



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." - Mt 13:49-51

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July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "**The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.**" He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— *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 Minister	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
August 1st Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	Betty Cerulli Jeannette Yelinek	Virginia Miller Need Volunteer	Sue Kaltenbronn Need Volunteer	Mark Denton Trish Denton
August 2nd Sunday, 8:30 AM	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Joyce Dierkes	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
August 2nd Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Jerry Ahrens	Lynne Fulte	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Chris Knee Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

2026 Natural Family Planning Campaign Week 4

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

"The Feminine Genius"

Natural Family Planning is known for helping couples avoid or achieve pregnancy, but its foundation, Fertility Awareness, offers something for every woman, married or single, from her very first cycle to menopause. Every girl and woman deserves to understand her body and know how to address irregularities like painful periods, persistent acne, or hormonal imbalances by treating the root cause, not masking it with artificial hormones. This is real female empowerment: knowledge that honors how God designed the female body and equips women to seek healing, not just symptom relief. Moms, you can walk this journey with your daughters, helping them see their cycles as a sign of health and a reflection of their dignity. Scan the QR code to learn more.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 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
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions for the week of July 26, 2026

SUN	7/26	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Wayland Downen For The People
MON	7/27	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES	7/28	8:00 AM	Judith Marchand
WED	7/29	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
THURS	7/30	8:00 AM	John Rensing
FRI	7/31	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	8/1	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Curtis L. Wiley, Jr. For The People
SUN	8/2	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Maria Pezzuto Velda Bringaze

Sunday, July 26, 2026 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it. ©LPi

Blessing for Our Country

Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love.
We are at our best when we're close to You. Please
inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision, that
our greatness may be founded in and defined in You.
Amen.

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Hospitality, Explained!



When three strangers came to Abraham's tent at Mamre on a sweltering day, he rushed to offer them respite from the heat (Genesis 18:2-3). When the prophet Elisha visited Shunem, a woman set aside a special room in her house for him, so that he would return and feel comfortable (2 Kings 4:10).

These Old Testament examples show people living out the law of welcoming the sojourner (Leviticus 19:33), a law that found fulfillment in the Christian mandate to "practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13) and show "brotherly love" (Hebrews 13: 1-2).

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. Since the stranger, by nature, has no particular claim on our affections, the love we extend to him is true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19). ©LPi

Vocation Corners

"I'll never forget the first time I saw a nun. I was 5 years old, and my family had gone to a convent for Mass. Seeing a woman in a habit, I asked, "Mama, why is she wearing those clothes?" Her reply captivated me: "She's married to Jesus." I thought, "I want to marry Jesus, too." Christ was my first love, and I've never gotten over Him. Growing up in Catholic school, I struggled with academic and social pressures like any girl, but the desire to radically serve Christ kept burning within me. The idea that he could be calling me to be his bride was exciting. Continuing to discern in college, I was open to marriage, but I felt that I had too much love to give to one family. I wanted to be a spiritual mother and adopt the world. My decision to follow Christ came in adoration. After an hour of silence, I heard him say, "Be crucified with me." I knew he was asking me to give my life to him completely. My greatest joy was returning to my first love."

Sr. Mary Gianna Casino; Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanceville, AL; Columbia Magazine Aug. 2021



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."

Brian	Lou	Rose
Cathy	Matt	Rosemary
Jykel	Patrick	Tanya
Koerber Family	Randy	Tom
Leslie	Range Family	
Linda	Rosalie	

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 19, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,999.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 466.45
Guatemala	\$ 90.45
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU

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



July 26, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass Parish Council Mtg 6:30 PM
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

St. Vincent de Paul - Baby Bottle fundraiser

Thank you St. Henry Parish because of your kindness and generosity St. Henry St. Vincent de Paul Baby Bottle project was able to issue a Check to the Pregnancy Care Center in the amount of \$ 1,235.83.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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
108	3,378	20,126



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.



Rachel McMahon 07/28	Theresa Overby 07/30
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Donna Altemeier 07/29	John Carroll 07/31
Katrina Galati 07/29	Isabelle Marchand 07/31
Blair Rawlings 07/29	Virginia Miller 08/01
Hannah Adams 07/30	Margaret Schlueter 08/01
Jesse Koehler 07/30	Annette Crocker 08/02

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