



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

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May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter
John 14:15-21

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— 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 16th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChein	Ivan Tepen Patti Tepen	Mary Jo Hanvey Need Volunteer	Sue Kaltenbronn Jeannette Yelinek	Mark Denton Trish Denton
May 17th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Karen O'Dell	George Mehochko	Need Volunteer	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
May 17th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Jerry Ahrens	Kathleen DuMontier	Lynne Fulte Dawn York	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“Radical Solidarity”

Vocation Corner

Mother’s Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast, “Do whatever He tells you.” We pray for all Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own “FIAT” – our surrendering to God’s plan for us.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we want to see Christ’s face, we must look to the Sacraments. “The world will no longer see me,” Christ tells his disciples, “but you will see me.” This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today.
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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

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
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Observances for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Monday:	
Tuesday:	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday:	St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday:	St. Isidore
Saturday:	<i>Armed Forces Day</i>
Next Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Mass Intentions for the week of May 10, 2026

SUN 5/10	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares Eileen O’Brien
MON 5/11	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
TUES 5/12	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED 5/13	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	William Eckmann Last Althoff H.S. Mass for the school year
THUR 5/14	8:00 AM	Jean Gass
FRI 5/15	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT 5/16	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions Robert Carty
SUN 5/17	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For the People John Rensing

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection:

We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept a responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

The Christ You See

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. Jeez, I thought. That would be... really unfortunate.

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have zero interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they’ve seen? He puts himself first. He’s suspicious of other people. He’s not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He’s been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here’s the problem: they haven’t seen Christ at all. They’ve only seen Christians.

It’s easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today?

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Courage, Explained!

In the Roman Rite, bishops extend their hands over confirmandi, praying that they will be given “a spirit of right judgment and courage.”

This invocation echoes countless passages of sacred Scripture extolling the virtue of courage. “Be strong and courageous in your hearts, all you who place your hope in the Lord,” says Psalm 31:25. “I have given you a command. Be strong and brave, do not be afraid nor dismayed. I, the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go,” the Lord says in Joshua 1:9. Courage is also a frequent watchword of Christ: “Take courage! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude — roughly understood as courage in action — and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance.

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Blessing for Mother’s Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.

Amen.

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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	Karen	Ron
Bill	Kathleen	Rose
Bob	Kenneth	Sandi
Cathy	Liberda Family	Sara
Don	Linda	Sue
Emma	Mary	Susan
Fred	Melissa	Tanya
Gansam Family	Michelle	Tim
Griffin	Mike	Tom
Jane	Paul	Traci
Jim	Peggy	Tracy
Jordan	Robert	Virginia
Josie		

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.

May 3, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,771.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 228.10
Guatemala	\$ 252.90
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 5.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 35.00
Easter Offering	\$ 65.00
Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$ 15.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 1,363.50

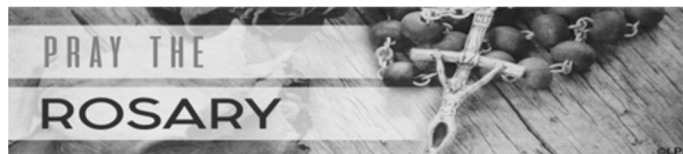
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to everyone who supports our parish through donations, prayer, and or service!



May 10, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
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
149	2,755	19,503

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small!

Thank you.



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.

Next week collection

Catholic Communication Campaign.

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign represents a mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the **Belleville Diocese** to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Your help spreads the gospel message!

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc.

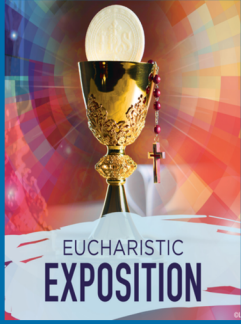


MEN'S CLUB

Any St. Henry adult male, 18 years old or older, is welcome to take part. Our meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Come check out our next meeting.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **All men of the parish are welcome.**





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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kathryn Denton 5/11	Daniel O'Donnell 5/15
Carol Buesking 5/12	John DelVecchio 5/15
Jessica Kohl 5/12	Shawn Kohl 5/15
Eileen Lapka 5/14	William Koerner 5/17



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!



Our Lady of Fatima,
pray for us!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Cemetery, 10101 West Main Street, Belleville, on Monday, May 25, at 9:00 a.m. (at the outdoor altar near the Stations of the Cross). In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated indoors in the Cemetery Chapel. **Feel free to bring lawn chairs. Everyone is invited to attend.**

Poverty Through the Lens Of Catholic Social Teaching

Thursdays June 4 - July 30, except for July 23.
10:00-11:30 a.m. CT

Facilitated on Zoom by Sr. Elizabeth Greims, DC
Registration Cost: Sliding Scale of Participant's Choice of \$45, \$65, or \$85

In a time of deep division and social inequity, this JustFaith Ministries program will return to the foundational principles of our Catholic faith as we discern how we are called to love one another, including and especially our neighbors experiencing poverty. Brief weekly assignments will include Pope Leo's recent encyclical, Dilexi Te and resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For a more detailed program description and registration, email cchddiobelle@gmail.com.



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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