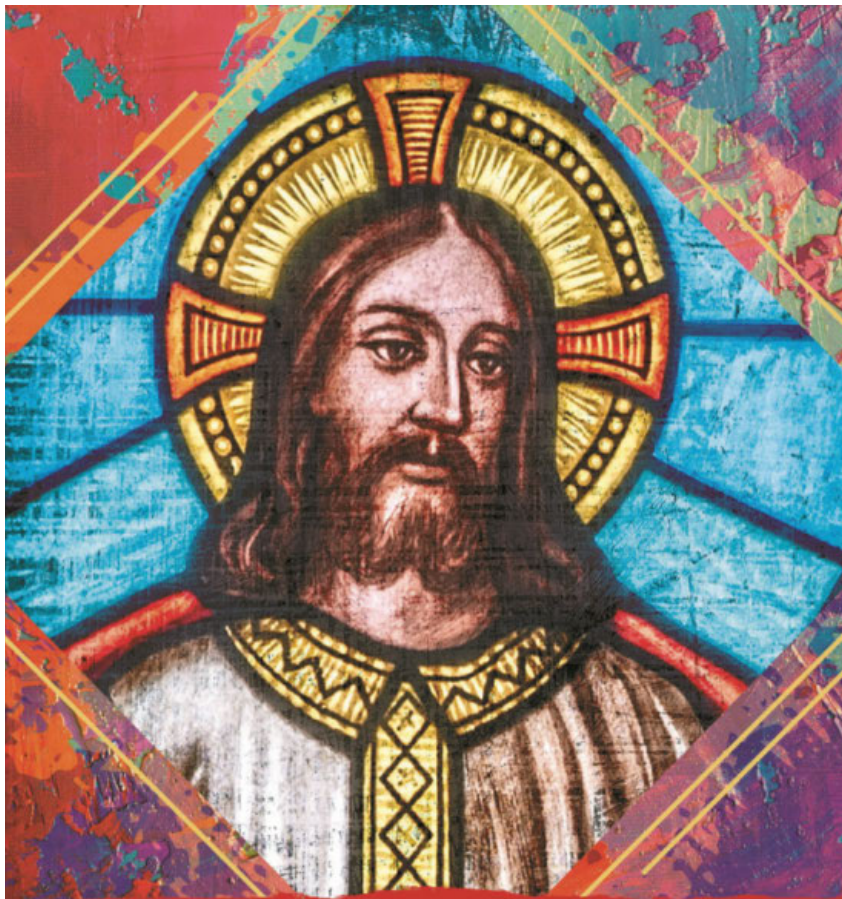


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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
- Lk 12:50

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August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?"** he asks, **"No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— *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
August 23rd Saturday, 4:00 PM	Trish Denton	Janet Visintine Jeannette Yelinek	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Kacie Denton Susan O'Malley
August 24th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	George Mehochko	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
August 24th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Beth Regensberger	Pat King	Lynne Fulte Lois Parent	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life”

VOCATION CORNER

“When I was 7, my older sister joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and took the name Sister Celine. This sparked in me a deep curiosity about her religious vocation, which eventually led me to spend several weeks with her community in a remote island mission in the Bicol region of the Philippines. The conditions were stark; the area lacked electricity and clean water. Yet, I discovered extraordinary richness in the lives of the people. And, undiminished by material poverty, the SOLT sisters radiated joy that stemmed from their faith and dedication to serving others. During my stay, I felt an unprecedented sense of peace, as if enveloped by God’s love. I saw Jesus in the faces of those we served, each interaction revealing the transformative beauty and power of faith. Now, as a SOLT sister, I find fulfillment in living the Gospel’s message, witnessing to hope and the miracle of faith in action.

Sr. Mary Louis Granadillos; Society of Our Lady of the most Holy Trinity; Columbia Magazine April 2025

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames. ©LPi

Readings Week of the

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope
Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 17, 2025

SUN 8/17	8:30 AM	Bernie Liske
	10:30 AM	For the People
MON 8/18	8:00 AM	Fr. Allen Maes O.M.I.
TUE 8/19	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
WED 8/20	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
	10:20 AM	Althoff H.S. 1st School Mass of the Year
THUR 8/21	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
FRI 8/22	8:00 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
SAT 8/23	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	4:00 PM	For the People
SUN 8/24	8:30 AM	Denny Derfler
	10:30 AM	Patricia Pratt



**2025 Fall Family Festival is Saturday,
September 20th after the 4:00 pm Mass**



Sunday, August 17, 2025 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

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Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.

Amen.

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Gregorian Chant, Explained!



Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.

Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is "specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

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 * **LADIES' CLUB** * St. Henry Ladies Club meeting will be on *
 * August 19th, at 5:00 PM at the parish center. *
 * Our meal will be cold deli sandwiches and *
 * chips, desserts, and drinks. We will have a guest speaker Carol *
 * Geluck to speak to us about the Box of Joy program and her trip to *
 * the facility in Florida. *
 * We will be collecting items for the soup kitchen now known as *
 * Hubbard's Haven which will be water Gatorade individual packages *
 * of chips cookies cheese and crackers snack bars white t shirts, *
 * laundry supplies wipes body wash. All women are invited hope to *
 * see on the 19th. **ALL ladies of the parish are welcome.** *
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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."

