Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, **"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37).** He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— 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 31st Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michelle Kujawa	**Need Volunteer** Janet Visintine	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Virginia Miller Jennifer Roberts	Nick Kujawa Tristan Kujawa
November 1st Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Gayle Bibee	**Need Volunteer**	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
November 1st Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Kathleen DuMontier	Sue Bolen	Joyce Dierkes Dawn York	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

Eternal Father, Source of all mercy and love, out of love for us you sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from his side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence. Hear the cry of each woman who mourns the loss of her child to abortion. Forgive her sin, restore her to your grace, and still the terror of her heart with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen her faith in you. Give her the consolation to believe that her child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give him everything — and let your life be love.

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Blessing for Harvest

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness.
Amen.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of of October 25, 2026

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Observances for the week of of October 25, 2026

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	All Hallow's Eve
Next Sunday:	All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

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Mass Intentions for the week of October 25, 2026

SUN	10/25	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Ray Wenneman Velda "Lou" Bringaze
MON	10/26	8:00 AM	Kevin Sullivan
TUES	10/27	8:00 AM	Rose Cullen
WED	10/28	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions ACHS Mass
THURS	10/29	8:00 AM	Wayland Downen
FRI	10/30		**NO Mass**
SAT	10/31	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Charles & Cecilia York Maria Pezzuto
SUN	11/01	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For the People Trevor Siebert

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

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace some of the other people. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

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Vocation Corner

Next Sunday, November 1st, starts National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and renewed prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church, and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.



Chastity, *Explained!*

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life. ©LPi





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."

Andy	Emily	Nicholas
Ashely	Groh Family	Pat and Tom
Barb	Hayden,	Pope Leo XIV
Barbara	Jane	Ron
Betty Ann	John	Rosalie
Brian	Jon	Rose
Carolyn	Kelly	Sue
Cathy	Kurt	Tanya
Cullen Family	Linda	Terry
Dan	Maggie	Tiffany
Darla	Margie	Tom
Dave	Michele	William

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed, 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.

October 18, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	**$ 2,827.90**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$ 95.75**
Guatemala	**$ 60.75**
World Mission Sunday	**$ 1,155.00**

THANK YOU

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



October 25, 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 ACHS Mass **Eucharistic Exposition** 2:30-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass
Friday	**NO 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
Featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Fauré
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
125	5,690	22,438

Next Weekend!!!

Saturday night.

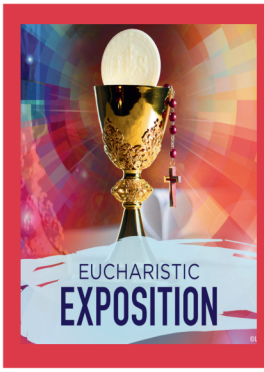


ALTHOFF CATHOLIC

Open House

The Althoff Catholic Open House is happening this **Sunday, October 25, 2026,** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come tour campus facilities, learn about our hands-on academics and fine arts, meet our supportive faculty, and experience our strong, faith-filled community firsthand. We look forward to welcoming you!





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

Steve Jackson 10/26
Anne Louth 10/27
Braden Benyr 10/27
Jessica Knee 10/27
Barbara Cadell 10/28
Felipe Sanchez Sr. 10/28
Kyle Cook 10/29
Jacob Maxwell 10/30
Darla Knepper 10/31
David Wilhelm 10/31
Hannah Sambo 10/31
Joseph Kernan 10/31
Mary Babka 10/31
Sarah Barton 10/31

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:

Mateo Leonelli
Conception Seminary College
37174 State Hwy V V
P.O. Box 502
Conception, MO 64433



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PARISHES SCHOOL OF RELIGION



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.

Today, Sunday, October 25, Parishes School of Religion is not in session. We have asked all families to attend the Respect Life Mass on Wednesday, October 28 at St. Augustine Church. The Mass begins at 6:15 PM. Following the Mass, there is a reception and everyone attending is invited to the reception. Bishop Godfrey will be the celebrant of that Mass. We remember that all life is sacred from womb to tomb.

Please join us for this special Mass to celebrate that all life is sacred.

"All life deserves respect, dignity and compassion, ALL LIFE." (Anonymous)

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
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NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



OPEN HOUSE:
SUN, DEC 6
1-6PM

MON-WED,
DEC 7,8,9
9AM-5PM

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IN HONOR OF JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS AND MISSIONS OF BLESSED FULTON SHEEN

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Halloween

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember … this feast was Catholic first! ©LPi

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