

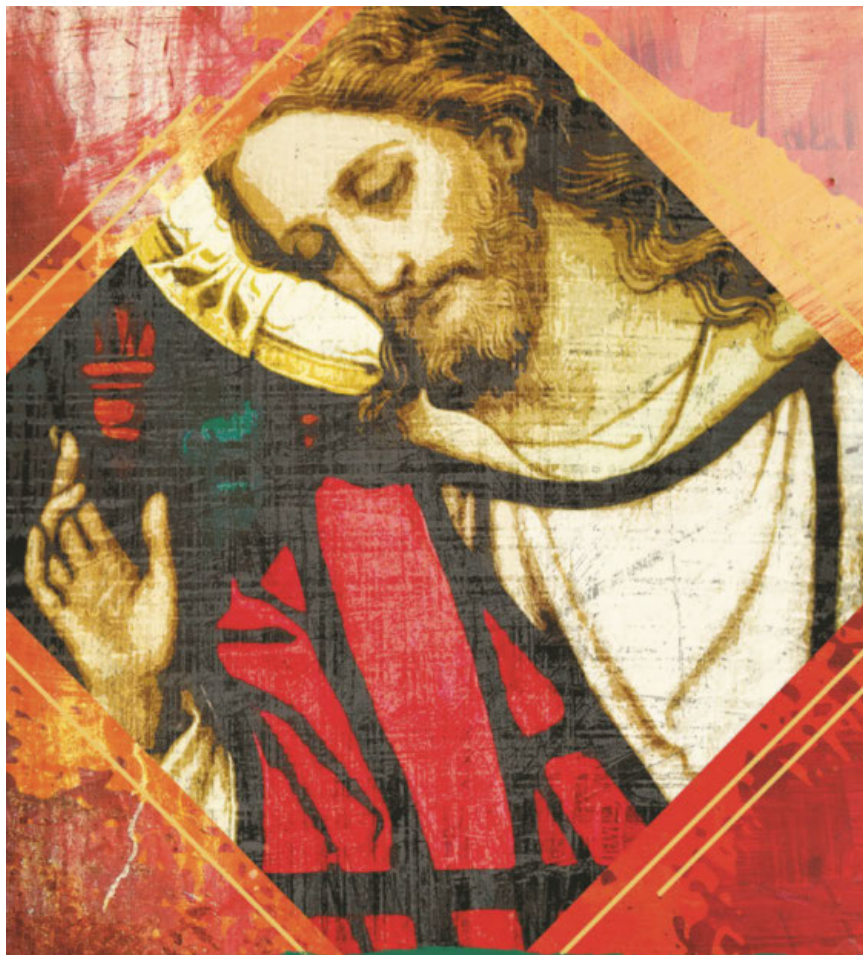
Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:40

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There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)**. Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— *Father John Muir*
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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 |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| August 15 th Friday, 6:30 PM Assumption of Mary | Need Volunteer | Betty Cerulli Jeannette Yelinek | Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller | Lois Parent Alvina Tippy | Kacie Denton Paul Schwartzhoff |
| August 16 th Saturday, 4:00 PM | Maureen Reed | David Bollman Ramona Effinger | Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam | Sue Kaltenbronn Tristan Kujawa | Mark Denton Trish Denton |
| August 17 th Sunday, 8:30 AM | Joyce Dierkes | Gayle Bibee | Cathy Lugge | Lynne Fulte Bernadette Gadu | Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko |
| August 17 th Sunday, 10:30 AM | Sue Bolen | Beth Regensberger | Chris Knee | Pat King Dawn York | Jerry Ahrens Need Volunteer |

Respect Life Corner

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

READINGS OF THE WEEK

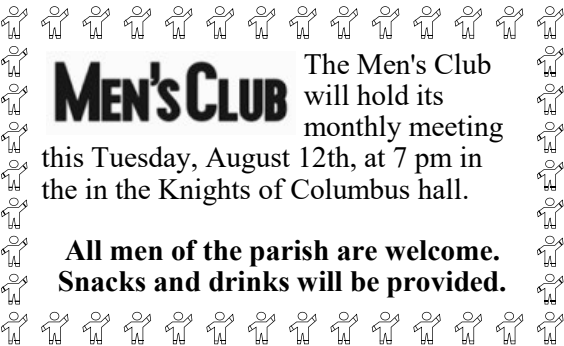
Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing, help me to remember what truly matters. To treasure love above all else, and to serve readily.
Amen.

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MEN'S CLUB The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, August 12th, at 7 pm in the in the Knights of Columbus hall.

All men of the parish are welcome.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 10, 2025

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| SUN 8/10 | 8:30 AM | Adrienne Garcia |
| | 10:30 AM | John Rensing |
| MON 8/11 | 8:00 AM | Catholic Extension Intentions |
| TUE 8/12 | 8:00 AM | Lois Eckert |
| WED 8/13 | 8:00 AM | Catholic Extension Intentions |
| THUR 8/14 | 8:00 AM | Carol Gallagher |
| FRI 8/15 | 9:00 AM | Ray Scheibel |
| | 1:00 PM | Althoff HS |
| | 6:30 PM | For the People |
| SAT 8/16 | 8:00 AM | Curtis L. Wiley, Jr |
| | 4:00 PM | Clifford Colmer, Quentin Lauer |
| SUN 8/17 | 8:30 AM | Bernie Liske |
| | 10:30 AM | For the People |

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God's grace?