Ann	Debra	Kayla
Barb	Declan	Leslie
Barbara	Dennis	Mary Ann
Bob	Don	Mike
Bob and Mary	Doug	Pat
Carol	Frances	Patricia
Carolyn	Gina	Patti
Cathy	Heather	Robin
Charlie	Heidi	Rose
Chris	Jennifer and family	Scott
Colleen	Jim	Shauna
David	John and Barb	Tom

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

August 10, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,404.02
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 113.25
Guatemala	\$ 75.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 1,092.00
The Assumption of Mary	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU

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



August 17, 2025

Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass
Monday	-
Tuesday	- Ladies Club Mtg 5:00 pm
Wednesday	- Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday	-
Friday	-
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
102	4,424	14,462

Ladies

To all the ladies of St. Henry. Please join your sister parishes of the Metro-East Vicariate in the MEV CCW Fall Day of Prayer/ Meeting to be held at St. Mary Parish Center, 116 W. Wood Ridge, Valmeyer, IL 62295 on Thursday, October 2. Registration is open at 8:30am. Fr. Linus Umoren C.M. will celebrate Mass. Our speaker will be Fr. Sebastian Ukoh C.M.. A brief meeting will follow lunch that is included in the registration fee of \$15. Registrations are required by **September 22**. For any questions, please call the president of your ladies' organization or Zoe Ann Schwarze, at 618-920-6546.

Please text or call Marilyn if you want to attend, The Ladies Club will pay your registration.



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This study is for adults who wish to deepen their faith through an increased knowledge of the inspired Word of God, which can transform your heart and mind. Weekly meetings will be held from September 2025 thru April 2026.

For more information about our upcoming study please contact Cheryl 618-420-6800 or Marcia 618-977-2537 or see our website at www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org **Childcare provided!**

Blessed Sacrament Grade School Class of 1965

Reunion Wednesday, August 20, 2025
4 pm at Tim & Joe's Tavern 6500 West Main St.

Please spread the word.

Any Questions?
Contact Frank Srogus at 618-578-9414.

Clerical Assistant Wanted

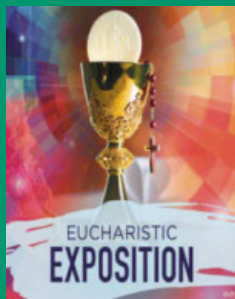
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council is seeking a person to join their dedicated staff:

Position: Outreach Clerk

Work Schedule: Part-time -- Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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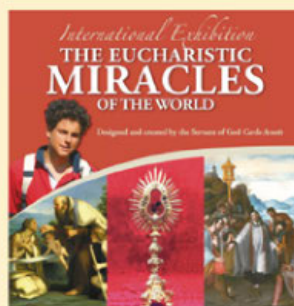
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Thomas Dahlmann	08/20
Catherine Edgar	08/20
Angela McGee	08/20
Kelly Bramlett	08/21
David Courtney Jr.	08/21
Mary Jo Hanvey	08/21
Delrose Brueggemann	08/22
Patrick McEvilly	08/23
Charles Fitzpatrick	08/24
Janis LeChien	08/24
Reta Schellinger	08/24
William Wuller	08/24



INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

*Sponsored by the St. Peter Fraternity
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Saturday, September 13th 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Sunday, September 14th 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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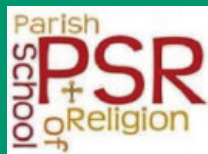
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"Love is never defeated."
— St. John Paul II



Dear PSR Families: I send this note with a
somewhat heavy heart. After decades of St.
Henry parish offering PSR classes, we sadly are
in the position where we can no longer offer
this ministry. This is mostly due to declining
enrollment.

Thankfully, there are other PSR programs available in the area.
There is a city PSR which includes Cathedral, St. Mary's, St.
Luke's, St. Augustine's and St. Teresa's. There are also PSR classes
at St. James in Millstadt, Corpus Christi and St. Nicholas in Shiloh/
O'Fallon area and also at Immaculate Concepcion in Columbia. I
will be happy to get you contact information for one of these
parishes' PSR program if you would like me to.

Due to this change possibly being an inconvenience to our PSR
families, St. Henry has decided to reimburse the tuition for your
child if a receipt is provided to the rectory office.

Again, this was not a decision that was made lightly or without
much discussion. We just can no longer continue with the program.

Of course, should you have any questions, I will be happy to try and
answer them. Also, you are always free to call me anytime.

Thank you.
Kim Ahrens
PSR Director
618-540-8383



St. Henry Ladies Club
is participating in the
Box of Joy program.
If you would like to
help us, please grab a
box and list to
sponsor a child
behind the pews in

the back of church. Pick up your boxes early and take
advantage of all the Back-to-School sales. School supplies and
clothing (t-shirts, blouses, & simple dresses) are "high priority"
items. We will take care of the postage. The filled boxes may
be dropped off to the Ladies Club meeting on September 16th
or placed in the collection box in the vestibule in the back
church by September 21st. The Boxes of Joy are being shipped
on September 25th.

A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox that is donated and
packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured
items by U.S. parishes, schools and groups. Each child who
receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and a booklet in
their own language that tells The Story of Jesus. Box of Joy
provides hope to children in need, each gift represents Christ's
love and may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

We need a company or individuals to help pay the cost of
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Thank you for your support! If you have any questions,
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