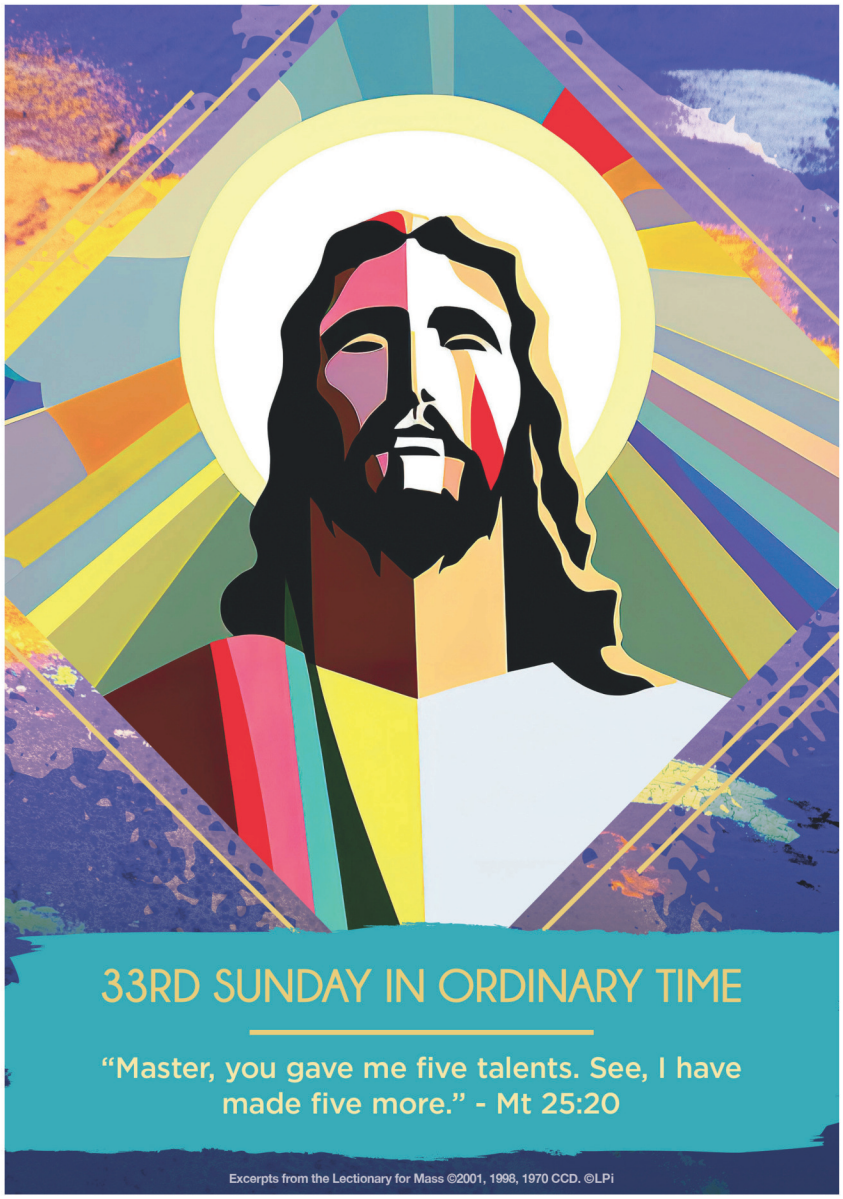
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November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: **"Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25)**. The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.

— 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
November 21st Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis Lechein	Betty Cerulli Ramona Effinger	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Virginia Miller Jennifer Roberts	Kacie Denton Susan O'malley
November 22nd Sunday, 8:30 AM	Greg Mehochko	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
November 22nd Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Jerry Ahrens	Kathleen Dumontier	Lynne Fulte Dawn York	Chris Knee Need Volunteer
November 26th Thursday, 9:00 AM Thanksgiving	Lynne Fulte	Jeannette Yelinek			

Respect Life Corner

Palliative Care Awareness Month



November is Palliative Care Awareness Month The Catholic Diocese of Belleville Ministry to the Sick and Aged affirms the dignity of human life of the sick and elder members of our faith community through spiritual, sacramental, educational and pastoral ministry. They provide Holy Communion to hospital patients and loan medical equipment to those living in their homes. If you are a trained Eucharistic Minister and are willing to visit long-term care facilities, or if you need medical equipment or have some to donate, please contact Connie Barre at cbarre@diobelle.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God invites us to take part in the mission of the Gospel. His investment is his Body and Blood, offered for our salvation. What return will it generate? Only we can decide what to do with this great gift ©LPi

Blessing for a Friendsgiving

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these beautiful souls gathered! You have blessed us in our friendship with each other! May each of us deeply know Your generosity this evening, through rich food and drink, through company and conversation, through Your goodness and grace.
Amen. ©LPi

Readings for the week of of November 15, 2026

Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Observances for the week of November 15, 2026

Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wednesday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Mass Intentions for the week of November 15, 2026

SUN	11/15	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For the People Walter & Cecelia Turner, Sr. Diane Marie Turner
MON	11/16	8:00 AM	Kevin Sullivan
TUES	11/17	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
WED	11/18	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions ACHS Mass
THURS	11/19	8:00 AM	Joseph Novack Family
FRI	11/20	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	11/21	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	William Pranaitis Ray Wennemann, Quentin Lauer
SUN	11/22	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Nova Lee Galvin For the People

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

Professional Catholics

They call us "professional Catholics."