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

Are You Talking to Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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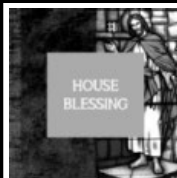
And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the *others*. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

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House Blessing, Explained!

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it.

The Roman Ritual (Book of Blessings) provides two formats for house blessings: one during the Easter or Christmas season (specifically for the Epiphany) and one for Ordinary Time. Those who live in the home must be present for a house to be blessed. A priest, deacon or lay person can administer the blessing, although if a lay person does so they must use the rites accorded to lay ministers in the Roman Ritual.

A house blessing includes Scripture readings, intercessions and a prayer of blessing. ©LPi

Vocation Corner

"I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!"

Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. Columbia, September 2022



PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illnesses. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

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| Ann | David | Leslie |
| Barb | Debra | Mary Ann |
| Bev | Declan | Mike |
| Bill | Dennis | Pat |
| Bob | Don | Patti |
| Bob and Mary | Frances | Reed Family |
| Carol | Gina | Robin |
| Carolyn | Heather | Rose |
| Cathy | Jennifer & Family | Rosemary |
| Charlie | Jim | Scott |
| Chris | John and Barb | Shauna |
| Colleen | Kayla | Tom |

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 is unavailable to take your call

please leave a message.

Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.

ASSUMPTION
of the blessed virgin Mary



****All parish support listed is from the week's collections, mailed in, and online donations.****

August 3, 2025

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| Envelopes/Loose | \$ 5,579.14 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 458.25 |
| Guatemala | \$ 162.00 |
| 100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations | \$ 601.00 |
| Assumption of Mary | \$ 5.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 55.00 |
| Catholic Commutation Campaign | \$ 20.00 |
| Seminarian Education | \$ 25.00 |
| Ascension of The Lord | \$ 20.00 |

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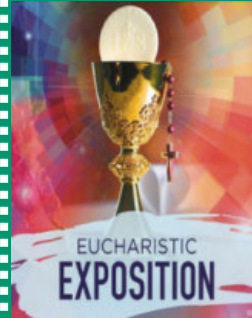
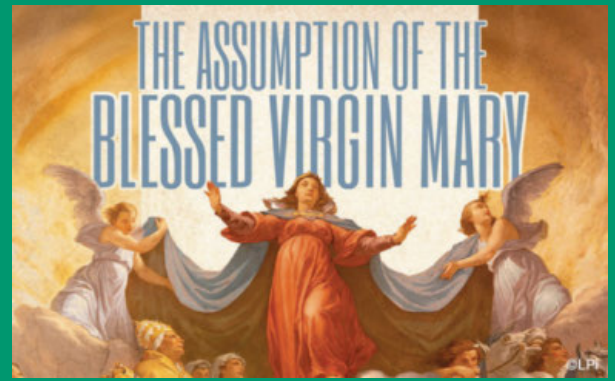
August 10, 2025

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| Sunday | - 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass |
| Monday | - |
| Tuesday | - Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | - Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm |
| Thursday | - |
| Friday | - 9:00 am Mass - 1:00 pm Althoff Mass - 6:30 pm Mass |
| Saturday | - 4:00 pm Mass |
| Sunday | - 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 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 |
|--------|--------------|-------------|
| 114 | 4,322 | 14,360 |



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy!

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Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

Dear Parish members:

Every fall The Messenger celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our diocesan priests with a special **PRIEST APPRECIATION ISSUE**. This year's Priesthood issue falls on Sept. 11, 2024.

Our priests' pastoral ministries affect people's spiritual and personal lives in many ways, often at significant times: the baptism of children or adults; first Eucharist, confirmation, young couples preparing to be married in the church; visitations to a parishioner in the hospital or nursing home, receiving the anointing of the sick, a family funeral liturgy. These are all emotional times that can be made more meaningful or less difficult when a priest walks alongside a family or individual.

To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, The Messenger invites parishioners to comment on how priests' pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community.

Please send brief comments to: messenger@diobelle.org

Deadline: 5 p.m. Thursday, August 28.

Please note: The comments are free and separate from the Priest Appreciation paid advertisements.

Birthday Celebration



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Michael Gebhart 08/11 | Sherry Hamilton 08/14 |
| Michael McEvilly 08/11 | Katherine Melow 08/14 |
| Beth Regensberger 08/11 | Deborah Rettle 08/14 |
| Dovie Steele 08/11 | Judy Schroeder 08/14 |
| Deanna Hilpert 08/12 | Janis Verzal 08/14 |
| Timothy Deppe 08/13 | Stephanie Schroeder 08/15 |
| Bernard Fahey Jr. 08/13 | Kimberly Lisch 08/16 |
| Katherine Voges 08/13 | John McPherson 08/16 |

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