



Saint Henry Catholic Church

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-12

"We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— 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
May 9th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Joyce Dierkes	Mark Denton Trish Denton	Michelle & Nick Kujawa	Betty Cerulli Tristan Kujawa	Kacie Denton Susan O'Malley
May 10th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	Need Volunteer	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
May 10th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Maureen Reed	Beth Regensberger	Chris Knee	Lynne Fulte Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

In honor of the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Leo XVI has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis. In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

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Vocation Corner

Today our reading from the Acts of the Apostles declares the institution of the Diaconate ministry. This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate." They are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister are under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)"



READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Monday:
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Wednesday:
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Mass Intentions for the week of May 3, 2026

SUN 5/3	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Walter & Cecelia Turner, & Sr. Diane Marie For the People
MON 5/4	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES 5/5	8:00 AM	Judith Marchand
WED 5/6	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
THUR 5/7	8:00 AM	William Pranaitis
FRI 5/8	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers
SAT 5/9	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions For The People
SUN 5/10	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares Eileen O'Brien

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection:

There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. The way.

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

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Diligence, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes that "diligence, no less than solicitude, is required for every virtue." (Sum., II:II, 54, Art. 1)

Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God's will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God's word in Scripture: "If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness." (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (Gaudium et spes, 17) ©LPi

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Bless me with Your peace. Fill my heart with trust in You and hope in Your promises. Be my rock in times of distress, my light in times of darkness, and my rest in the storm.
Amen. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow 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."

Barb	Heilig & Garcia Families	Robert
Bill	Jane	Rose
Blair	Jim	Sandi
Bob	Jordan	Sara
Cathy	Karen	Sue
Don	Kathleen	Susan
Dorothy	Linda	Tanya
Fred	Mary	Traci
Gansam Family	Mike	Tracy
Gould / Cissell Families	Peggy	Virginia
Griffin	Renee	

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.

April 26, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,912.40
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 487.50
Guatemala	\$ 60.90
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 95.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 10.00
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Easter Offering	\$ 55.00

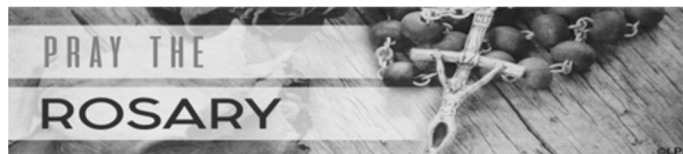
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to everyone who supports our parish through donations, prayer, and or service!



May 3, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass SVDP Mtg 9:00 am
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass
Friday	8:00 AM Mass
Saturday	8:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM Mass
Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 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)

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
121	2,606	19,354

Blest Art



Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art.

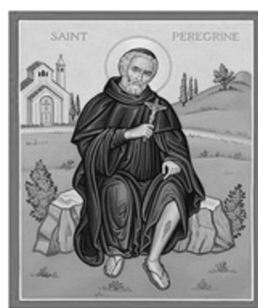
Saturday & Sunday - May 2nd and 3rd, after Mass.
We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the first of the Sorrowful Mysteries?

Answer: The Agony in the Garden.

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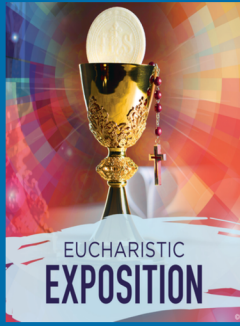


St. Peregrine Laziosi, Patron Saint of Cancer Patients Cure For Cancer Prayer Day

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.



The Ladies Club is selling roses before and after weekend masses on Mother's Day in honor of Project Rachael and Mother's Day. The cost is \$3.00 for one & \$5.00 for two. All proceeds are donated to St. Anne Cradle of Hope.

BIRTHDAYS

Lois Ficke 5/6	Paul Schwartz 5/10
Judith Kent 5/6	James Ostman 5/10
Jamie Dammrich 5/6	Marsha Hopkins 5/10
Timothy Myatt 5/7	Ronald Buss 5/10

Seminarian Education Collection

Our diocese is currently blessed with five (5) seminarians and this collection helps in meeting the needs of their formation. The cost for tuition, books, room and board and other expenses is over \$50,000 per year for each seminarian. Contributions to the Seminarian Education Collection are truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois.



St. Henry Chapter of St. Vincent De Paul is holding a fundraiser to support our local Pregnancy Care Center. The fundraiser involves Baby Bottles. These are given out on Mothers' Day, May 10th. Please place your loose change into the Baby Bottles over the next 5 weeks and then return the bottles to the church on Fathers' Day, June 21st. Hopefully, by the end of the 5 weeks, the bottles are nice and full of loose change to help the babies!

Saint Meinrad's Graduate Theology Open House announcement:

Seek God through study, prayer, and a tradition of hospitality. Laity are invited to join the online Open House for Saint Meinrad's Graduate Theology Program on Wed, May 13 at 6:30 PM CT. Discover how theology deepens faith and understanding. Learn more at saintmeinrad.edu/open-house. All are welcome.



Institute for Sacred Music Chant Workshop: Spend a week exploring the music and theology of Hildegard of Bingen—composer, mystic, and Doctor of the Church. Led by expert faculty, this workshop integrates her music with liturgical prayer at Saint Meinrad Archabbey. May 17–22. Register today at saintmeinrad.edu/sacred-music.





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.

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