



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38**

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**June 28, 2026
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 10:37-42**

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— *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
July 4th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Need Volunteer	Janet Visintine Jeannette Yelinek	Mary Jo Hanvey Need Volunteer	Betty Cerulli Sue Kaltenbronn	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer
July 5th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Joyce Dierkes	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Bernadette Gadu Kathy Pajares	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
July 5th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Kathleen Dumontier	Sue Bolen	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Chris Knee Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”

Vocation Corner

“Growing up as a Protestant in southern Michigan, I was incredibly blessed to have parents who took seriously their responsibility of raising me with faith. I didn’t think there was anything missing in my life until I met joyful Catholics for the first time when I was a teenager. Through their witness and friendship, I learned more about the faith – and found myself surprised by truth. These friends invited me to attend a Catholic family camp, and it was there I first came to believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, learned to pray the rosary, and felt called to religious life. There was only one problem – I wasn’t even in RCIA yet! I was received into the Church about a year later, and I kept my heart open to the Lord’s call. He led me to the Queenship of Mary Community in Ottawa, Ontario. I made my final vows in 2016.”

Sr. Philomena, Daughter of Mary; Columbia Magazine Dec. 2024

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ’s name receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you in his name this week? What Word do they speak into the stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive him.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Observances for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday: *Independence Day*
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions for the week of June 28, 2026

SUN	6/28	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Wilbret For The People
MON	6/29	8:00 AM	For The People
TUES	6/30	8:00 AM	Joe Gruenewald
WED	7/1	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
THURS	7/2	8:00 AM	William Pranaitis
FRI	7/3	8:00 AM	Memorial Donors
SAT	7/4	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Rita & Jim Pajares Ray Wennemann
SUN	7/5	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Dr. Paul Biegler

Sunday, June 28, 2026 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection:

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least the Jesus presented to us by pop culture. But it's harder to receive God the Son, consubstantial with God the Father who sent him — the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

Receiving

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to receive it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

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Discernment, Explained!

We most often hear the term "discernment" when a man or woman prayerfully considers a religious vocation. This is a helpful context in which to think of the virtue of discernment, which all Christians are called to develop, lay and religious alike.

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea of becoming a priest, a sister, a missionary, a husband, a wife — the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment, which "unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good...when in reality its fruit is death," says the Catechism. (CCC 2846)

We run this background check of discernment on our feelings, our intentions, and our inclinations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through a diligent regimen of prayer and reflection. "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius" is highly regarded as a useful tool for spiritual discernment.

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Blessing for Marriage

Dear Jesus,

Bless the married couples in our community and grow their bonds of love for each other. Give them the grace to share minds, hearts, dreams, growth, challenges, and strength in every season of life. Make them a sturdy shelter for each other, a place to find comfort and rest.

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."

Andrea	Gustavo	Mary Ann
Barb	Janet	Odette
Benson Family	Kathleen	Rios & Alonso Families
Brook	Kathy	Santa-Cruz Family
Cáceres family	Kay	Scott
Caitlyn	Lou	Smith/Gereaux Family
Cathy	Margie	Tanya
Dorothy	Marilyn Family	Toby

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.****

June 14, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,318.91
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 806.30
Guatemala	\$ 89.80
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 10.00
Mission Co-Op	\$ 746.00
Diocese of Onitsha, Nigeria	

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

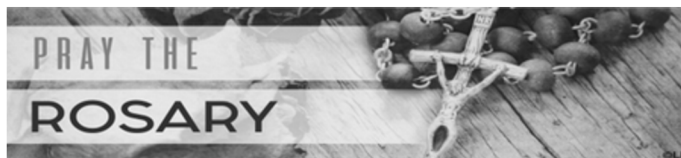


June 28, 2026

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
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



Remember your loved ones with a Mass. Contact the parish office at 618-233-2423



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
2 weeks	219	3,270	20,018



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June 21, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,145.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 836.45
Guatemala	\$ 55.45
Seminarian Education	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 40.00

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 Baby Bottles were are given out on Mothers' Day, May 10th.

Please return the filled Baby Bottles!

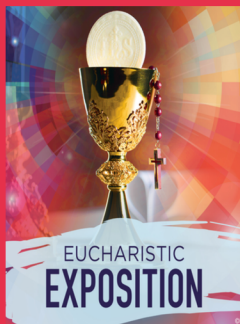
Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today.

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Sunday, June 28, 2026 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

CELEBRATE

Mary Buss 06/29	Melissa Borik 07/02
Kallie Galati 06/29	Alexandra Kohl 07/02
Chloe Hamilton 06/29	Isabella Kohl 07/02
Robert Starwalt 06/29	Jan Renz 07/02
Sara Sanchez 06/30	Catherine Rubin 07/02
Mollie Carty 07/01	Thomas Tyler 07/02
Taylor Deppe 07/01	Ramona Effinger 07/04
Allison Sobczak 07/01	Robert Hilpert 07/05
Mary Stroot 07/01	

The Messenger
Newspaper of the Diocese of Belleville

Our new prices as of July 1, 2026 are: \$45
for print, \$35 for digital and \$50 for both
print and digital.

(The digital did not increase.)



Have a Safe and Blessed
Fourth of July!



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.



SIGN UP TODAY BY VISITING OUR CHURCH WEBSITE!

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

Summer is here and the Belleville Diocesan Council of
St. Vincent de Paul is in dire need of some basic
summer pantry items:

Presweetened drink mixes, Napkins,
Bottled Water, Cups-8 oz disposable (large boxes
available from Sam's and Costco), Gatorade or similar
drinks, Tuna fish-#10 (large) size cans,
Tin foil-commercial rolls, Kleenex/tissues, Plastic T-
shirt bags, Coffee-large cans, Salad dressing, pickle
relish, mayonnaise and BBQ sauce-gallon jars, Sugar,
Toilet paper, Plastic liners for trash cans-55 gallon,
Paper plates-small, 6-inch, Bleach, Creamer large jars,
Laundry pods,
Chips, cookies, fruit cups-individual sized, Dish Soap,
Packaged cookies, Fun Fruits,
Individually packaged food items:
cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs
chips, crackers, cheese sticks, cereal, instant oatmeal,
Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup

Items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office
8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-noon
or
SVDP Thrift Store/Hubbard's Haven Soup Kitchen
3718 State Street, East St. Louis
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00
a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Troy Herring or Pat
Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless
you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de
Paul's life-saving ministry to the poorest among us.

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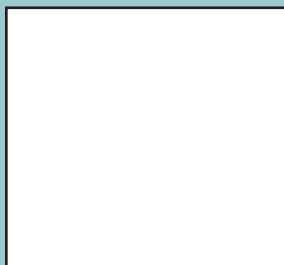


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