



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, “Are you envious because I am generous?” he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— 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 26th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChemin	David Bollman Joyce Dierkes	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Virginia Miller Jennifer Roberts	Kacie Denton Mark Denton
September 27th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
September 27th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Maureen Reed	Jerry Ahrens	Kathleen DuMontier	Need Volunteer Dawn York	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

US Immigration Reform

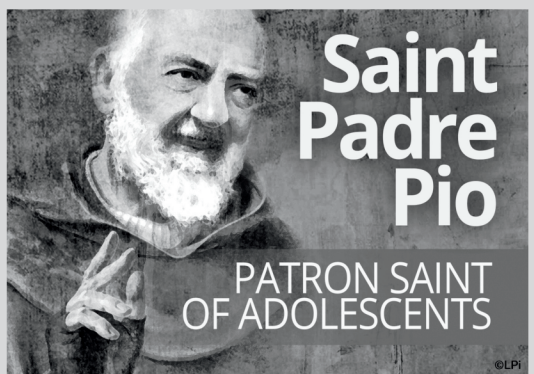
The current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, communities, and immigrants themselves. Reforms and investments are needed to modernize/increase capacity at ports of entry, increase the number of/access to lawful immigration pathways, and establish earned legalization programs for long-time undocumented residents. Suggested reforms are grounded in Catholic teaching, and recognize our country's right to regulate borders, balanced with our duty to uphold the sanctity of human life.

For more resources:
www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; National Migration Week
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 20, 2026

SUN	9/20	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Judith Marchand For The People
MON	9/21	8:00 AM	John Rensing
TUES	9/22	8:00 AM	Albert Nowak Family
WED	9/23	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions ACHS Mass
THURS	9/24	8:00 AM	Jean Gass
FRI	9/25	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	9/26	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Kevin Sullivan Quentin Lauer
SUN	9/27	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Joe Samuelson

Sunday, September 20, 2026 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

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LADIES' CLUB

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.



NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

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Liberality, Explained!

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but "we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us," writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

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Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
You never cease calling each of us to You. Be with our OCIA class as we journey to know You better. Inspire our conversations, guide our lessons, and direct our hearts as each of us seeks Your will.
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	Gerry	Linda
Carolyn	Jeanine	Mason
Cathy	Jerry	Michelle
Curt	Jo Ann	Patrick
Dan	Joan	Ray
Eiskant Family	John	Rosalie
Eric	Judy	Sue
Evie	Karen	Tanya
George	Kathy	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.****

September 6, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,982.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 251.60
Guatemala	\$ 255.00
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest	\$ 540.00

September 13, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,9136.61
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 349.80
Guatemala	\$ 126.20
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest	\$ 1,418.00

THANK YOU

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



September 20, 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 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



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
222	4,995	21,743

Special Thanks

We express our sincere gratitude to each of you who contributed to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which was held last weekend. Your generosity ensures our commitment to safeguard the professional and personal dignity of our diocesan priests who are currently retired and our younger priests who will retire in the years ahead. If you were unable to give last week, you may still contribute at any time through your parish; be sure to note "Retired Diocesan Priests Collection" on the memo line of your check. Please also 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

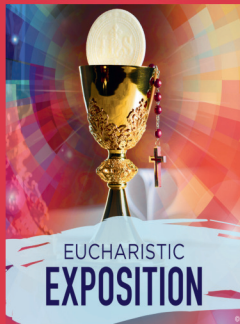
Ladies please let Marilyn (618) 604-6340 know so Ladies Club can pay for your fees.

Vocation Corner

"I once believed that becoming a priest was a fate worse than death! I always wanted to get married, have a family, and own a golden retriever. My plan was to become a doctor, and I was studying for a degree in science when I had an honest conversation with my childhood pastor. Without coercing me, he affirmed that I would be a great doctor, husband, father – or priest. "The most important thing," he said, "is to seek God's will, because that is where you will find true peace and happiness". Days later, I prayed as I had many times before: "God, I'll do anything you want me to do." But this time I added, "And if you want me to be a priest, I'd love to!" Immediately, I felt afraid, hoping no one had overheard me. Simultaneously, I felt a profound peace from the Holy Spirit. That fall, I decided to join the Companions of the Cross and found that God's plan fit like a glove."

Fr. Simon Lobo; Companions of the Cross; Halifax, Nova Scotia, Columbia Magazine June 2022

Sunday, September 20, 2026 | Twenty-Fifth 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Dammrich 09/21

Pat Poirot 09/25

Sara Lowery 09/21

Kialani Willingham 09/26

David Skewes 09/22

Jay Regensberger 09/27

Brad Wuller 09/23

Clara Stookey 09/27

Curt Regensberger 09/24

Alvina Tippy 09/27

Patricia Heuermann 09/25



The Parishes School of Religion has started. We began last Wednesday, September 9 and on Sunday, September 13. Wednesday classes are from 6:00 – 7:30 PM and Sunday classes are from 8:45 – 10:10 AM. All classes are held at St. Augustine School / 1900 West Belle Street / Belleville, IL 62226.



We have 13 dedicated teachers and one aide. As all of you know, parents are the primary teachers of their children in the home before they ever come to us. We are the helpers of these parents in passing on faith to their children. They are blessed in our eyes, and we thank the parents for entrusting your children to us. If you still need to register, please email me so I can send registration forms to you.

"The home is a special place. It's where relationships are forged, it's where real life happens, and it's where character is carefully chiseled."
(Selena Frederick)

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
Coordinator of the Parishes School of Religion tmarkus@ssndcp.org
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"CATECHISTS ARE
PEOPLE WHO KEEP
THE MEMORY
OF GOD ALIVE;
THEY KEEP IT ALIVE
IN THEMSELVES
AND THEY ARE
ABLE TO REVIVE
IT IN OTHERS."
- POPE FRANCIS

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Your support has been a beacon of hope and comfort, and I am deeply grateful for each and every gesture of love and generosity. During this challenging period, your thoughtfulness has truly made a difference in my healing journey. Whether it was through uplifting messages, delightful meals, or simply being there, your compassion has been invaluable.

Thank you for standing by me and for being such a wonderful community of friends and family.

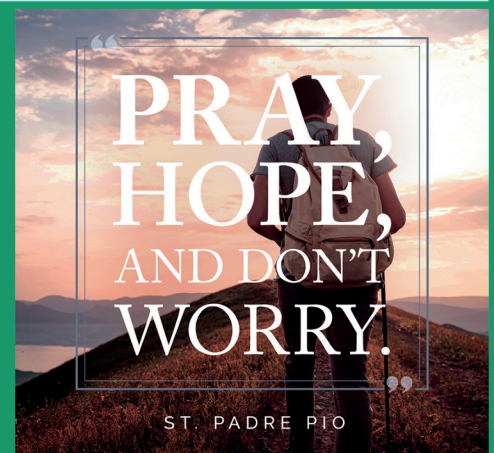
Thank you,
Rose Cullen



Remember your loved ones with a Mass. (\$10.)
Contact the parish office at 618-233-2423

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