



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— 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
January 17th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	David Bollman Janet Visintine	Nick Kujawa Michelle Kujawa	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Mark Denton Kevin Effinger
January 18th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Gayle Bibee	Joyce Dierkes	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
January 18th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Beth Regensberger	Need Volunteer	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Chris Knee Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena
9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Vocation Corner

Our Gospel for today tells of Jesus beginning his public life by being baptized in the Jordan. He accepts His “call” from the Father to evangelize and ultimately save us from our sins. “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Our mission is to follow our own call to evangelize. This may be through the priesthood, sisterhood, marriage, or the single life. We need to step up to accept our mission so the Father can say of us “with whom I am well pleased.”

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, “It is fitting.” So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

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Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,
 Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved. Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism. Plant Your identity in our hearts. Help us to live as Your beloved.
 Amen.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of January 11, 2026

SUN 1/11	8:30 AM	Eileen O' Brien
	10:30 AM	Joseph Hubbard
MON 1/12	8:00 AM	Mary Adams
TUE 1/13	8:00 AM	Joe Gruenewald
WED 1/14	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
	10:30 AM	ACHS
THUR 1/15	8:00 AM	Msgr. Daniel Jurek
FRI 1/16	8:00 AM	Fr. Ronald Weber
SAT 1/17	8:00 AM	Corrado Bartolini
	4:00 PM	Theresa Painter, Michael O'Malley
SUN 1/18	8:30 AM	For The People
	10:30 AM	Francis Koszelink



St. Vincent De Paul thanks everyone who gave gloves, hats, scarfs etc. for the “Warm Heads, Warm Hands, Warm Hearts!” drive. We collected 284 items. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

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Saint
ANTHONY ABBOT



Joy, Explained!

Though it is often used as a synonym for happiness, joy has far more to do with the choices we make than the emotions we feel.

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love. The virtue of joy, therefore, is a fruit of the virtue of love, or charity (CCC 1829).

"We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done," said Saint Pope John Paul II. "We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy."

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Bible Study

Please join us as we complete the final 10-week study of **The Acts of the Apostles**, Ch. 13-28.

There are **2 Visitor Session** dates and times available:

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 9:15-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at **St. Clare of Assisi** or **Thursday evening Jan. 22, 6:30-8 pm** in the parish hall at **Corpus Christi in Shiloh, IL.**

For more information, please call: Cheryl 618-420-6800, Marcia 618-977-2537 or Tanja 210-863-4156.



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."

Amy	Debbie	King family
Becky	Gwendolyn	Marabeth
Betty	Heilig/Cox Families	MaryAnn
Bob	Jim	Rosalie
Carol	Joan	Rose
Cathy	Joanna	Scott
Dakota	John	Sue & Andrew
Daryl	Kayla	Sylvia
David	Ken	Tanya

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.****

December 22, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,727.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 603.25
Guatemala	\$ 50.00
Retirement fund for the Religious	\$ 92.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 21.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 260.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$ 105.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 170.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU

Weekly Schedule

January 11, 2026

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** -
- Tuesday** - Men's Club Mtg 7:00pm
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition
2:30-4:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
- 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)
3 weeks worth of Rosaries

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
497	497	17,245



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December 25 & 28, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,977.52
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 654.25
Guatemala	\$ 50.00
Retirement fund for the Religious	\$ 40.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 25.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 5,829.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$ 1,945.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 16.00

THANK YOU

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



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January 1 & 4, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 10,219.02
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 248.25
Guatemala	\$ 285.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$ 35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 630.00
Collection Human Development	\$ 25.00

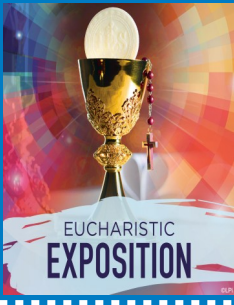
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When writing a check for a donation to St. Vincent DePaul please make checks payable to St. Vincent DePaul NOT St. Henry Parish.

All others collections please make the check out to St. Henry Church

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, January 13, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All men of the parish are welcome.



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.

Happy Birthday

Daniel VonAlst 1/12	George Mehochko 1/15
Harry Hamilton 1/13	Nathaniel Partington 1/15
Brian Marchand 1/13	Alexis Eagan 1/16
Tiffany Sonnenberg 1/13	Marla Dresch 1/17
Patricia Tepen 1/13	Tuan Nguyen 1/17
Ryan Wilhelm 1/13	Jeanne Bittle 1/18
Edward Lopinot 1/14	Bryan Louth 1/18
Ryan Stookey 1/14	Jill O'Donnell 1/18

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.



We offer our deepest sympathies
and prayerful support to the
families of

**Patricia King,
Richard Hoeffken,
Mary Ann Cox, &
Jeanette Remelius**

May our prayers be of comfort to their families in
their time of loss and sorrow.



Christmas Flowers In Memory Of ...

Hubbard Family
Llamas Family
The parents of Mr. & Mrs. Joaquim Cardoz

These were received after the bulletins were printed.

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St. Henry's St. Vincent de Paul Society Year End Treasurer's Report

October, 2024 through December, 2025

St Henry's St. Vincent de Paul Society aided 231 clients
with power, water, and sewer for a year's total of
\$ 47,469.76

They received a total of 529 calls, referred 298 clients,
and aided 231.

They gave 1000 hours of volunteer service this year.

St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks everyone for their
support in this effort to help those in need.

Contribution Statements for 2025

Contribution statements will be sent out **BY REQUEST** again this year. If you would like a contribution statement for your taxes, please let Dawn know at 618-233-2423 or email sthenryc@peaknet.net.

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HUMAN LIFE**

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JANUARY 16-24