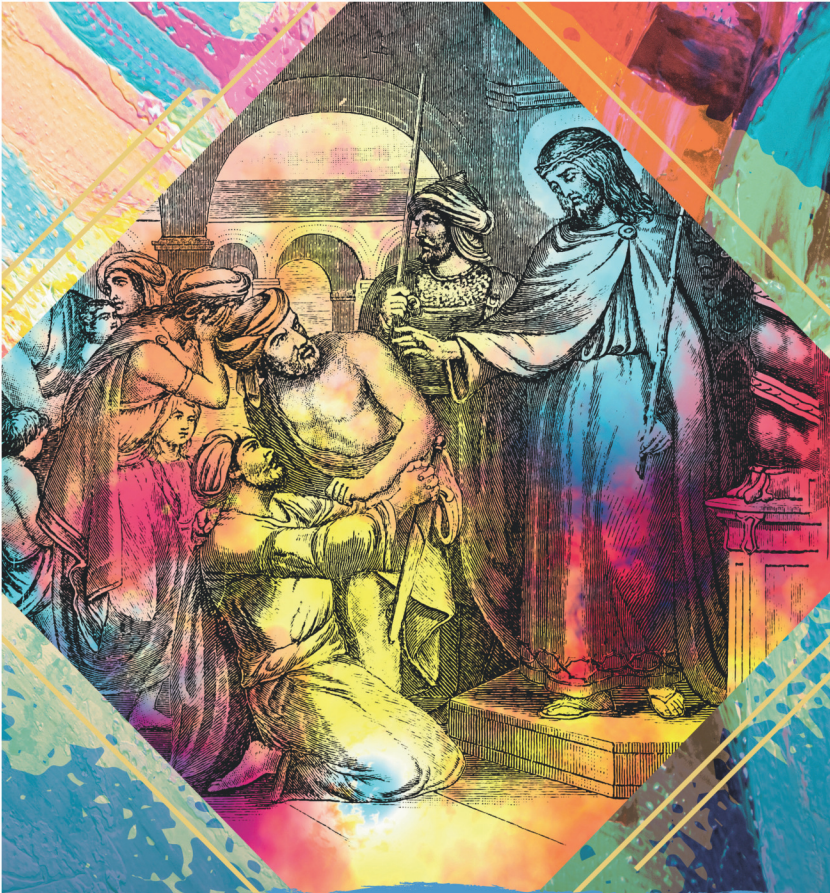




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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, “You know, you don’t have to say ‘sorry’ so often.” She looked me right in the eyes and said, “Father, you’re right. I’m sorry.” Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter’s question, **“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”** Jesus responds, **“I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”** In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— 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 19th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michelle Kujawa	Ramona Effinger Janis LeChein	Nick Kujawa Virginia Miller	Betty Cerulli Tristan Kujawa	Mike Louth Anne Louth
September 20th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
September 20th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Maureen Reed	Beth Regensberger	Sue Bolen	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

Respect Life Corner

“Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that “the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable”. Pope Francis, Homily of the Canonization of Mother Teresa, September 4, 2016
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or false: A pope’s pontificate begins at their coronation.

Answer: False. It begins when they accept the election results. ©LPi

The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross
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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Grandparents' Day*
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; & St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 13, 2026

SUN	9/13	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Marie-Rose Tonoukoin Patricia Guido
MON	9/14	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES	9/15	8:00 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
WED	9/16	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Bill Stroot ACHS Mass
THURS	9/17	8:00 AM	Eileen Svec
FRI	9/18	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	9/19	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Lynne Schwartzhoff Ray Willett
SUN	9/20	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Judith Marchand For The People

Sunday, September 13, 2026 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

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ATTENTION Ladies Club Members-----Annual dues of \$5.00 are now being collected. Envelopes are located on the windowsills in the rear of church. Please fill one out and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support.



Friendliness, Explained!

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the

omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

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A Blessing for Grandparents

Dear God,

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope.

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	William

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 30, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,855.05
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 251.00
Guatemala	\$ 95.00

THANK YOU

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



September 13, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass SVDP Mtg 9:00 AM
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass Ladies Club Mtg 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass 10:20 AM ACHS Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 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



Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of September 6th will be printed in the September 20th bulletin.



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
183	4,773	21,521

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection

Today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests. Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able and keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much.

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

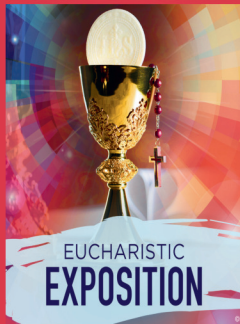
Ladies please let Marilyn (618) 604-6340 know so Ladies Club can pay for your fees.

Vocation Corner

"I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God's extravagant love and unfailing presence... Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me...and he was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could never satisfy. He showed me that he wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life so that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus."

Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas; Sisters of Life Columbia Magazine Jan-Feb. 2023

Sunday, September 13, 2026 | Twenty-Fourth 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
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BIRTHDAYS

DJean Gebhart 09/14	Dallas Zimmer 09/18
Dolores McAlister 09/15	Dyan Hagelstein 09/19
Elizabeth Choate 09/16	Dennis Prindable 09/19
Daryel Buesking 09/17	Shaundra Zaron 09/19
Janice Tade 09/17	Carolyn Bovinette 09/20
Kamryn Martin-Giacalone 09/18	Ken Miller 09/20
Timothy Schulte 09/18	



St. Henry Ladies Club 2026 Box of Joy program

PLEASE RETURN the filled boxes of JOY by September 15th.
They can be returned in the back of church or the Ladies Club
meeting on september 15 at 5 pm.

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

LADIES' CLUB

St. Henry's Ladies Club Next
meeting is September 15th at
5:00pm in the parish center.

Our dinner will be Sloppy Joes. We will need some
ladies to make sides and desserts. I will get the rest of the
meal. So come hungry. **Turn in your boxes of joy at
this meeting!**
Hope to see many of you.

We will be collecting items for Hubbard's Haven.
Acceptable items: Individual oatmeal, Jars of jelly,
Individual bags of potato chips, Ranch dressing,
Napkins, Garlic salt

Questions: Please contact Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340

ALL ladies of the parish are welcome.



*We offer our deepest
sympathies and
prayerful support to the
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*May our prayers be of comfort to their
family in their time of loss and sorrow.*



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