



# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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**April 19, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— 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
April 25th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChein	David Bollman Janet Visintine	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Mike Louth Anne Louth
April 26th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Need Volunteer	Bernadette Gadu Kathy Pajares	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
April 26th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Joyce Dierkes	Kathleen DuMontier	Need Volunteer	Lynne Fulte Dawn York	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

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
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

### Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:	
Tuesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	<i>Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day</i>
Thursday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; <i>Arbor Day</i>
Saturday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

### Mass Intentions for the week of April 19, 2026

SUN 4/19	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares For The People
MON 4/20	8:00 AM	Maria Pezzuto
TUES 4/21	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
WED 4/22	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Joe Gruenewald ACHS
THUR 4/23	8:00 AM	Mary Adams
FRI 4/24	8:00 AM	Frances Koszelink
SAT 4/25	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Lynne Schwartzhoff Robert Carty
SUN 4/26	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For the People Michael Lintzenich

### Respect Life Corner

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

### Vocation Corner

"Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents' example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions."

Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR;  
Columba Magazine November 2024

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC-  
BENEATH THE SURFACE**

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

**Mini reflection:**

Christ gave us everything. He gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with everything? What do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

**The Story That Never Ends**

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we know, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why “happily ever after” is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a gotcha! moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

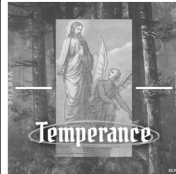
Christ gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won “happily ever after” that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

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**Temperance, Explained!**

“For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race... (teaching) us to reject godless ways and worldly desires,” reads Titus 2:11-12, “and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just and godly.”

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism (CCC 1809).

Temperance is not repression of feeling; it is an exercise of the will, a careful and calculated choice. In this way, temperance actually safeguards virtuous love, keeping it “whole and uncorrupted,” said St. Augustine. The practice of temperance is intimately linked to the virtue of chastity, which “protects the intimate center of the person... refusing to unveil what should remain hidden” (CCC 2521). ©LPi

**Blessing for Spring**

Dear Lord,

As this new season begins, bring new life to our hearts as well. Prune what has grown despondent, brush back that which darkens and clouds. As the flowers bud and bloom, bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy.

Amen.

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

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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."*

Addison	Doug	Leslie
Addy	Evan	Linda
Bill	Gansam Family	Mike
Blair	George	Nicole
Carin	Ginny	Pat
Cathy	Gould & Cissell Families	Renee
Chris	Heilig & Garcia Families	Sara
Dan	Jane	Sue
Debra	Joann	Susan
Don	Jordan	Tanya
Dorothy	Kathleen	

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 is 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.\*\*

## April 12, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,158.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 766.30
Guatemala	\$ 125.30
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 9.00
Easter Offering	\$ 693.00
Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$ 201.00

### THANK YOU

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



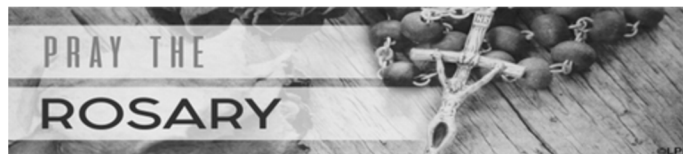
## April 19, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM Mass Ladies Club Mtg 5:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM Mass Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM Mass 4:30 PM Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass



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El cuidado de la Creación

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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
208	2,329	19,077

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The Ladies' Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm. We are having an Italian meal.

! We will need salads, desserts and garlic bread/ garlic cheese toast. The ladies from St Augustine are joining us.

John Renz will bring his guitar and entertain us.

We are collecting items for Hubbard's Haven this month. They are requesting ranch dressing, coffee creamers, dessert plates and feminine hygiene products like pads, deodorant body wash body lotion etc.

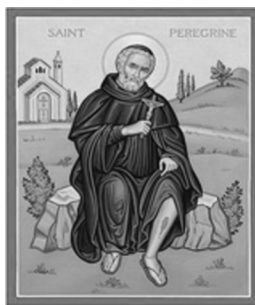
**ALL ladies of the parish are welcome.**

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### The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

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"It is only through your prayers, kindness and generosity that our diocesan ministries can continue providing services to our parishes, schools and the needy among us throughout the 28 southernmost counties of Illinois. Please support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today!" -Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB

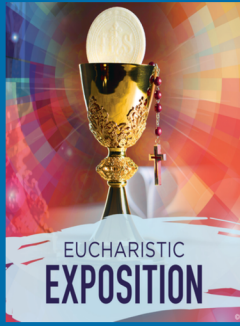


### St. Peregrine Laziosi, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients Cure For Cancer Prayer Day

As we continue our 27th year of St. Peregrine Devotions in Belleville, Illinois, we look forward to our 22nd Annual "Cure for Cancer Prayer Day" on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The day begins with our 8:15 AM Mass and Devotion as celebrated on the first Thursday of

every month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. It will be followed for the month of May, St. Peregrine's feast month, by Adoration of the Eucharist until 1:00 PM. Great strides are being made in cancer research, but more prayers are needed... for those in need of healing, for those who love them, for those who care for them, and for those searching for a cure. We wholeheartedly welcome everyone to participate in this Prayer Day, in person or in spirit, "so that we may soon cry out: 'A cure at last!'"

There is a sheet on the tables in back of church for you to add a special intention petition for the **Cure For Cancer Prayer Day**.



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.



Kelsey Knee 4/20      Matthew Carty 4/24  
 Christina Meyer 4/20      Thomas Kraemer 4/24  
 Patricia Carroll 4/21      Addison Denton 4/26  
 Carson Dumstorff 4/21      Brenden Haselhorst 4/26  
 Karoline Stock 4/21

### Next Week Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



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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#### Sandwiches

Pork Steak (1lb) \$11  
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 Bratwurst(1/4lb) \$5

Sides- \$2.50/each

Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,  
 French Fries

**\*\* BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE \*\***

Proceeds pay for  
 Parish Improvement Projects



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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