



# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

**May 31, 2026**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**  
**John 3:16-18**



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

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I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— Father John Muir

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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.

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### Respect Life Corner

“Dignity is a gift from God, who created the human being in his own image and semblance (cf. Gen 1:26). It is not something that is obtained by merit or effort; nor does it depend on what we possess or achieve. It is a gift that goes before us: it is born of the look of love with which God wanted us, one by one, and continues to want us.”

Pope Leo XIV, Message to Participants in “Building Communities that Safeguard Dignity”

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### Vocation Corner

At many sporting events, you often witness signs promoting today’s Gospel reading – John 3:16. Yes, God so loved us that He sent His Son for us to have eternal life. “Whoever believes in him will not be condemned.” We, Christians, are charged with sharing this belief with the rest of the world. We do this by our example of receiving the Sacraments. Our greatest witness is our frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist. This is emphasized in the Holy Mass for which we need priests to say. Encourage young men to explore the vocation of Priesthood which is vital to the life of the Church.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth. He has made it so simple. So, will we accept?

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18  
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44  
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

### Observances for the week of May 31, 2026

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity  
Monday: St. Justin, Martyr  
Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop  
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
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### Mass Intentions for the week of May 31, 2026

SUN 5/31	8:30 AM	Walter & Cecelia Turner, & Sr. Diane Marie
	10:30 AM	Velda Lou Bringaze
MON 6/1	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES 6/2	8:00 AM	Jean Muntan
WED 6/3	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
THURS 6/4	8:00 AM	Judith Marchand
FRI 6/5	8:00 AM	Memorial Donors
	8:00 AM	Rev. Joe Ring
SAT 6/6	4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Members of the A. N. Wuller Family
	8:30 AM	For The People
SUN 6/7	10:30 AM	Eileen O'Brien

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

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

**Mini reflection:**

Our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

**The Gift of Not Understanding**

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: Any further than this, I dare not go.

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.


But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

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**Obedience, Explained!**



Disobedience was humanity’s original sin. Conversely, obedience became the instrument of humanity’s reconciliation to God.

Scripture calls man’s submission of his own intellect and will to God, the author of revelation, “the obedience of faith.” (CCC 143) “To obey in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself,” we read in the Catechism (CCC 144).

We see perfect obedience shown by Christ amidst his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. His human will dreads what will come — “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me” — but his divine will, which is never at odds with his human will, submits to the Truth: “Yet, not as I will, but as you will.” (Matthew 26:39). Despite his fear, he embraces the divine will for man to be redeemed, and so we say that he was “obedient unto death.” (Philippians 2:8)


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**Trinity Prayer**

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity! Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace. Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness.  
Amen.  
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# La Santísima Trinidad The Most Holy Trinity

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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	Kathleen	Robert
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Donn	Matt	Tanya
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Janet	Michelle	Traci
Jenny	Mike	Tracy
Jim	Paul	Virginia
Josie	Prudy	

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.\*\*

***Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of May 24th will be printed in the June 7th bulletin.***

**THANK YOU**

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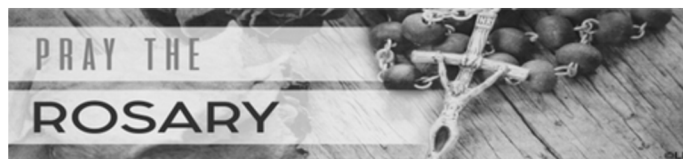
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**May 31, 2026**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass <b>10:30 AM Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM Mass SVDP Mtg 9:00 AM CLC Mtg 5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM Mass <b>Eucharistic Exposition</b> 2:30-4:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM Mass
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM Mass <b>4:00 PM Mass</b>
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The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto: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)

*Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline Rosary totals will be in the next bulletin.*

**DON'T JUST STAND THERE...**

Last weekend we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord — that moment when Jesus, 40 days after His Resurrection, was lifted up into heaven as the apostles looked on.

It must have been an extraordinary sight. But the first reading told us they were not meant to stand there for long. “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?”

In other words — don't just stand there. Do something.

This is a message for us as Christian stewards. We have been given every grace and blessing — through the Mass and the sacraments, through the Word of God, and through the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.

We are not meant to simply receive these gifts. We are meant to use them — in gratitude to the One who gave them.

Like the apostles, we are called “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” And we do this not by our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us.

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**St. Vincent de Paul - Baby Bottle fundraiser**



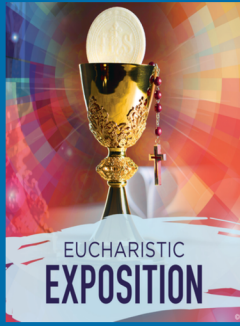
St. Henry Chapter of St. Vincent De Paul is holding a fundraiser to support our local Pregnancy Care Center.

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!



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| Janice Brutto 6/1       | Daniel Stookey 6/5  |
| Addison Kramkowski 6/2  | Maia Benyr 6/5      |
| Christopher McMahon 6/3 | Cookie Giedeman 6/6 |
| Ken Plassmeyer 6/3      | David Thomas 6/6    |
| Alane Zaron 6/4         | James Young 6/7     |
| Brent Pieper 6/4        | Sean Louth 6/7      |

## 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**

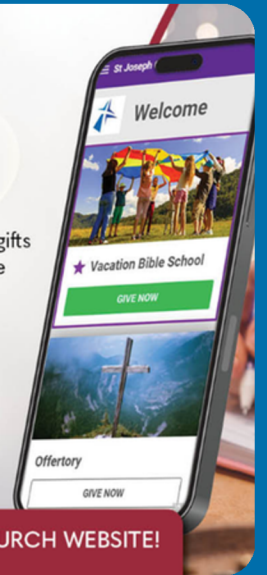
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QUESTIONS: Please call (618) 806-3898



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