



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

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**August 30, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:21-27**

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **"Get behind me, Satan."**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— 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
September 5th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	Ramona Effinger Jeannette Yelinek	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Betty Cerulli Sue Kaltenbronn	Mark Denton Trish Denton
September 6th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	Gayle Bibee	Lynne Fulte	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	George Mehochko Paul Schwartzhoff
September 6th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Kathleen DuMontier	Sue Bolen	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

Prayer for Those Hoping to Conceive or Adopt a Child

God our Creator, by your love the world is filled with life, through your generosity one generation gives life to another, and so are your wonders told and your praises sung. We look to you in our love and in our need: may it be your will that we bear (adopt) a child to share our home and faith. Loving God, be close to us as we pray to love and do your will. You are our God, nourishing us forever and ever. Amen.
usccb.org/prayers/prayer-those-hoping-conceive-or-adopt-child



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year?

Answer: The Vigil of Easter

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions for the week of August 30, 2026

SUN	8/30	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Wilbret For The People
MON	8/31	8:00 AM	Les Wesolik Family
TUES	9/1	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED	9/2	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Dr. Paul Biegler ACHS Mass
THURS	9/3	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
FRI	9/4	8:00 AM	Memorial Donors
SAT	9/5	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions Adolph & Emma Auer
SUN	9/6	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Ray Wenneman

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

To Carry the Cross

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

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Sexual Abuse Hotline

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call hotline 1-800-640-3044

REQUIRED NOTICE: Under Illinois law, any suspected physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect of a child must be reported as soon as practical, to the State via the State Central Register Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE or 1-800-252-2873

Zeal, Explained!



Zeal gets a bad rap these days, as we most often hear this word associated with extremists whose adherence to a belief system leads them to violence. In Scripture, we hear Paul condemn those whose "zeal for God" lacks discernment (Romans 10:2), so we know this was a problem in ancient times as well.

But no one acting in violence or hatred is practicing virtuous zeal, which refers to an all-consuming love for the Lord: "Zeal for your house has consumed me," writes the Psalmist (Psalm 69:10), referring to a religious devotion that has deprived him of all his worldly status.

If anyone's "love" of God leads him to sin, he is not actually motivated by love of God. A burning and all-consuming love of God has, for its object, God Himself — and closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever 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."

Alice	Helen	Mason
Betty	Jerry	Nikolas
Carolyn	Joan	Patrick
Cathy	John	Peggy
Dan	Jones Family	Quinn
Dorothy	Judy	Rosalie
Douglas	Linda	Tanya
George	Lon	Terry

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 23, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,211.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,183.00
Guatemala	\$ 30.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 20.00
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU

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



August 30, 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 10:20 AM ACHS 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



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
82	4,590	21,338

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Priest Vestments

Question:

Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Answer:

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

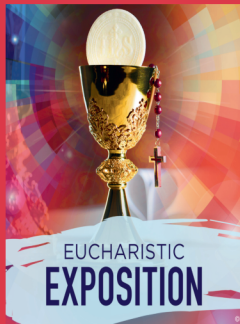
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Vocation Corner

"I have a vivid childhood memory of my mom and dad kneeling to pray after receiving Communion. They first taught me how to pray, and their marital witness continues to teach me about fidelity to one's vocation. Years later, at my first Mass, I told my father that I hoped my spiritual fatherhood would reflect his fatherhood – and I still hope for that. I wouldn't be a priest without my parents. Likewise, I wouldn't be a priest without the good men who witnessed to the joy of the priesthood, or the parishioners whose ceaseless prayers and encouragement sustained me. There was also the religious sister who taught me not just calculus, but what it means to leave home and everything behind to follow Jesus. And it was a close friend's offhand remark – "You'd make a good priest" – that sparked a period of serious self-reflection and prayer that led me to the seminary. The Church teaches that a vocation is discovered, nourished, and accepted within one's community."

Fr. Christopher Murphy; Diocese of Providence, Riverside, Rhode Island Columbia Jan/Feb 2026

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | Twenty-Second 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.



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

BIRTHDAYS

Jacob Miller 08/31	Deborah McPherson 09/03
Kim Ahrens 09/01	Deborah Borger 09/04
Carol Lesko 09/01	Kathy Pajares 09/05
Kymani Palma 09/01	Joan Handley 09/06
Lawrence Rutledge 09/01	

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

Event times: September 11th 5-8pm, 12th 8-4pm. & 13th 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

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PARISH PICNIC

2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
4:00-10:00PM

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4PM MASS

QUILT 'N CASH BINGO
7:00PM

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BASKET STAND, ROLL UP-ROLL DOWN, BIG 6, CAKES, RAFFLES, HALLOWEEN STAND, & MORE!

LADIES

Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Fall Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday October 1, 2026 St. James Parish, Millstadt

The forms are in the back of church..

RSVP by September 21

Mail checks for \$20 payable to St. James CCW (to be received by September 21) to
St. James Catholic Church, 405 W. Madison, Millstadt, IL 62260.

Contact Madonna Stapf with any questions 618-791-3675

Ladies please let Marilyn (618) 604-6340
know so Ladies Club can pay for your fees.

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