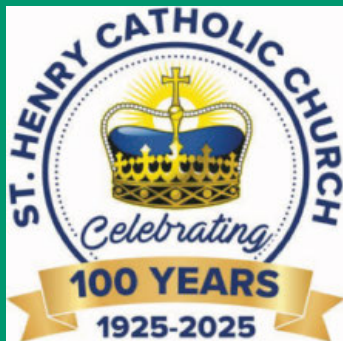
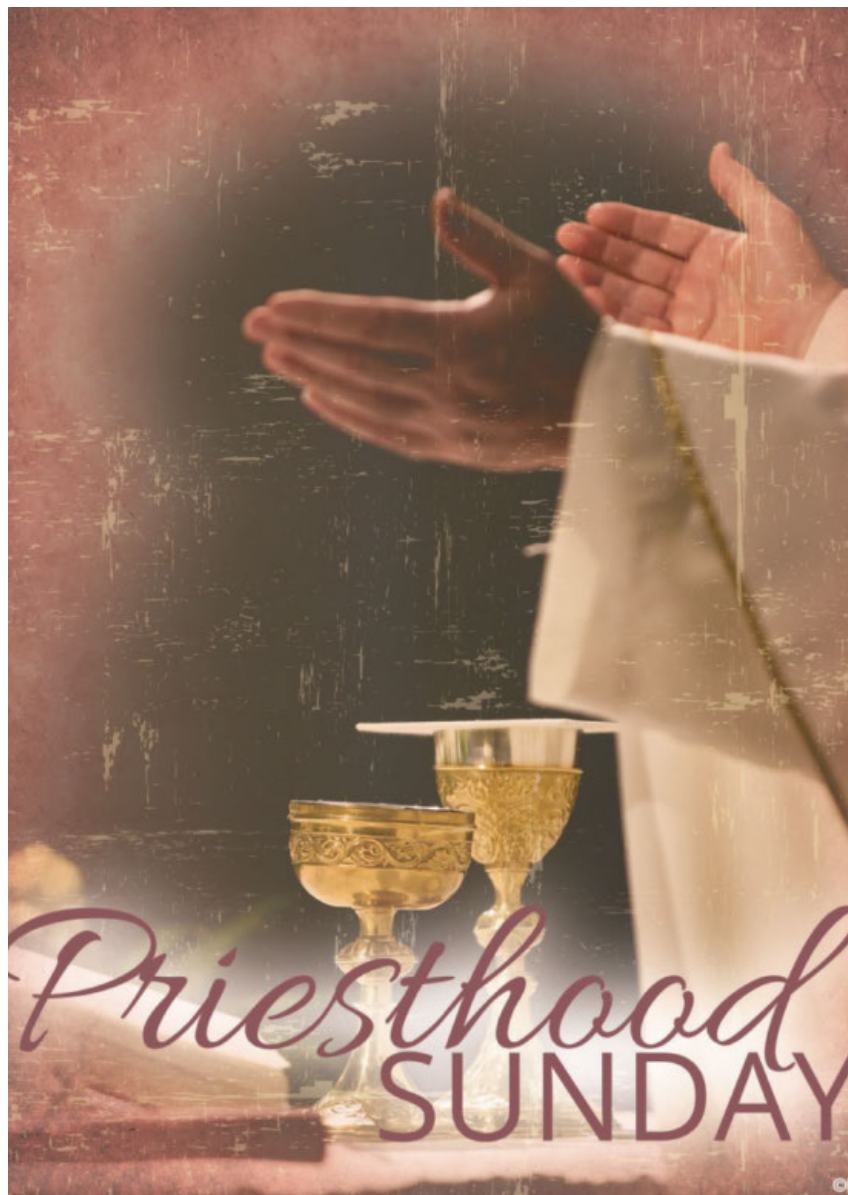




# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

September 28, 2025  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 16:19-31



