

- **Sisters in Christ:**
We will resume with our new book, *"Seven Holy Women."* **Meeting dates: Tuesdays:**
St. Joseph Stringtown 10:00 am
St. Joseph Olney 5:00 pm
Wednesdays: Holy Cross 5:30 pm

If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.

CALENDAR WINNERS - $25
May 4: Claire Vaal (#763)
May 5: Jake Well (#326)
May 6: Robyn Simerly (#540)
May 7: Bridget Kibler (#241)
May 8: Scott Jones (#755)

SAVE THE DATE
Tri- Parish VBS
"Rainforest Falls"
Exploring the Nature of God
Pre-K to 5th grade
May 26-29 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm
Holy Cross Wendelin
There is a $20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials.
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~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

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The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today…no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Thank you to the **58** households at St. Joseph, Olney that have already pledged **$9,711.25** to support this mission.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

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Respect Life Corner: May 10, 2026

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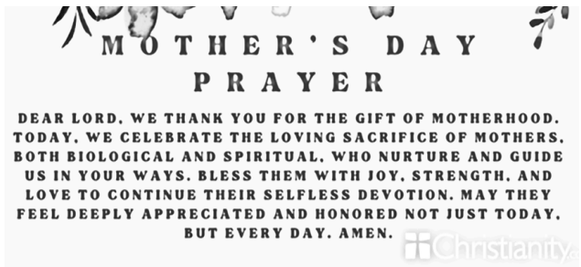
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"



St. Joseph Church

208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450

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Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

~ 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 8:00 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 ~

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Carol Potter ..... Assistant Principal
Catherine Fritschle ..... Office Manager
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E-mail.....office@stjoeolney.com
Website ..... www.stjoeolney.com
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School Advisory Council: Angel Padilla *(Chairperson)*, Heather Colwell, Samantha Foust, Marissa Graves, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Tyler Ochs, Doug Kocher *(St. Joseph-Stringtown Representative)*, Holly Nettleton *(Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative)*.

Collection Total for May 3, 2026

Envelopes: $1,955.00 (44)
Loose: $66.00
Total: $2,021.00

Building Fund: $70.00 (2)
Religious Education: $112.00 (6)
Cemetery Fund: $200.00 (1)
Seminarian Education: $520.00 (3)
Weekly Amount Needed: $1,400.00
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May Bulletins: In Honor of Bill & Kathy Zuber Anniversary
May Missalettes: In Memory of Kathy Zwilling
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Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 10am.
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Olney, 12-3pm.
Sister's in Christ at St. Joseph-Olney, 5pm.
Thursday, May 14 – St. Raphael Ministry of Care Meeting at Holy Cross Parish House, 4pm.
Sunday, May 17 – Blood Drive at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center, 7-11:30am.
Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm.
Cemetery Prayer Service at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.
Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29th – Tri-Parish VBS at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30-7:30pm.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:

The **Grief Care Group** DATE will change to May 11th at 5:00pm for the next meeting at St. Joseph-Olney. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions.

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:

If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate.
Tuesdays – St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am; St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm
Wednesdays – Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

GRADUATION LIST:

Please submit information on your 2026 graduates to be included in a special graduation flyer. Please include grade and school names. For college students, please include college, degree, and/or description of future plans. Photos are encouraged! Please submit by the end of May.

2026 STRINGTOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

The 2026 Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th.
Donations - Cash donations for the purchase of beef, ham, porkburgers, expense for the entertainment, prizes, and raffles are welcomed and can be given to any Picnic Chair.
Raffles - Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to contact businesses and collect donations.
Quilt & Craft Raffle – Items are still needed for the Quilt and Craft Raffle. If you have anything you'd like to donate to this raffle, please contact Jenny.
Noodle Day - Noodle Day is scheduled for May 30th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donation Sheets for flour and eggs, along with volunteer signup sheet for this date are available in the back of church. Also, we are accepting cash donations for supplies.
Wine Pull – The Wine Pull Stand is seeking donations of unopened bottles of wine to make this year's Wine Pull a successful stand. If you are interested in donating to this stand, you may put your unopened bottles of wine in the special box in the back of church or contact Janice Zwilling (618-562-1990) to make arrangements for drop off. Thank you!
Picnic Chairs are Lisa Boehl (Financial & Kitchen), Janice Zwilling (Beer Garden, Entertainment, 50/50, Bingo), Francis Ochs (Food Stand), Mona Kocher (Basket Stand), Chad & Jenny Hancock (Raffle Stand); Ethan Steber & Delaney Steber (Cake Stand, Country Store, & Games), Shelly Seaman (Kids Games), and Scott Seiler (Grounds & Maintenance)

TRI-PARISH VBS:

Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a $20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials.
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FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of May 10th – St. Damien of Molokai: Catholic Saints, The Sanctuary Youth Series, The Sanctuary Course for Catholics: Trailer**

CYM QUILT RAFFLE:

Thank you for the support of our quilt raffle held last Sunday, May 3rd! Congratulations to winner Treva Lane, mother of Melissa Weidner. $1,135 was collected for our mission trip. Thanks again to Ann Bryan for donating and Debbie Workman for quilting.

