



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

September 6, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:15-20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Mt 18:19-20**

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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 12th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Need Volunteer	David Bollman Janet Visintine	Nick Kujawa Keith Painter	Patti Tepen Ivan Tepen	Kevin Effinger Susan O'Malley
September 13th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
September 13th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Marilyn Elam	Joyce Dierkes	Need Volunteer Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

Respect Life Corner

Migration and Catholic Social Teaching

“Persons have the right to find opportunities in their own homeland. When the conditions necessary for a dignified life are absent, persons have the natural right to migrate to support themselves and their family. More prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome those in search of the security and means of livelihood unavailable in their country of origin. Countries have the right to maintain their borders and regulate immigration consistent with the common good and with respect for the sanctity of human life. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. The God-given dignity and rights of undocumented immigrants should be respected, and immigrants have a responsibility to respect the country that receives them.”
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LIVE THE LITURGY -

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ tells us that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: The word “Catholic” comes from the Greek “katholikos,” meaning what?

Answer: Universal ©LPi

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Observances for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: 223rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: Patriot Day
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 6, 2026

SUN	9/6	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Ray Wenneman
MON	9/7	8:00 AM	Joe Gruenewald
TUES	9/8	8:00 AM	NO Mass
WED	9/9	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	NO Mass ACHS Mass
THURS	9/10	8:00 AM	NO Mass
FRI	9/11	8:00 AM	NO Mass
SAT	9/12	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	No Mass For the People
SUN	9/13	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Marie-Rose Tonoukoin Patricia Guido

Sunday, September 6, 2026 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Treat Him Like a Gentile

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.

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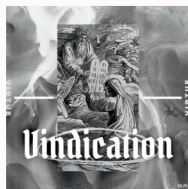


MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, September 8, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

All men of the parish are welcome!





Vindication, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term "vindication" in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is "vindicated" when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn't so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday." (Psalm 37:5-6)

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Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,

We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.

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."

Alaine	George	Linda
Alice	Gerry	Mason
Carolyn	Helen	Michelle
Cathy	Jerry	Patrick
Curt	Jo Ann	Peggy
Dan	Joan	Quinn
Dorothy	John	Ray
Douglas	Jones Family	Rosalie
Eiskant Family	Judy	Tanya
Eric	Karen	Terry
Evie	Kathy	

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.****

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of August 30th will be printed in the September 13th bulletin.



September 6, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday	NO 8:00 AM Mass
Wednesday	NO 8:00 AM Mass 10:20 AM ACHS Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Thursday	NO 8:00 AM Mass
Friday	NO 8:00 AM Mass
Saturday	NO 8:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM Mass
Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

Vocation Corner

As our country honors the gift of Labor this weekend, we can rejoice in the goodness of working for the Lord. Each one of us is called to spread the Word and promote our Catholic Church. This is the vocation of ALL of us. We can call upon St. Joseph the Worker to help us do this "work of the Lord". We need to encourage our family members to be attentive to their call – their life's work - maybe even to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life.



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)

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline
Rosary totals will be in the next bulletin

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection is September 12-13

Our Belleville Diocese currently has 53 diocesan priests: 28 are currently retired and 25 are in active ministry. Of those 25 in active ministry, 13 are of retirement age but continue to serve us. With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection on September 12-13 will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. All monies will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests. Show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life's journey with a generous gift to this special collection.

Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December

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..

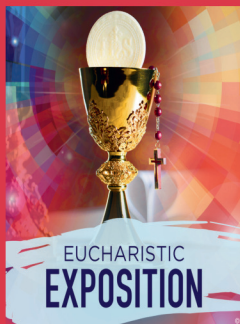
RSVP by September 21

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.**





The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!
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Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.



“PEOPLE SHOULD EAT AND DRINK AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR, FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.”
-ECCLESIASTES 3:13

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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BIRTHDAYS

David Brutto 09/07
Margaret Wells 09/08
Robert Brutto 09/10
Michael Case 09/10
Kelsey Douglas 09/10
Frank Vollmer 09/10
Dawn York 09/10

Harrison Jackstadt 09/11
Dorothy Marchand 09/11
Joseph Strube 09/11
Jo Ann Syzdek 09/11
Stacy Rampenthal 09/12
Daniel Reed 09/13
Antonio Santos 09/13

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 12TH 8-4PM
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH 8-12 PM



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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

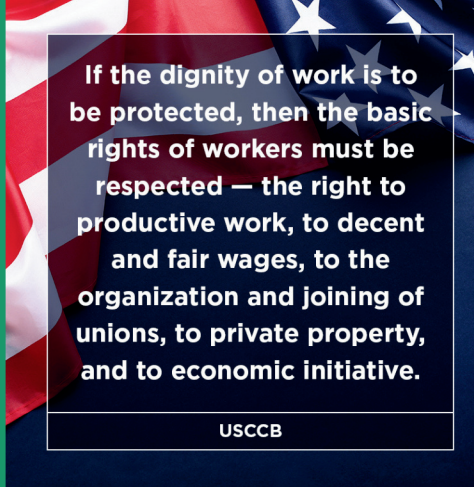


We celebrate
Mary's
Birthday on
September 8th



NEVER FORGET

SEPTEMBER 11TH



If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

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