



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "**leased it to tenants and went on a journey**" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— 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.

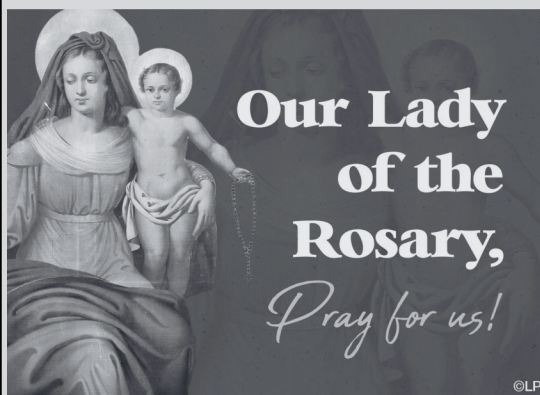
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
October 10th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Trish Denton	Ivan Tepen Patti Tepen	Michelle Kujawa Keith Painter	Tristan Kujawa Jeannette Yelinek	Kevin Effinger Susan O'Malley
October 11th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Need Volunteer	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
October 11th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Joyce Dierkes	Jerry Ahrens	Kathleen DuMontier	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Chris Knee Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

The Power of Reconciliation

There is hope. There is healing. There is forgiveness. The Church never abandons those who have been wounded by abortion – not the mothers, not the fathers, not the families. The message is clear and unwavering: no sin is beyond God's mercy. It's common, but often unspoken, to grieve the loss of a child by abortion. The Church takes this pain seriously. Post-abortion traumatic stress is very real, and very devastating. The Church offers healing on every level – body, mind, and soul.
(USCCB, Project Rachel)



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of of October 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Observances for the week of of October 4, 2026

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday:
Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions for the week of October 4, 2026

SUN	10/4	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Curtis L. Wiley, Jr. Dr. Paul Biegler, Marie-Rose Tonoukoin
MON	10/5	8:00 AM	Joe Gruenewald
TUES	10/6	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED	10/7	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Ray Wenneman ACHS Mass
THURS	10/8	8:00 AM	Carol Martindale
FRI	10/9	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	10/10	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Lynne Schwartzhoff ACHS Class of 1981
SUN	10/11	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Patricia Gudio For the People

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Hoarding the Harvest

I've always thought the Parable of the Tenants could be a storyline on one of those "world's dumbest criminals" shows.

Serial murder seems like an absolutely insane course of action simply to hoard the profits of a harvest you don't legally own. In what world did the tenants think they would get away with that? Furthermore, they must have had a contract with their landowner ensuring payment for their labor. Why, all of a sudden, is this payment not enough?

It's easy to dismiss the tenants as paranoid. Selfish. Greedy.

But then I think of my soul — my own little vineyard. Who owns it? Who bought it at great cost?

You see, the Parable of the Tenants isn't a story about greed. It's a story about trust. The tenants don't trust the landowner to give them their payment, to honor his promises. They're scared. They're resentful. They're angry.

And I get it.

Around my vineyard, there is a hedge, a protective barrier of grace shielding the fruit within from the toxic fumes of a fallen world. There is a wine press, so that the harvest of my vineyard can fulfill its ultimate purpose instead of withering, forgotten, on the branch. And there is a tower, tall and sturdy, built by capable hands. From its summit, I can see predators — animals, thieves — a long time before they reach me.

But I can see something else from the tower, too. I can see the landowner's Son, making his way to the gates of my vineyard. He is coming to claim the harvest. He is coming to give me what is promised.

Do I trust him? Do I let him in?

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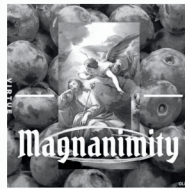


Mid-Point Rally

Date: Oct. 15, 2026

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join us outside the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood for our 40 Days for Life midpoint prayer rally!
Opening prayer will be led by Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB.



Magnanimity, Explained!

Magnanimity, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, describes "the stretching forth of the mind to great things." (Sum. II-II, 129, Art. 1) This virtue protects souls from the temptation to do honorable things for intentions that fall short of honorability.

Magnanimity shares much with the virtue of humility, but unlike humility, it specifically seeks what is great — but never the distinction of being called great. A magnanimous person's focus is solely on accomplishing as much good as possible, as effectively as possible.

When Joseph learned that Mary, his betrothed, was with child through the Holy Spirit, he had a chance to distinguish himself as a virtuous man. In calling for Mary's punishment, he could have condemned immorality loudly and publicly, while distancing himself from what appeared to be sin.