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Poverty Through the Lens Of Catholic Social Teaching
Thursdays June 4 -July 30, except for July 23.
10:00-11:30 a.m. CT
Facilitated on Zoom by Sr. Elizabeth Greims, DC
Registration Cost: Sliding Scale of Participant's Choice of $45, $65, or $85
In a time of deep division and social inequity, this JustFaith Ministries program will return to the foundational principles of our Catholic faith as we discern how we are called to love one another, including and especially our neighbors experiencing poverty. Brief weekly assignments will include Pope Leo's recent encyclical, *Dilexi Te* and resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For a more detailed program description and registration, email cchddiobelle@gmail.com.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Rick Rennier, Judy Brown, Brenda Zuber, Valerie Weidner, Steve Zuber, Jim & Norma Kocher, Ralph McIntire

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS:
Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Happy Mother's Day!

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Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin
Friday, May 15, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney
Saturday, May 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:00pm at Saint Joseph-Olney
Sunday, May 17, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown "Judy Zuber✝" "Barbara Ann Ochs✝" "Carolyn Zuber✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney**,** 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

05/10/2026
Servers:
Roland Sager
Silas Sager
Brady Ochs
Lector:
Kathy Kocher
EMHC:
Owen Kocher
Janette Kocher
Scott Seiler
Gifts:
Jean Kocher
Family
Ushers:
Brian Ochs
Mitchell Ochs
Greeters:
Elmer & Mary Ochs
Children's Liturgy:
Madison & Natalie

05/17/2026
Servers:
Don Seiler
Sadie Seiler
Gus Kocher
Lector:
Anita Seiler
EMHC:
Lisa Boehl
Harold Boehl
Jamie Kocher
Gifts:
Scott Seiler
Family
Ushers:
David Muhs
James Schneider
Greeters:
Mallory Kocher
Children's Liturgy:
Donna & Natalie

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

✝Eucharistic Celebrations✝

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Saturday, May 16, 4:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin "JV & Florine Weidner✝", "Raymond, Thresa, & Raymond Jr.✝", 5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney
Sunday, May 17, 10:00am at Holy Cross-Wendelin "Herman & Joan Rudolphi✝", "Don Geier✝", 8:00am at St. Joseph-Stringtown, 8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney; 10:00am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

April Bulletins and Missalettes:
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Carl & Judy Kessler Family

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sunday, May 3, 2026
(85) Envelope Collection: $3,941.00, Loose: $443.00 – **Total: $4,384.00,** (43) Building: $3,090.00, (1) Home Mission: $55.00, (1) CSMA: $250.00, (1) Holy Land: $55.00, (24) Seminarian Education: $717.00, (1) Easter Offering: $55.00, (1) Cemetery: $50.00, (1) Catholic Relief: $50.00

MAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Open/Lock/Greet:	**Open/Lock/Greet:**
Keith & Pam Blank	Eric & Kristi Sandschafer
EMHC:	**EMHC:**
Celia Rudolphi	Paul Kocher
Bev Weidner	Ellen Weber
Josy Hart	Jason Warfel
Tammy Rudolphi	Kim Smithenry
Lectors:	**Lectors:**
Maria Rudolphi	Kristi Sandschafer

Money Counters:
Ashley Hinterscher and Martha Buerster

Ushers:	**Ushers:**
Tim Weidner	Austin Zwilling
James Rudolphi	Kevin Blank
Mark Rudolphi	Jerome Kistner
Michael Kuenstler	Michael Kistner

Mass Servers:
Saturday, May 9 – Noah Rudolphi & Levi Rudolphi, Mattux Hart
Sunday, May 10 – Alex & Nora Street, Chloe Deckard
Saturday, May 16 – Hank, Clara, & Boyd Weidner
Sunday, May 17 – Lane Smithenry, Brooke & Braden Weidner

Children's Liturgy of the Word:
May 10 – Marcia Street and Kinley Workman
May 17 – Alli Kirts and Nora Street
May 24 – Melissa, Brooke, and Clara Weidner
May 31 – Nicki Himelick and Hope Zuber

CRMH Communion:
May 10 – Sheryl Klingler
May 17 – Marge Kessler
May 31 – Diane Herdes

HOLY CROSS REBUILD & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:
As of Wednesday, May 6th – $299,098.57 has been received from 419 donations – thank you!

