



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.'" - Mt 13:29-30

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July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

*Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church.
Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.*

— 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 25th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChemin	Ivan Tepen Patti Tepen	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Kevin Effinger Susan O'Malley
July 26th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	George Mehochko Paul Schwartzhoff
July 26th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Kathleen Dumontier	Lynne Fulte	Joyce Dierkes Dawn York	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

2026 Natural Family Planning Campaign Week 3

"Man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself."
-St. Pope John Paul II

"Natural Family Planning (NFP): Science-Backed. Life-Changing."

So, how do you actually learn NFP? Start by choosing an NFP method that you prefer. Most take about 3 months to learn, guided by a certified instructor. Contact our diocesan NFP Coordinator, Emily Joost, at mejoost@gmail.com for guidance. The payoff? A lifetime of body literacy — a gift from God to be used in harmony with His design — to avoid or achieve pregnancy, navigate PMS, PCOS, postpartum, infertility, and even perimenopause. And yes — it works. Modern NFP methods are 97–99% effective at avoiding pregnancy, backed by continually advancing research and rooted in the Church's teaching on the beauty of the human person. Scan the QR code to see how the numbers compare and get more information about methods.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Observances for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Saturday: St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions for the week of July 19, 2026

SUN	7/19	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Mary Adams
MON	7/20	8:00 AM	William Pranaitis
TUES	7/21	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED	7/22	8:00 AM	Velda Lou Bringaze
THURS	7/23	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
FRI	7/24	8:00 AM	Jean Muntan
SAT	7/25	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions Patricia Guido
SUN	7/25	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Wayland Downen For The People

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

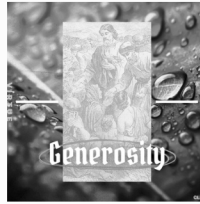
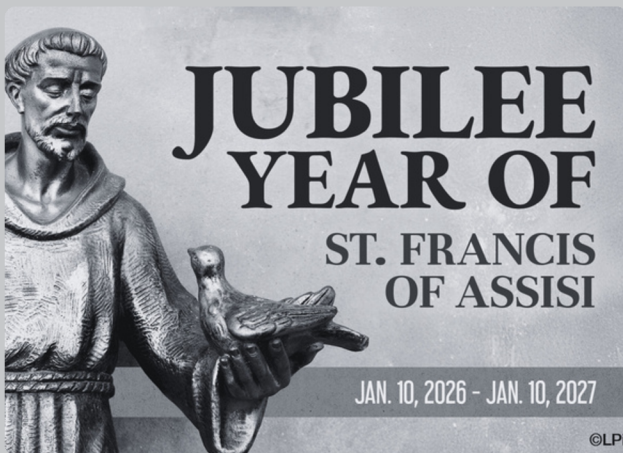
People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread—these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart—the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

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Generosity, Explained!

In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, "all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

This doesn't mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians—and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.

Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: "The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)

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Blessing for Summer

O God,

Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.

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	Leslie	Randy
Brian	Linda	Rosalie
Brook	Mary Ann	Rosemary
Cathy	Matt	Tanya
Fred	Patrick	Tom
Heidi	Phyllis	Vicki

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.****

July 12, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,995.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 356.80
Guatemala	\$ 91.20

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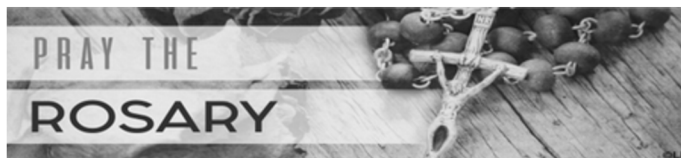


July 19, 2026

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 NO Ladies Club Mtg
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



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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
109	3,696	20,444

Vocation Corner

"The countless gravestones at Normandy American Cemetery in France stirred my heart. These brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives challenged me: Would I be willing to lay down my life, as these men did, for the Lord and his people? Long before this pivotal moment, the seeds of my vocation had been planted by family role models. My grandfather served his family and parish sacrificially for many years after his WWII duty. Likewise, my father coached me in self-discipline, and my dear mother raised me to serve others. It was at college that the Lord Jesus truly captured my heart. After graduation, I served as a missionary and met the Brotherhood of Hope. I admired the brothers and their work evangelizing students at secular universities, but I resisted the idea of celibacy and did not have the courage to explore a vocation with them until after my experience at Normandy Beach. My years with the Brothers of Hope have strengthened my conviction that Jesus Christ alone can satisfy our deepest desires."

Brother Brandt Haglund; Brotherhood of Hope, Tallahassee, FL.;
Columbia Magazine May 2022

St. Henry Happenings E-Newsletter

Keep up to date on St. Henry Happenings by signing up for our E-Newsletter. Information that comes in too late to make it into the bulletin is also posted in the E-Newsletter.

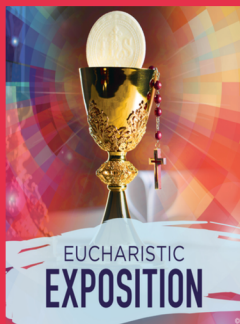
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James Sobczak 07/24
Terry Starwalt 07/24
Peyton Sonnenberg 07/25

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Mess



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(Tuesday, July 28, through Wednesday, August 5, 2026,
7:00 p.m. nightly) as we pray for our own needs and those of
our world.

For the schedule of themes and more information, visit
snows.org/Novena

Sisters to host virtual 'Discernment Lounge' August 7

Women ages 18-42 who are exploring God's call in their lives and the
possibility of religious life are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the upcoming "Discernment Lounge:
A Virtual Event." The event will take place from 7-8 p.m., on Friday,
August 7. All attending will gather online to share their questions,
experiences and hopes with sisters and other women who are discerning.
Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 361-500-
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Sunday, July 19, 2026 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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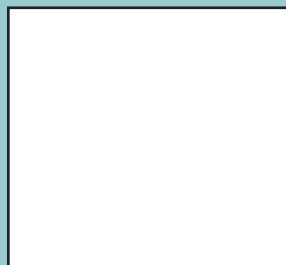


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