



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No servant can serve two masters."
- Lk 16:13

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September 21, 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 16:10-13

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **"master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently"** (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— *Father John Muir*

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Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
September 27th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michelle Kujawa	Janis LeChein Jeannette Yelinek	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Kacie Denton Kevin Effinger
September 28th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	Joyce Dierkes	Need Volunteer	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
September 28th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee	Pat King Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)*.”

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion” ”

Vocation Corner

“There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God...Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord’s call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.”

– Pope Francis, November 26, 2016

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,

With your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe you when you say you want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer.

Amen.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: National Migration Week
Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

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Mass Intentions for the week of September 21, 2025

SUN 9/21	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Richard York
MON 9/22	8:00 AM	John Rensing
TUE 9/23	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
WED 9/24	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 9/25	8:00 AM	Wayland Downen
FRI 9/26	8:00 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
SAT 9/27	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	4:00 PM	Maria Pezzuto, Jean Gass
SUN 9/28	8:30 AM	Carol Gallagher, John Lasky
	10:30 AM	For the People



Sunday, September 21, 2025 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

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The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."

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PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

CATHEDRAL GRADE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 REUNION

Saturday, November 8, 2025
4:00pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter

Photo Opportunity after Mass on the steps of the school
followed with a walk-thru tour of the school

Fellowship following at Cutters, 239 Carlyle Ave., Belleville
Questions-Contact

Rita Schanherr Uhl @618-920-7749



PRAYER REQUESTS

"Heavenly Father, we offer all the prayer requests on our prayer chain to you. We ask that you would hear and answer each one according to your perfect will. We trust in your love, your power, and your grace. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the lives of those we are praying for."

The Annunciation School and Parish communities

Andrea Emilia Bernabey	Gustavo Caceres	Linda
Cáceres family	Helen	Lois
Carin	Hubbard Family	Pat
Cathy	Jamie	Patty
Chris and family	Janet	Peggy
Cindy	Karen	Rita
Dottie	Kathleen	Scott
Frances	Kayla	Sue
		Tara

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed below, their families and their caregivers.

To add names to the Prayer

List, please contact Carol Lesko by phone at 618-698-5838. If she unavailable to take your call please leave a message.

Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.



ATTENTION Ladies Club Members-----
Annual dues of \$5.00 is now being collected. Envelopes are located on the windowsills in the rear of church. Please fill one out and drop it in

the collection basket.

Thank you for your continued support.



****All parish support listed is from the week's collections, mailed in, and online donations.****

September 14, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,845.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 640.25
Guatemala	\$ 75.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 57.00
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest Collection	\$ 187.00

THANK YOU
to everyone who supports our parish through donations, prayer, and or service!



September 21, 2025

Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
	- 10:30 am Mass
Monday	- Parish Council Mtg 6:00pm
Tuesday	-
Wednesday	- Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Thursday	- Finance Council Mtg 6:30 pm
Friday	-
Saturday	- 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary sthenryc@peaknet.net or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week.
(started February 12, 2023)

2 Weeks worth

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
290	5,036	15,074



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For more information about our upcoming study please contact Cheryl 618-420-6800 or Marcia 618-977-2537 or see our website at www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org
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National Migration Week



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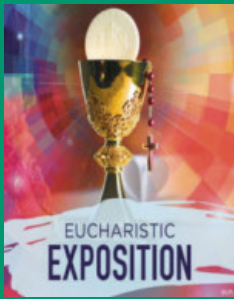
September 7, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,538.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 644.25
Guatemala	\$ 365.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 140.00
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest Collection	\$ 1,416.20
Assumption of Mary	\$ 3.00

THANK YOU



Sunday, September 21, 2025 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
is the most powerful prayer a person
can say to obtain God's mercy!

If you have never experienced The
Chaplet in song then you are in for an
amazing experience.

Eucharistic Exposition every
Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.



2025 Fall Family Festival

Saturday, September 20th
after the 4:00 pm Mass

Please join Fr. Ken and members of St. Henry's, in the
Msgr. Voss Parish Center, for a time of great food,
socializing, and the best ice cream in town!

The festival will immediately follow the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

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—ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA



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Brad Wuller 09/23	Clara Stookey 09/27
Curt Regensberger 09/24	Alvina Tippy 09/27
Patricia Heuermann 09/25	Jana Amann 09/28
Pat Poirot 09/25	Jamie Geoppo 09/28
Kialani Willingham 09/26	Matt Rapp 09/28
Suzanne Pankiewicz 09/27	

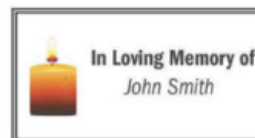
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Sample Tributes



Must be turned in by October 6, 2025. If you have any
questions, please call 618-722-5047 or email
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Tributes will appear in our October 23rd publication.

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