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Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and Saint Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6:30pm.
Cemetery Prayer Service at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 10am.
Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29th – Tri-Parish VBS at Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30-7:30pm.

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY OF CARE:

The **Grief Care Group** DATE will change to May 11th at 5:00pm for the next meeting at St. Joseph-Olney. Contact Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate with any questions. **If you are interested in visiting parishioners, taking Eucharist to the home and or hospital, mailing cards, please attend the meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 4:00pm in the Parish House.**

SISTER'S IN CHRIST:
If interested contact Kristi Sandschafer, Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate. **Tuesdays –** St. Joseph-Stringtown 10:00am; St. Joseph-Olney, 5:00pm; **Wednesdays –** Holy Cross-Wendelin, 5:30pm

TRI-PARISH VBS:

Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God," is now open on the parish website. The program will take place at Holy Cross-Wendelin from May 26–29, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th graders. There is a $20.00 family fee to help offset the cost of t-shirts, snacks, crafts, and other materials. Please visit the website to register your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

CYM QUILT RAFFLE:
Thank you for the support of our quilt raffle held last Sunday, May 3rd! Congratulations to winner Treva Lane, mother of Melissa Weidner. $1,135 was collected for our mission trip. Thanks again to Ann Bryan for donating and Debbie Workman for quilting. You are both a blessing to our parish!

FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:
Download the app or go to www.formed.org and enter 62448. **The Week of May 10th – St. Damien of Molokai: Catholic Saints, The Sanctuary Youth Series, The Sanctuary Course for Catholics: Trailer**

FUNERAL DISHES PICKUP:
Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes from church. They are located in the vestibule/gathering space. **Please note if these are not picked up before May 17th, they will be donated for use in the Parish Center.**

CEMETERY FLOWERS:
Mowing season is underway, please remember all flowers must be attached to the headstone – NO flowers are to be placed on the ground around the headstone. All placed on ground will be removed

as it makes it difficult for mowers to maintain grounds. Thanks for your cooperation!

GRADUATION LIST:
Please submit information on your 2026 graduates to be included in a special graduation flyer. Include grade and school names. For college students, please include college, degree, and/or description of future plans. Photos are encouraged! Please submit by the end of May.

PICNIC WORKER'S LIST:
Please contact worker's list committee with changes or if not available to work your shift this year by June 1st. Contact Kristy Weidner 618-843-8320, Kim Correll 618-676-5789, Christine Hall 618-554-2019, or Taylor Hall 217-663-8520.

LADIES SODALITY CAKE/CRAFT DRAWINGS:
Thank you for your support of our latest cake/craft drawings. **April –** Laura Volk won fresh flowers and a pie donated by Ryan & Kim Correll and Gregg & Milissa Weber won a pie donated by Kristi Sandschafer and a stuffed Jesus made and donated by Amy Heuerman. $275 was collected and half the proceeds went to VBS. **May** – Pat Correll won the hanging basket and maple tea ring on Saturday donated by Henry & Lynn Weidner and Alex Street won a pie and basket full of Marian gifts donated by Paul & Jill Kocher. $353 was collected and half the proceeds will be donated to cemetery flowers.

CAROLINE TRIMBLE, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Here is a simple question to ask and ponder: *If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there?* This month offers so many extra moments to show our gratitude and love for one another. We honor Mothers, Graduates, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and numerous other moments. These moments are often filled with the people we love and cherish with sharing of food, bursts of laughter, and love filling the air. How grateful are you for these moments? People? God? We are graced with this moment- *this present moment*- but we are not promised tomorrow. Embrace every moment and *Live a Life of Love* with your words, thoughts, actions, and prayers. *If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there?* Be Grateful! Be Blessed! Love one another! Pray for one another! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:
Wednesday, May 13- Graduation Mass at 8:15am in church. Graduation Ceremony at 7pm in the courtyard (bring lawn chairs). **Congratulations** to all graduates from our school and parishes! You make us proud!

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Thursday, May 14: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM. Please attend the first reading of the 2026-2027 Officers. **Thursday, May 21:** 4th Degree Meeting, 7PM. Please attend the second reading of the 2026-2027 Officers. **Sunday, May 31:** Knight led Rosary before the Olney 8AM Mass. Also, 3rd and 4th Degree member volunteer Mass Ministry, followed by family fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. **Congratulations** to the four Olney Knights of Columbus $250. Scholarship Winners as announced Tuesday at the Olney High School Awards Ceremony; Owen Kocher, Natalie Zwilling, Alex Schneider, and Kylie Kocher!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

VOCATION CORNER:
Mother's Day, what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast, "Do whatever He tells you." We pray for all Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own "FIAT" – our surrendering to God's plan for us.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

Join us in supporting the Family Life Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser from Mother's Day to Father's Day! You can give online using the QR code or website link below or leave your donation in the baby bottle in the vestibule of the church. https://secure.anedot.com/family-life-center/newton-baby-bottles

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS:
Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.

