



# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF LENT

"'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.' Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him." Jn 11:43-45

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March 22, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *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>March 28th</b> <b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Maureen Reed <i>*Need Volunteer*</i>	Betty Cerulli Janis LeChein	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Kacie Denton Kevin Effinger
<b>March 29th</b> <b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Karen O'Dell <i>*Need Volunteer*</i>	Gayle Bibee	Joyce Dierkes	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
<b>March 29th</b> <b>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Lynne Fulte <i>*Need Volunteer*</i>	Beth Regensberger	Sue Bolen	Dawn York <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

### Respect Life Corner

March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995, this document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the “greatness and the inestimable value of human life” (EV 2) and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life. <https://www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life>

### VOCATION CORNER

Today’s Gospel recounts the death and rising of Lazarus. Wow! Who gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to live their life? But how did this come to be? It was because of the power of God Almighty that Lazarus got another chance to follow the Lord and proclaim His goodness. We won’t get a second chance to follow the “call” of God in our lives like Lazarus. So, we need to be attentive now to the call from within our hearts to become who we’ve been called to be. Roll away the stone and hear what the Lord wants us to be – maybe even a priest, sister, or brother.

### Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope. Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains. Where we feel discouraged, bring us light. Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.  
Amen.  
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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Lazarus, come out!” Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. “Come out!” God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

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## Weekly Readings



### Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

### Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent  
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

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### Mass Intentions for the week of March 22, 2026

SUN 3/22	8:30 AM	Mary Adams
	10:30 AM	David Hartenstein
MON 3/23	8:00 AM	Jean Gass
TUE 3/24	8:00 AM	Maria Pezzuto
WED 3/25	8:00 AM	For the People
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 3/26	8:00 AM	Joe Gruenewald
FRI 3/27	8:00 AM	Frances Koszelink
SAT 3/28	8:00 AM	Eileen O'Brien
	4:00 PM	Elmer Rettle, Robert Carty
SUN 3/29	8:30 AM	Deluvia & Evans Families
	10:30 AM	For The People



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

**What Lazarus Wanted**

“It must be so crazy, being God,” one of my friends said in high school. “Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?”

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God’s omnipotence. It’s understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. “Oh God, thy sea is so great,” goes the old fisherman’s prayer. “And my boat is so small.”

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. “This illness is not to end in death,” he tells his companions. “But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?


I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn’t know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — “Lord, let your will be done” — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

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**Faith, Explained!**



“Nobody reaches God’s presence until he has learned to believe that God exists, and that he rewards those who try to find him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

So how do we learn to believe? Through the theological virtue of faith — which is “man’s response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man.” (CCC 26). Faith, then, is embarking on the journey to find God. By faith “man freely commits his entire self to God.’ For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God's will.” (CCC 1814)

But it is not enough for faith to simply be within us, as a lit match burns in a dark room. We are compelled to fan those flames. We must encourage them with the complementary virtues of hope and love, and we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding so that our faith will grow and strengthen.

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**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."*

Bishop Designate	Huebner Family	Matt
Godfrey Mullen, OSB	Jenna	Mrs. Reynolds
Alex	Johnathan	Patty
Cambree	Jon	Sienna
Carin	Kathleen	Sonia
Cathy	Kayla	Tanya
Hudson	Maielle	York Family

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.



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

**March 15, 2026**

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,645.77
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 959.25
Guatemala	\$ 411.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 146.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 991.00
Various 2nd Collections	\$ 270.00

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

## Weekly Schedule ©LPI

**March 22, 2026**

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** - Penance Service 6:30 pm
- Tuesday** -
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition  
2:30-4:30 pm  
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- Thursday** -
- Friday** - Fish Fry 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 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](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
205	1,776	18,524

Please pray for the following people:

*Nora Ayala*  
*Matthew Felix*  
*Quincy McGowan*  
*Angelina Rodarte*  
*Kialani Willingham*  
*Kymani Willingham*  
*Quandela Anani Zogolo*

They are joining the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.

**Ladies please let Marilyn (618) 604-6340 know so Ladies Club can pay for your fees.**

Our MEVCCW Spring Day of Prayer will be held on **Tuesday May 5 at Queen of Peace Parish, Belleville.** Events of the day will include (in no specific order):

- Registration at 8:15
- Eucharistic Celebration
- Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB speaking on Stewardship of Faith: Sharing the Gift We've Been Given
- Spiritual Exercise
- Pot of Gold (50/50) Drawing
- Basket Raffle
- Attendance prizes
- Empty Boxes of Joy pickup (be prepared to know how many you need for your council)
- Collection of personal care items for Our Brothers Keepers (cash donations also accepted)
- Short business meeting with installation of new officers and parish council reports

We will need to be finished by 2:00 in order to allow safe pickup for the Q of P students, so my goal is to keep things running on time.

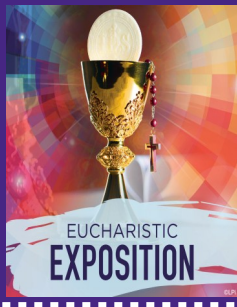
The link for online registration <https://forms.gle/nWT9J8gob6Xcz1t39>

## The STATIONS OF THE CROSS ©LPI

Friday, April 3rd at St. Augustine of Canterbury 2:00 pm  
Lead by Deacon Jim  
Good Friday service will follow the Stations of the Cross

### Contribution Statements for 2025

Contribution statements will be sent out **BY REQUEST** again this year. If you would like a contribution statement for your taxes, please let Dawn know at 618-233-2423 or email [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net).



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

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Lenten fish fries, hosted by the Men's Club and the Ladies of St. Henry, are back beginning this **Friday, March 27, from 4:00 to**

**7:30 pm in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center.** Enjoy our hand-cut fried cod, baked salmon, shrimp, and many side items.

Homemade or store-bought items are always needed for our dessert table. If you would like to donate a dessert item, please bring it to the parish center on Friday afternoon.

**Thanks for your support.**

## BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Kramkowski 3/23	Randolph Pankiewicz 3/27
Brett Zaron 3/23	Joseph Sintzel 3/27
Christopher Bruner 3/24	Robert Wiesemann 3/27
Peggy Harris 3/24	Amy Carty 3/28
Thomas LeChien 3/25	Wanda Yancey 3/28
Daniel Streeter 3/26	Jennifer Jackstadt 3/30
Courtney Munie 3/27	

## Lenten Penance Service



Monday, March 23rd  
6:30 P.M.



Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of

CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-5](http://crsricebowl.org/week-5) to read this week's Story of Hope.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher	Chrism (Holy Oils)
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM @ St. Augustine Holy Thursday				Need 2 Volunteers		Need 3 Volunteers
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 3:00 PM @ St. Augustine Good Friday Service	Need Volunteer	Readings & Voice of passion				
April 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, 8:00 PM @ St. Augustine Easter Vigil	Need Volunteer	Genesis 22:1-18		Need Volunteer		
April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8:30 AM Easter Sunday	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff	
April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 10:30 AM Easter Sunday	Jerry Ahrens	Joyce Dierkes	Kathleen DuMontier	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee Carol Tyler	

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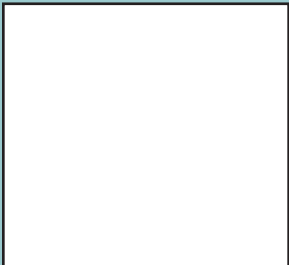
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