I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **"My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25).** Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved *that*, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— 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                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>October 4<sup>th</sup><br/>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> | Karen O'Dell | Betty Cerulli<br>Ramona Effinger | <b>Need Volunteer<br/>Need Volunteer</b> | Virginia Miller<br>Pat Visintine       | Mike Louth<br>Anne Louth               |
| <b>October 5<sup>th</sup><br/>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>   | Lynne Fulte  | Gayle Bibee                      | Joyce Dierkes                            | <b>Need Volunteer<br/>Alvina Tippy</b> | Daniel Broeckling<br>Paul Schwartzhoff |
| <b>October 5<sup>th</sup><br/>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>  | Jerry Ahrens | Beth<br>Regensberger             | <b>Need Volunteer</b>                    | <b>Need Volunteer<br/>Dawn York</b>    | Chris Knee<br>Carol Tyler              |

### Respect Life Corner

“The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt. 25:40).”\*

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Live the Gospel of Life”  
[respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life](http://respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life)

### Vocation Corner

This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday – a day set aside to celebrate Priesthood and all those who have accepted it as their life’s work. When praying the rosary today, offer the first decade for the priest who **baptized** you, the second for the priest who gave you **first Communion**, the third for the bishop who **confirmed** you, the fourth for the priest who **witnessed your marriage** or the bishop who **ordained you** (or will do so in the future), and the fifth decade for the priest who will **anoint you at your death**. These are the priests who have been with you in your life.

### Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort. For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace. Surround those afflicted with Your love, care, and mercy, You who are our healing and hope.  
Amen. ©LPi

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn’t convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance? ©LPi

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

|              |                                                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday:      | Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31        |
| Monday:      | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 |
| Tuesday:     | Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56                           |
| Wednesday:   | Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62                            |
| Thursday:    | Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10         |
| Friday:      | Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16                         |
| Saturday:    | Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24                      |
| Next Sunday: | Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10  |

### Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

|              |                                                                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday:      | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday                 |
| Monday:      | Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels                   |
| Tuesday:     | St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church                     |
| Wednesday:   | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church |
| Thursday:    | The Holy Guardian Angels                                        |
| Friday:      |                                                                 |
| Saturday:    | St. Francis of Assisi                                           |
| Next Sunday: | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday               |

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### Mass Intentions for the week of September 28, 2025

|            |          |                               |
|------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| SUN 9/28   | 8:30 AM  | Carol Gallagher, John Lasky   |
|            | 10:30 AM | For the People                |
| MON 9/29   | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO MASS</b>                |
| TUE 9/30   | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO MASS</b>                |
| WED 10/01  | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO MASS</b>                |
|            | 10:20 AM | ACHS                          |
| THUR 10/02 | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO MASS</b>                |
| FRI 10/03  | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO MASS</b>                |
| SAT 10/04  | 8:00 AM  | Catholic Extension Intentions |
|            | 4:00 PM  | Maria Pezzuto, Jean Gass      |
| SUN 10/05  | 8:30 AM  | Carol Gallagher, John Lasky   |
|            | 10:30 AM | For the People                |

**MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL  
THE ARCHANGELS**

Sunday, September 28, 2025 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

### Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one. ©LPi



## Morning Offering, Explained!

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring.

The ancient Israelites practiced the *bikkurim* ("first fruits") as described in Deuteronomy, chapter 26. This was a ritual by which the first fruits of the harvest were offered back to God in a sacrificial act of gratitude and obedience. The theology behind the Morning Offering is similar: giving to God the first moments of each day.

The most traditional form of the Morning Offering, attributed to Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet, begins "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart..." A full version of this text can be found at [usccb.org/prayers/morning-offering](http://usccb.org/prayers/morning-offering). ©LPi

## 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                         | Dottie          | Linda    |
| Barb                                           | Frances         | Lois     |
| Becky                                          | Gustavo Caceres | Marabeth |
| Bob                                            | Helen           | Mike     |
| Bonnie                                         | Hubbard family  | Pat      |
| Caceres family                                 | Jamie           | Patty    |
| Carin                                          | Janet           | Peggy    |
| Carol                                          | Karen           | Rita     |
| Cathy                                          | Kathleen        | Sue      |
| Chris and family                               | Kayla           | Tara     |
| Cindy                                          | Kurt            |          |

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.



