



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
John 20:19-23

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." **He says, so to speak, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

*"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink."
- Jn 7:37b*

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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 30th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Need Volunteer	Betty Cerulli Need Volunteer	Mary Jo Hanvey Need Volunteer	Sue Kaltenbronn Jeannette Yelinek	Kacie Denton Kevin Effinger
May 31st Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	George Mehochko	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
May 31st Sunday, 10:30 AM	Maureen Reed	Dawn York	Chris Knee	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”
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Vocation Corner

Pentecost! What a celebration! The Lord sends us the Holy Spirit to guide us on our way after redeeming us from our sins. The Apostles were imbued with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in many tongues, so everyone understood, as in contrast to the story of the Tower of Babel. May we be blessed with the right words as we talk with our youth about the possibility of choosing a religious vocation – priest, sister, or a brother. Also, this weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself is the most selfless act of love we humans perform.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “the Advocate.” The Latin for lawyer is “advocatus.” Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you’re in trouble, don’t forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you. ©LPi

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **or, for the Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Observances for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; *Memorial Day*
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Thursday:
Friday: St. Paul VI, Pope
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions for the week of May 24, 2026

SUN 5/24	8:30 AM	Mary Adams
	10:30 AM	For the People
MON 5/25	8:00 AM	Pat King
TUES 5/26	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED 5/27	8:00 AM	Lynne Schwartzhoff
THURS 5/28	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
FRI 5/29	8:00 AM	Anna Marie Eckmann
SAT 5/30	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
	4:00 PM	For The People
SUN 5/31	8:30 AM	Walter & Cecelia Turner, & Sr. Diane Marie
	10:30 AM	Velda Lou Bringaze

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection:

Much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once. But today, he's just breathing. So we have to ask ourselves: why?

Signs of Life

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church.

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Piety, Explained!

Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety... therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety." (Sum., II:II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with "popular piety," which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person's fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.

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Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the fire of Your love! Remind us of
Your dreams for us, ignite us with new zeal, place new visions on our
hearts, and the grace to work alongside You.
Amen.

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MARY
Mother of the 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."

Barb	Kenneth	Robert
Bob	Liberda Family	Ron
Cathy	Linda	Rose
Don	Mary	Sue
Donn	Maureen	Tanya
Emma	Melissa	Tim
Father Port	Michelle	Tom
Jim	Mike	Traci
Josie	Paul	Tracy
Karen	Peggy	Virginia

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.

May 17, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,937.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 627.75
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Catholic Communication Campaign	\$657.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 168.55
Seminarian Education	\$ 15.00

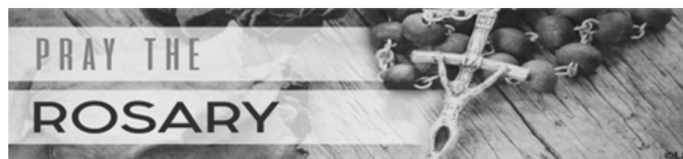
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to everyone who supports our parish through donations, prayer, and or service!



May 24, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass Parish Office CLOSED
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
93	2,943	19,691

Discernment Float Trip

Step away from the noise of daily life and into something deeper. Single young adult men ages 18 and older are invited to join Fr. Thomas Luge, Fr. Levi James, & Fr. Steven Beatty for a summer retreat June 8th-10th to encounter Christ and His call in the beauty of the outdoors. Spend a few days on the Current River in Missouri while building brotherhood with other men seeking purpose and direction. Please email vocations@diobelle.org for more information.

CLEANING HOUSE? - St. Vincent de Paul Needs your Household items And Home Décor for a Sale Benefiting Our Ministries

DROP OFF TIMES ARE:

Wednesday, June 17 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday, June 18 – 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday, June 19 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Items **NOT** accepted include:

Mattresses, bed frames, large appliances, couches, Recliners, entertainment centers, large sporting items. TVs, computers, car seats, text books. **NO CLOTHES**

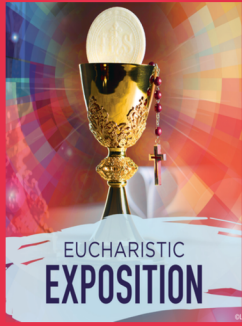
Drop Off at St. Clare School Gymnasium
214 West 3rd Street – O'Fallon, Illinois

QUESTIONS: Please call (618) 806-3898

St. Vincent de Paul - Baby Bottle fundraiser



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!



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.



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| Joyce Dierkes 5/25 | Riley Sobczak 5/26 |
| Bernadette Courtney 5/25 | Jeff Barton 5/27 |
| Dolores Hogan 5/26 | Eric Meyer 5/28 |
| Gerald Kolda 5/26 | Abigail Bigham 5/28 |
| Janet Hornberg 5/26 | Michael Schmittling 5/29 |
| Lucille Schrage 5/26 | Elizabeth Cerulli 5/31 |
| Joan Mentzer 5/26 | Dominic Kujawa 5/31 |

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.**




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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SIGN UP TO PRAY June 11th-19th

Coalition Life Circle is the Nation's Largest 9-Day Public Prayer for Life, a movement uniting believers across America in public, faithful prayer outside in the public square.



We offer our deepest sympathies and prayerful support to the families of

Dr. Paul Biegler
Joan Wilbret

May our prayers be of comfort to their families in their time of loss and sorrow.

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