Instead, he did the opposite. He did what he knew to be right. He exhibited magnanimity, and the world was never the same.

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Blessing for Life

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath. Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well.

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."

Ashely	John	Rosalie
Brian	Karim - Gereaux Families	Sue
Carolyn	Kennedy	Tanya
Cathy	Linda	Tiffany
Dave	Mrs. Balba	
Jane	Nathan	God will save
Jeanine	Nicholas	our country
John	Robin	from socialism.

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 27, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,158.55
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 245.00
Guatemala	\$ 95.00
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest	\$ 95.00

THANK YOU

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



September 27, 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
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

Eternal Light Concert

The Diocese of Belleville and the Cathedral of Saint Peter cordially invite you to attend:

Eternal Light Concert...Music of Remembrance and Hope

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Sunday, November 1, 2026 -2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter- 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville

Free Admission



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
120	5,268	22,016

Vocation Corner

"God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being." – St. John Paul II



Save THE Date

St. Henry Fall Festival

Saturday , October 26, 2026

After the 4:00 p.m. Mass

More information next week.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Etc. phone numbers (got rid of your landline?) email address update

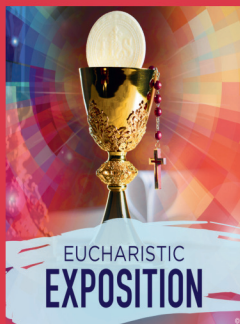
Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Church Office (Dawn) number is (618) 233-2423 X10 or email sthenryc@peaknet.net.



Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Twenty-Seventh 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.



Donald Zaron 10/05
Molly Taylor 10/05
Thomas Quirk 10/06
Robert Benyr 10/07
Carol Maxim 10/08
Elizabeth Wessel 10/08
Janet Visintine 10/08

JoAnn Zid 10/09
Luan Downen 10/09
Marie Shellenberg 10/09
Jean Gross 10/10
Brady Sonnenberg 10/11
Kaitlynn Borik 10/11
Norma Voges 10/11



The Parishes School of Religion
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 of Canterbury Parish.



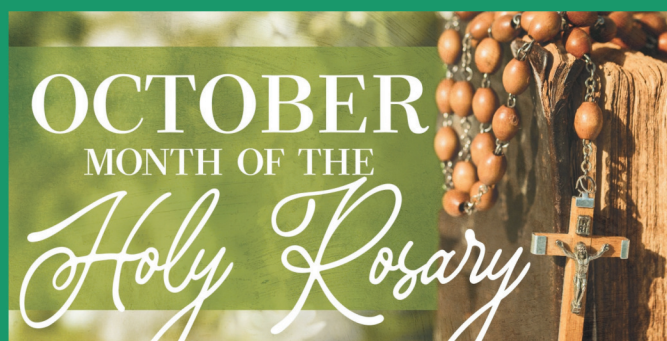
The Parishes School of Religion is in full swing. Today, October 4, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the saint that gave us great respect for all of God's creatures that He created. I want to make you aware that this year on Wednesday, October 28, there will be a special Diocesan Respect Life Mass at St. Augustine at 6:15 PM. Bishop Godfrey will be celebrating the Mass. All PSR students and families have been invited to attend this Mass. There will be more information coming as time gets nearer. Mark your calendars for this Mass. Special thanks to all the parents of our PSR students. Thank you for supporting and trusting us as we strive to pass on the Catholic faith to your children. It is a privilege for us.

Children learn faith by watching how you live, pray, and handle challenges.

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
Coordinator of the Parishes School of Religion
tmarkus@ssndcp.org or 618-550-9903

Althoff Open House

Discover a high school that inspires excellence, fosters growth, and welcomes you like family. Join us at the Althoff Catholic Open House on Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Tour our campus, explore our dynamic science and arts programs, connect with our dedicated faculty, and discover how our faith-centered community prepares students for lifelong success. Bring the whole family—we look forward to seeing you there!



**THIS RESPECT LIFE
SUNDAY, WE HONOR
ALL STAGES OF LIFE
— FROM THE UNBORN
TO THE ELDERLY IN
NEED OF CARE.**

"Before I formed you in
the womb I knew you."

JEREMIAH 1:5

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simply prayer would be helpful.
For this week:

Clinton Rauch
Saint Meinrad Seminary
200 Hill Dr.
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