You know many of these folks. Maybe you are one (I am). Maybe it's part of your actual job to work for the Church. "Manna from Heaven," I once called it — the privilege of seeing your bills paid by money earned talking about God.

I was having dinner with a friend recently who works in a local parish. She shared with me that some of her colleagues don't seem to have much of a devotional life outside of their jobs. Some don't even attend regular Mass, though their lives revolve around the Church.

"That's terrible," I said, not wanting to think of the holy hours I haven't had time for, the Rosaries I haven't finished, and the stack of spiritual books next to my desk, spines uncracked.

You don't have to earn a paycheck to be a professional Catholic. A professional Catholic can be anyone who spends a good deal of time simply identifying as a disciple, without embracing what that actually means.

See, I was wrong to call it "manna from Heaven." Manna merely sustains life, and we shouldn't be satisfied with that. The reward of a disciple should be more.

The opportunity to spread the Gospel is a fortune, lavishly endowed to the care of a servant by a master who is long delayed. He doesn't care about return on investment. He'll be just as pleased with a twofold increase as a five-fold one. It's not about profits. It's about engagement.

How terrible will it be, when I stand before God, if all I can tell Him is this: "I did my job. I was a professional."

I want to tell Him I did more. I pray I can tell Him I did more.

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Abstinence, *Explained!*

The virtue of abstinence describes the act of refusing, to any extent, food or types of food. On its own, this action does not produce grace within a soul. However, when regulated by reason and performed in pursuit of sanctification, it is a pious form of mortification of the flesh.

Abstinence is compelled by the fourth precept of the Catholic Church ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.") This precept "ensures the times of ascesis and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," says the Catechism (CCC 2043).

St. Thomas writes that the virtuous act of fasting is ordered to three ends: first, to control the appetites of the flesh; second, "that the mind may arise more freely to the contemplation of heavenly things," as we see so often in Scripture; and third, in reparation for sin (II:II, 147, Art. 1).

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Vocation Corner

Today's Gospel story tells of God's expectation of us to use the talents with which we've been entrusted. Are we using our talent to grow the Kingdom of God? Are we encouraging young folks to listen to God and hear his call to their unique vocation? When discussing their lives with them, don't forget to include religious life as one of the options to discern.



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."

Alice	Bob	Judy	Maggie
Amanda	Carol	Keith	Peggy
Andrew	Cathy	Kennedy	Pope Leo XIV
Andy	Dan	Kurt	Ron
Bach Family	Greg	Laura	Sue
Becky	Groh Family	Linda	Susan
Betty Ann	Jim and Shirley	Louise	Tanya
Bill			Terry

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.

November 8, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	**$ 4,088.15**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$ 236.50**
Guatemala	**$ 60.90**
All Saints Day	**$ 60.90**
Catholic Campaign for Human Developemnt	**$ 51.50**
Christmas Flowers	**$ 215.00**

THANK YOU

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



November 15, 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 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**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the candles set in front of statues inside a church?

Answer: Vigil/votive candles

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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
111	6,190	22,938

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Giving of Treasure

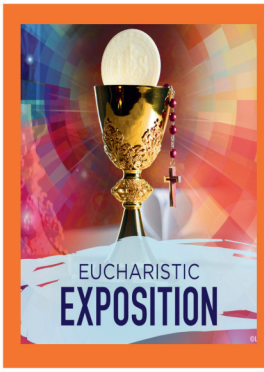
Question:
Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:
Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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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.





BIRTHDAY Celebration!

Claire Sintzel 11/16
David Bollman 11/16
Donald McAlister 11/16
Bobby Elam 11/18
Stephanie Babka 11/18
Elizabeth Fahey 11/19
Maria Carroll 11/19
Daniel Heuermann 11/20
Jacob Amann 11/20
Teresa Parson 11/20
Sara Dahm 11/21
Maureen Lawrence 11/22



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:

Tyler Horstmann
Glennon College Seminary
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119



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We **do** have class on Sunday, November 15 from 8:45 – 10:10 AM and on Wednesday, November 18 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. I thank Father Bill McGhee, Father Ken York and Father Joseph Oganda for celebrating Reconciliation with our PSR students on Wednesday, November 4 during the PSR class time. Thank you for your time. Last week we were able to finally practice a fire drill with our students. The teachers also practice tornado drills and earthquake drills with their students.

Mistakes are steppingstones to mastery; embrace them. It encourages children to view errors as part of learning. (Unknown author)

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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. **In the United States, over 11 % of the population lives in poverty**. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, **25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese** to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins.

More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.



The St. Henry Parish Christmas party is Sunday, December 6th after 10:30 A.M. Mass, in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center, for the WHOLE parish. Sponsored by the Men's Club and Ladies Club.

Reservations are required! Please call Dawn at the rectory 618-233-2423 x10 or Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340 before November 20th.

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