



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
John 20:19-31



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— Father John Muir

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Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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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
April 18th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	Mark Denton Trish Denton	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer
April 19th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	George Mehochko	Lynne Fulte	Joyce Dierkes Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
April 19th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"
www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

VOCATION CORNER

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray often for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us, filling our gaps and healing our wounds. Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy.
Amen.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

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Weekly Readings



Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Tax Day
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
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Mass Intentions for the week of April 12, 2026

SUN 4/12	8:30 AM	Judith Marchand
	10:30 AM	Jean Muntan, Dr. Paul & Anita Becherer
MON 4/13	8:00 AM	William Eckmann
TUE 4/14	8:00 AM	John Rensing
WED 4/15	8:00 AM	Jean Gass
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 4/16	8:00 AM	Ray Scheibel
FRI 4/17	8:00 AM	Curtis Wiley, Jr.
SAT 4/18	8:00 AM	June Romano
	4:00 PM	Denny Derfler
SUN 4/19	8:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
	10:30 AM	For The People



Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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

Mini reflection: There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "*anima Christi, sanctifica me*" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*"

Then comes my favorite part: "*within thy wounds hide me.*"

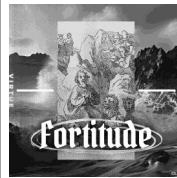
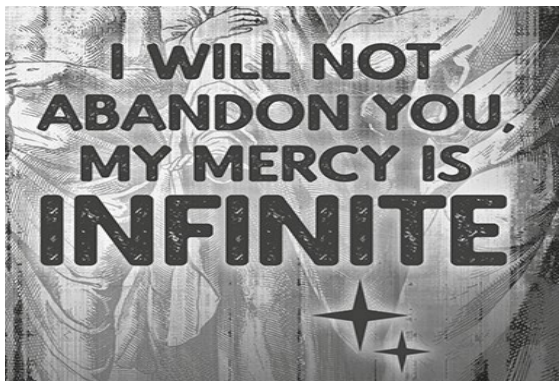
The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

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Fortitude, Explained!

"When you go out to war against your enemies and you see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, you shall not be afraid of them," we read in Deuteronomy 20:1. "For the Lord, your God...will be with you."

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him; in that way, it is distinct from patience and perseverance. Christ shows perfect fortitude as he endures his Passion and death, of which he was indeed afraid; it is likewise shown by martyrs. But fortitude doesn't require a cinematic battle. Fortitude can be shown by someone who is afraid of losing his job or of being in bodily danger simply for adhering to the laws of God. What is important is that the courage shown is *in pursuit of the good*, not just bearing with an attack.

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Thank You!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the box at the back of Church



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."

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.

Bishop Designate	Dorothy	Linda
Godfrey Mullen, OSB	Doug	Mrs. Reynolds
Addison	Evan	Nicole
Addy	George	Pat
Blair	Ginny	Renee
Carin	Gould & Cissell Families	Sara
Cathy	Heilig & Garcia Families	Sue
Chris	Joann	Susan
Dan	Johnathan	Tanya
Debra	Kathleen	York Family
Don	Leslie	

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

PARISH Support

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

March 29, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,837.77
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80.85
Guatemala	\$ 32.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ -0-
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$ 15.00

THANK YOU

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

Parish Support

April 5, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,663.10
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 352.00
Guatemala	\$ 135.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 10.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$ 295.00

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This Week

April 12, 2026

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** -
- Tuesday** - Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition
2:30-4:30 pm
- Thursday** -
- Friday** -
- Saturday** - 4:00 pm Mass
- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

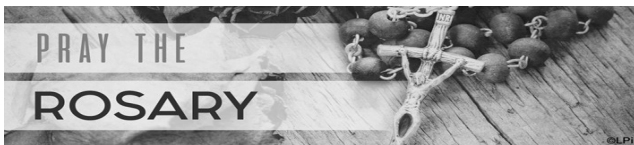
Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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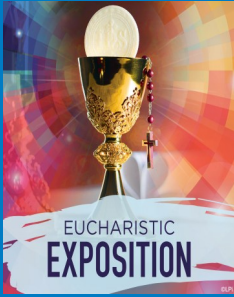


The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary sthenryc@peaknet.net or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
242	2,121	18,869

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.



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.

Birthdays

Rachel Haselhorst 4/14	Donna Martin 4/16
Suzanne Kaltenbromm 4/14	Paul Miller 4/17
Eric Wieggers 4/14	Cori Stanczyk 4/17
Gayle Bibee 4/15	Nancy Thomas 4/18
Jeffrey Miller 4/15	Ransom Wuller 4/18
Ashley Strube 4/15	Bailey Meyer 4/19
Charles DuMontier 4/16	Roselle Palma 4/19
Denise Godfrey 4/16	Thomas Ripperda 4/19

"DIVINE MERCY,
SWEET RELIEF FOR
ANGUISHED HEARTS,
I TRUST IN YOU."

SAINT FAUSTINA

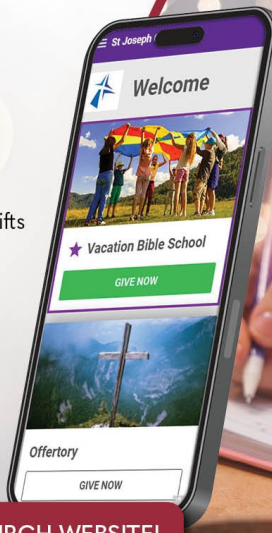


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As we journey through winter and prepare for spring, we set new goals dedicated to strengthening our church's community. Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.

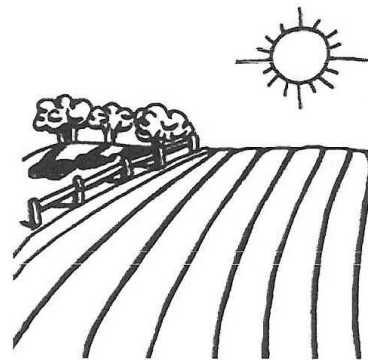
Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.



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All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel, IL.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS - (FROM THE

BELLEVILLE AREA - HEADING EAST ON 1-64)

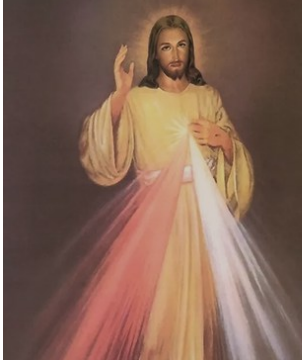
Take I-64E toward Mt. Vernon (59.3 Miles) Keep Left on 1-64 toward Louisville (51.3 Miles)
At Exit 130: Head toward IL-1 /Grayville/Carmi/Mt. Carmel Turn Left onto S. Court Street (IL-1) (12.9 Miles)
Turn Left onto E 700RD (CR-5/CR-700) toward Maud (1.2 Miles) Turn Right onto E 700 RD (CR-5/CR-700) (2.1 Miles)
Turn Right onto Hwy 15 (IL-15) (0.8 Miles)

"Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed.

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

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