



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

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August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "**Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David.**" At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "**It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.**" But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "**Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.**" Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "**O woman, great is your faith,**" it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— *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 Minister	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
August 22nd Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michelle Kujawa	Ivan Tepen Patti Tepen	Virginia Miller Need Volunteer	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Tristan Kujawa Nick Kujawa
August 23rd Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	George Mehochko	Joyce Dierkes	Bernadette Gadu Kathy Pajares	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
August 23rd Sunday, 10:30 AM	Sue Bolen	Dawn York	Need Volunteer	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

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

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 16, 2026

SUN	8/16	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Lynne Schwartzhoff
MON	8/17	8:00 AM	Judith Marchand
TUES	8/18	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED	8/19	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	John Rensing ACHS Mass
THURS	8/20	8:00 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
FRI	8/21	8:00 AM	Jean Muntan
SAT	8/22	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions For The People
SUN	8/23	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Robert Jones Jean Gass

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

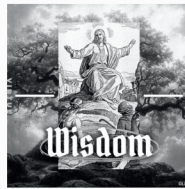
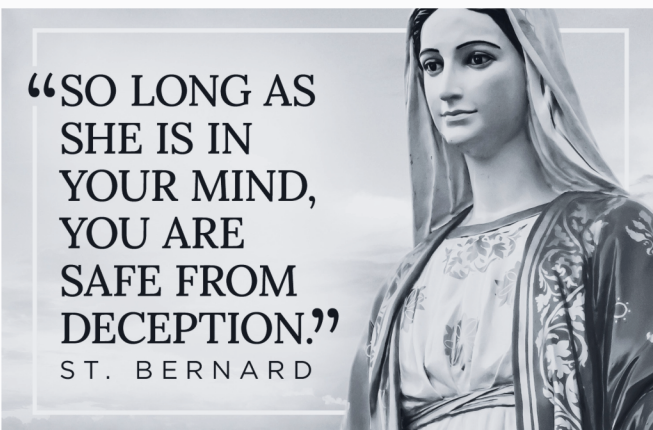
We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

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Wisdom, Explained!

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God,

Move in our community: Bring Your light to the darkness, Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair, Your healing to those in pain. Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate.

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."

Alice	Helen	Pat
Barb	Jones Family	Patrick
Betty	Jykel	Peggy
Cathy	Koerber Family	Quinn
Dale	Linda	Range Family
Dan	Lon	Rose
Dorothy	Lou	Tanya
Douglas	Nikolas	

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.****

August 9, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,401.70
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 691.50
Guatemala	\$ 75.90
Assumption of Mary	\$ 5.00

THANK YOU

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



August 16, 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 Ladies Club Mtg 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass 10:20 AM ACHS Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 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



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
140	4,317	21,065

St Henry's Ladies Club is sponsoring an INDOOR YARD SALE.

Event times: September 11th 5-8pm, 12th 8-4pm. &, 13th 8-12pm

A seller fee of \$20 per family to participate.

Tables are provided until all are taken.

Address: Msgr. Bernard L. Voss Parish Center,
5303 West Main, Belleville, IL 62226

Setup can be Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Your area must be oversaw by yourself or one of your family member at all times.

Unsold items must be removed at the end of the sale.

Questions: Please call Marilyn Elam - 618-604-6340

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

St. Henry Ladies Club 2026 Box of Joy program

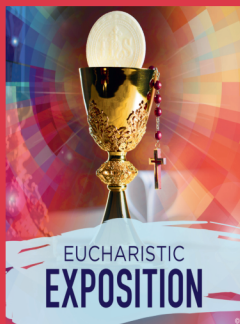
St. Henry Ladies Club will be participating in the 2026 Box of Joy program. Box of Joy is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. Boxes, Gift suggestions list and rubber bands will be available to be picked up in the back of church. Filled boxes need to be returned by September 15th.

Monetary donations will be appreciated and please put in envelopes with St. Henry's Ladies Club.

Thanks for your participation.

Questions: Please call Marilyn Elam at 618-604-6340

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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.

This could be Our Lord calling you to serve!

The Liturgy Committee wants to expand Communion at each Weekend Mass to include the Precious Blood. To make this happen, we need to train and schedule more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Each Mass would require 4 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Training is provided! Serving Our Lord in this capacity is an honor and a privilege and a commitment to a closer relationship with Our Lord. **"Draw Near to God and He will Draw near to you."** James 4:8

Please speak to Father Ken or call the parish office to be included 618-233-2423.

CELEBRATE

Annette Bigam 08/18	BAngela McGee 08/20
Daniel Clark 08/18	Kelly Bramlett 08/21
Nicole Lugge 08/18	David Courtney Jr. 08/21
Tyler Adams 08/20	Mary Jo Hanvey 08/21
Thomas Dahlmann 08/20	Delrose Brueggemann 08/22
Catherine Edgar 08/20	Patrick McEvelly 08/23

Parish Council 2 positions open!

The St. Henry Parish Council is seeking 2 parishioners willing to serve a 3 year term on the Parish Council. The Council meets every other month on the 4th Monday of the month. No experience needed. Qualifications: a love of God and his people, interest in parish activities and a willingness to share ideas for solving issues that come before the Council.
Self nominations accepted!

Please contact Dawn or Father Ken in the parish office if you have any questions. 618-233-2423



Planning is well underway for "Becoming Catholic" gatherings which will begin soon! Many inquirers are seeking to know, and are invited to "Come and See," what a relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church looks like. Through sharing our Catholic faith, Holy Scripture, and personal witness of an everyday walk with Jesus, inquirers will come to know the Joy of "Becoming Catholic."

Inquiry gatherings will be offered on Thursday evenings in the Cathedral of St. Peter Undercroft at 7:00 PM on September 17 and again on September 24, 2026. Formation will begin on Thursday October 1, 2026.

These gatherings offer a perfect opportunity for anyone who has expressed interest in coming to the Church, wishing to complete their sacraments, or simply looking to learn more about our faith. Please contact Deacon Jim Law with questions regarding "Becoming Catholic."

LADIES' CLUB

St. Henry's Ladies Club will be having our August meeting on August 18th at 5:00pm in the parish center.

Our dinner will be Taco Tuesday. We will need some ladies to make desserts. I will get the rest of the meal. So come hungry. Hope to see many of you.

We will be collecting items for Hubbard's Haven. Acceptable items: Individual oatmeal, Jars of jelly, Individual bags of potato chips, Ranch dressing, Napkins, Garlic salt

Questions: Please contact Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340

ALL ladies of the parish are welcome.



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snows.org/wreaths (618) 397-6700 wreaths@snows.org

Donate a Wreath

Share your creative touch for a good cause by crafting a handmade wreath for our public silent auction, running.

More information at
<https://snows.org/wreaths>

November 20 – December 18, 2026.

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 [Snows.org/memorial-and-traditional-planting](https://snows.org/memorial-and-traditional-planting)

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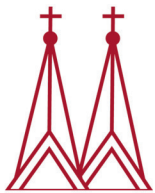
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