We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.

The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:

Baptism
Confession
Confirmation
Holy Communion
Marriage
Holy Orders
Sacrament of the Sick

Answer to Word-Find: Holy Spirit

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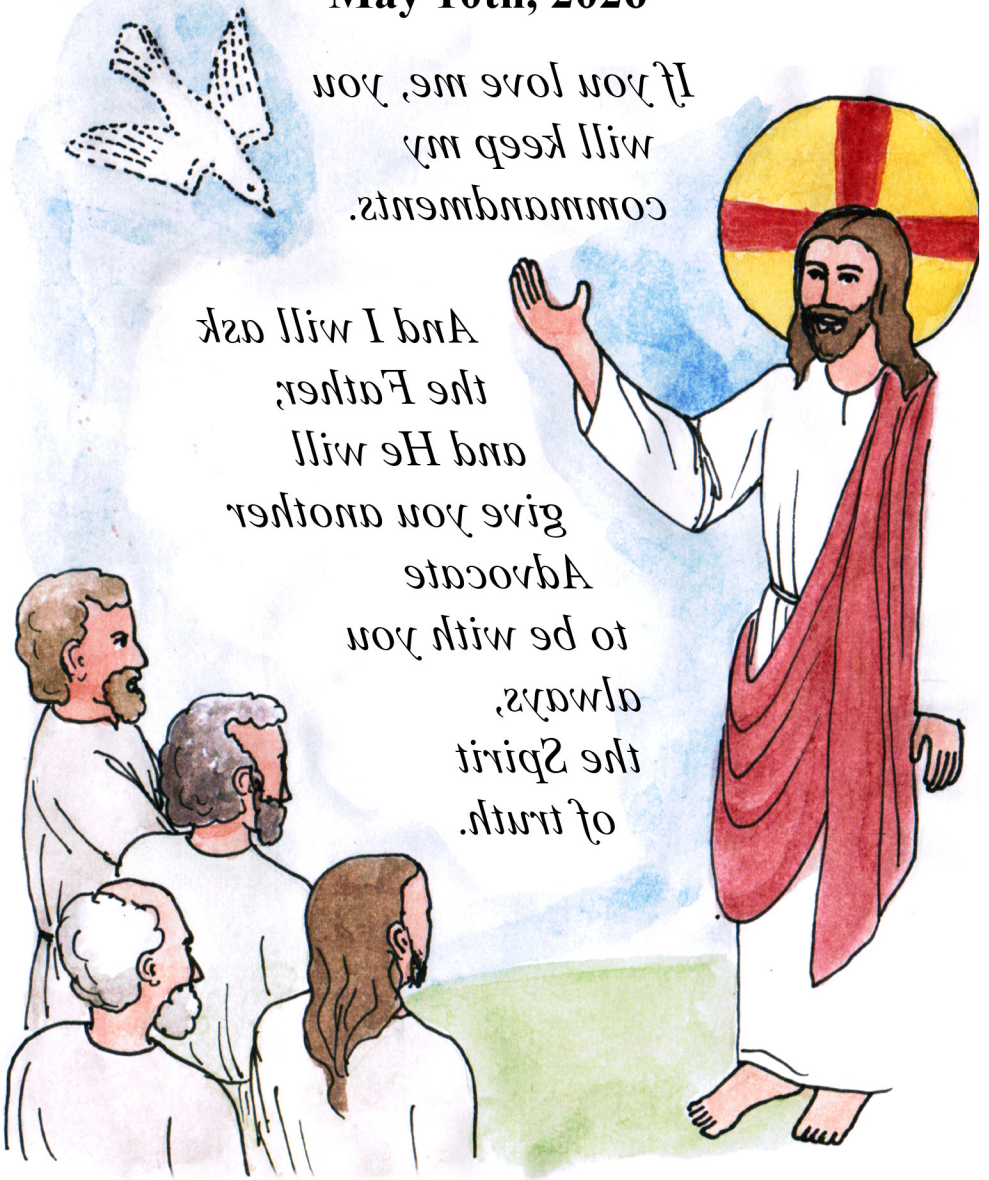

What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Our Lady of Fatima
May 13

OUR LADY WANTS US TO PRAY AND MAKE SACRIFICES TO HELP SAVE PEOPLE FROM GOING TO HELL. SHE APPEARED TO LUCIA, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA SO THAT THEY COULD SHARE THIS REQUEST WITH MANY PEOPLE. THINK OF WAYS YOU CAN REMEMBER TO PRAY EVERY DAY AND MAKE LITTLE SACRIFICES.

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An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

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Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the

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