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 21, 2025

|                                               |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Envelopes/Loose                               | \$ 3,152.27 |
| St. Vincent de Paul                           | \$ 308.25   |
| Guatemala                                     | \$ 24.00    |
| 100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations        | \$ 15.00    |
| Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest Collection | \$ 10.00    |

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

### Weekly Schedule

#### September 28, 2025

|                  |                                                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | - 8:30 am Mass<br>Live Stream Mass 8:30 am                           |
|                  | - 10:30 am Mass                                                      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | -                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | -                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - Eucharistic Exposition<br>2:30-4:30 pm<br>- Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | -                                                                    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | -                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | - 4:00 pm Mass                                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | - 8:30 am Mass<br>Live Stream Mass 8:30 am<br>- 10:30 am Mass        |



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto: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)

| Weekly | Year to Date | Grand Total |
|--------|--------------|-------------|
| 137    | 5,173        | 15,211      |



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This study is for adults who wish to deepen their faith through an increased knowledge of the inspired Word of God, which can transform your heart and mind. Weekly meetings will be held from September 2025 thru April 2026.

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](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org)  
**Childcare provided!**

### National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request Friday, November 21– Wednesday, December 31

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' Visitors Center from November 21 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email [programs@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org) or call 618-394-6281. [snows.org](http://snows.org)

### The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

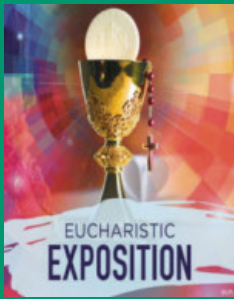
A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

### Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad

Laity and deacons are invited to an **Open House** for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. **In-person Sat Oct 11 OR online Wed Nov 19 at 6:30pm CT.**

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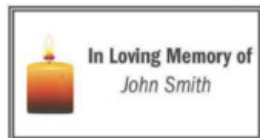
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Tributes will appear in our October 23rd publication.

**The forms are the table in the back of church.**



## BIRTHDAYS

|                  |       |                     |       |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Susan Adams      | 09/29 | Scott Guetterman    | 10/03 |
| Maria Buhr       | 09/29 | Bonnie Hettenhausen | 10/03 |
| Allison Flood    | 09/30 | Collin Iler         | 10/03 |
| Jessica Templin  | 09/30 | Timothy Adams       | 10/04 |
| Donna Baum       | 10/02 | Elyse Myatt         | 10/04 |
| Sharon Buss      | 10/02 | Frances Schmitz     | 10/04 |
| Michael Carty    | 10/02 | William Todd        | 10/04 |
| Nancy Pieper     | 10/02 | Jerry Vickery       | 10/04 |
| Sheri Sintzel    | 10/02 | Jessica Wallis      | 10/04 |
| Silvia Stribling | 10/02 | Molly Taylor        | 10/05 |
| Joseph Strube    | 10/02 | Donald Zaron        | 10/05 |
| Thomas Wessel    | 10/02 |                     |       |

### Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family  
membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our  
annual **Guide Book & Directory** (if you haven't already  
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If you have not already informed the Church Office about  
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The Church Office number is (618) 233-2423 or email  
[sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net).



### Partnership Pet Blessing

Bring your pet for a Blessing on Saturday October 4 at  
St. Augustine, 1910 W Belle St, Belleville, IL 62226, @ 10:00 a.m.

Please have your pets on a leash or in a travel carrier.

The blessing will occur in the back parking lot by the Mary statue.  
If inclement weather occurs the pet blessing will be under portico in  
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