



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 14:22-33

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— *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 15th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChen	Mark Denton Trish Denton	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Patti Tepen Ivan Tepen	Kacie Denton Kevin Effinger
August 16th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Joyce Dierkes	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
August 16th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Beth Regensberger	Kathleen DuMontier	Lynne Fulte Dawn York	Chris Knee Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

Children Are A Gift, Not a Right

Last week we talked about God entering into the cross of infertility so why wouldn't we also promote IVF or surrogacy as a path forward? Because IVF treats infertility as something to work around rather than a symptom to understand and heal, and the process itself raises serious ethical questions the Church takes seriously, including how it handles the many embryonic lives created along the way. It also asks a great deal of women's bodies, carries real medical risks, and comes with steep costs, all for success rates lower than many people realize. Underneath these concerns is a beautiful truth: every child, however they came to be, is deeply loved by God and a gift to their family—and we believe children deserve to be conceived through an act of love, not a medical procedure. See the QR code below to dive deeper into these truths. Next week, we'll return to the loving, life-respecting path we introduced last time—one that treats both the couple and their future children with the dignity they deserve.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 9, 2026

SUN	8/9	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Harold James Galvin For The People
MON	8/10	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES	8/11	8:00 AM	Dr. Paul Biegler
WED	8/12	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot, Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
THURS	8/13	8:00 AM	Ray Wenneman
FRI	8/14	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, donors, & Volunteers Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	8/15	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Patricia Guido Jackie Danvinroy
SUN	8/16	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Lynne Schwartzhoff

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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC-
RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

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**This could be Our Lord
calling you to serve!**

The Liturgy Committee wants to expand Communion at each Weekend Mass to include the Precious Blood. To make this happen, we need to train and schedule more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Each Mass would require 4 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Training is provided! Serving Our Lord in this capacity is an honor and a privilege and a commitment to a closer relationship with Our Lord. **"Draw Near to God and He will Draw near to you." James 4:8**

Please speak to Father Ken or call the parish office to be included 618-233-2423.



Serenity, Explained!

The word "serenity" is only found once in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: in the section describing the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quoting the Council of Trent when it declared that a good confession "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience." (CCC 1468)

This may give the impression that serenity is not a foremost Catholic virtue, but the succinctness of the Catechism's reference is actually proof of serenity's importance.

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves.

That the Catechism links it exclusively with reconciliation to God tells us all we need to know about this virtue. Where can we find calm in turmoil, stillness in storm? Where can we find serenity?

There is only one place: the merciful embrace of God in His sacraments.
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Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,

In this time of difficulty, be with me. When I don't feel Your presence or hear Your voice, sustain me. When I don't see the path ahead, guide me. When I don't know the next step, support me. In every day and in every moment, be my strength.

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	Jykel	Pat
Betty	Koerber Family	Patrick
Brian	Leslie	Randy
Cathy	Linda	Range Family
Dale	Lon	Rose
Dan	Lou	Rosemary
Helen	Nikolas	Tanya

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.****

August 2, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,390.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 211.60
Guatemala	\$ 231.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 40.00

THANK YOU

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



August 9, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM ACHS Faculty Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass
Friday	8:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM ACHS Orientation 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
106	4,177	20,925

St. Henry's Ladies Club is sponsoring an INDOOR YARD SALE.

Dates: September 11, 12, 13th.

Event times Sept 11 5-8pm, Sept 12 8-4pm. Sept 13 8-12pm

A seller fee of \$20 per family to participate.

Tables are provided until all are taken.

Address: Msgr Bernard L. Voss Parish Center,
5303 West Main, Belleville, IL 62226

Setup can be Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Your area must be oversaw by yourself or one of your family member at all times.

Unsold items must be removed at the end of the sale.

Questions: Please call Marilyn Elam - 618-604-6340

Vocation Corner

Whenever there's a mountain involved in Scripture, it is a moment to pay close attention to. The Lord has brought Elijah here for a "close encounter." Leaving the shelter of the cave, Elijah stands outside waiting because "the Lord is passing by." A strong wind that crushes rocks and then an earthquake, followed by fire, all do not contain the Lord's voice. The Lord revealed himself to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound". This story tells us that to hear God's call, we must find time for silence in our lives; a quiet, peaceful time to hear what our call in life is to be – maybe a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

St. Henry Ladies Club 2026 Box of Joy program

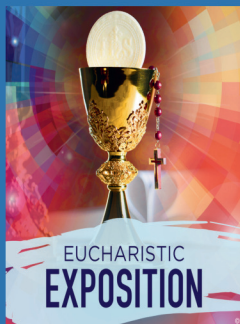
St. Henry Ladies Club will be participating in the 2026 Box of Joy program. Box of Joy is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. Boxes, Gift suggestions list and rubber bands will be available to be picked up in the back of church. Filled boxes need to be returned by September 15th.

Monetary donations will be appreciated and please put in envelopes with St. Henry's Ladies Club.

Thanks for your participation.

Questions: Please call Marilyn Elam at 618-604-6340

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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.

Birthday Celebration



William Hopkins 08/10
Jordan Frost 08/11
Michael Gebhart 08/11
Michael McEvilly 08/11
Beth Regensberger 08/11
Dovie Steele 08/11
Deanna Hilpert 08/12
Timothy Deppe 08/13

Bernard Fahey Jr. 08/13
Katherine Voges 08/13
Sherry Hamilton 08/14
Katherine Melow 08/14
Deborah Rettle 08/14
Janis Verzal 08/14
John McPherson 08/16

Parish Council 2 positions open!

The St. Henry Parish Council is seeking 2 parishioners willing to serve a 3 year term on the Parish Council. The Council meets every other month on the 4th Monday of the month. No experience needed. Qualifications: a love of God and his people, interest in parish activities and a willingness to share ideas for solving issues that come before the Council. **Self nominations accepted!**

Please contact Dawn or Father Ken in the parish office if you have any questions. 618-233-2423

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, August 11, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

All men of the parish are welcome!



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!



Planning is well underway for "Becoming Catholic" gatherings which will begin soon! Many inquirers are seeking to know, and are invited to "Come and See," what a relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church looks like. Through sharing our Catholic faith, Holy Scripture, and personal witness of an everyday walk with Jesus, inquirers will come to know the Joy of "Becoming Catholic."

Inquiry gatherings will be offered on Thursday evenings in the Cathedral of St. Peter Undercroft at 7:00 PM on September 17 and again on September 24, 2026. Formation will begin on Thursday October 1, 2026.

These gatherings offer a perfect opportunity for anyone who has expressed interest in coming to the Church, wishing to complete their sacraments, or simply looking to learn more about our faith. Please contact Deacon Jim Law with questions regarding "Becoming Catholic."



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