



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God"** (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir
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ST. HENRY'S PRAYER CHAIN

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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 24th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Trish Denton	Betty Cerulli Janis LeChein	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Kacie Denton Susan O'Malley
January 25th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Joyce Dierkes	Gayle Bibee	Lynne Fulte	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	George Mehochko Paul Schwartzhoff
January 25th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. This coming Thursday, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-20-action-guide-roe-anniversary.pdf>

Vocation Corner

“When I was 6 years old, I told my mom I could never be a nun – I’d get too hot in a habit, I said, and faint. Thank God he never stops drawing our hearts to himself! The Lord led me to religious life through experiences of serving the poor with my family. My dad, an optometrist, organized annual eye care missions in underserved countries; we accompanied him several times. In middle school, I read a book about Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her deep spirituality and witness of love and truth struck a chord in me. She became for me a model of a life wholly given to God through service to the poor. When the Lord made my call to religious life clear to me, it was to this life of love and service.”

Sister Lilia Rose – Missionaries of Charity, Kolkata (Calcutta), India. Columbian Jul/Aug 2025



Weekly Readings



Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

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
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Day
 Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
 Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
 Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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Mass Intentions for the week of January 18, 2026

SUN 1/18	8:30 AM	For The People
	10:30 AM	Francis Koszelink
MON 1/19	8:00 AM	Mary Francis Kern
TUE 1/20	8:00 AM	NO Mass
WED 1/21	8:00 AM	NO Mass
	10:30 AM	ACHS
THUR 1/22	8:00 AM	NO Mass
FRI 1/23	8:00 AM	NO Mass
SAT 1/24	8:00 AM	NO Mass
	4:00 PM	Jeannette Barks
SUN 1/25	8:30 AM	David Hartenstein
	10:30 AM	For The People



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. This is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Behold the Lamb

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

Be honest. When the priest or deacon read this line from the Gospel today, did your brain finish it with: “Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb”? (Mine did. And then I almost blurted out: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.” Because it’s Sunday morning, and I’m tired.)

We hear the words of John the Baptist every Sunday in the Agnus Dei. If you have been Catholic since childhood, the words of this rite are probably ingrained in your memory, like a groove worn across a wooden floor by the scratching of an often-used chair. That’s the beautiful thing about our liturgy: it gets inside of you, and it doesn’t leave. I’ve never met a Catholic, however long-fallen-away, who did not recall the responses of the Mass.

When the priest says or chants the Agnus Dei, he is showing us the Host — the most ordinary-looking thing you ever did see. Nothing interesting about it whatsoever. Nothing that would make a person give it a second glance.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. There is nothing that would make a person give Jesus a second glance, if that person expected redemption to come in a loud, aggressive show of power.

And this is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Consider what the world could look like, if an instinct to love and reverence those people were as deeply ingrained in us as the beautiful words so easily on our lips: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.”

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Peace, Explained!

Peace. There may be no other word in the English language, writes Msgr. Stuart Swetland in Catholic Answers, “more susceptible to sloganeering, and thus misunderstanding.” But what is peace, in the context of Catholic virtue?

The peace of God, writes Paul in his Letter to the Philippians, “surpasses all understanding.” (Phil. 4:7) Peace is both a fruit of charity (CCC 1829) and a fruit of the Spirit (CCC 1832). Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of shalom, or wholeness, and it refers not just to an absence of violence (mandated by the fifth commandment) but to a personal reconciliation with one’s Creator. Peace is a spiritual effect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC 1496).

Our search for interior peace in our hearts parallels the historic struggle of mankind to realize peace in the world by practicing justice. “When we hear the Gospel, dear brothers and sisters,” said Pope Benedict, “we learn to build peace on the truth of a daily life inspired by the commandment of love.”

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THE CORNERSTONE *Catholic Scripture Study*

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	Deacon Jim	Kathy
Becky	Debbie	Ken
Betty	Domenica	King Family
Bob	Heilig/Cox Families	Marabeth
Carol	Jim	MaryAnn
Cathy	Joan	Rosalie
Dakota	Joann	Suarez Family
Daryl	Joanna	Sylvia
Deacon Gerry	John	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.

★ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ★

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

January 11, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 6,121.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 740.25
Guatemala	\$ 145.00
Retirement fund for the Religious	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 21.00
World Mission	\$ 25.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU

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

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide. Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission. Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.
Amen.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

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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
107	604	17,352

Weekly Schedule

January 18, 2026

Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass
Monday	- Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	- NO 8:00 AM Mass - NO Ladies Club Mtg
Wednesday	- NO 8:00 AM Mass - Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Thursday	- NO 8:00 AM Mass
Friday	- NO 8:00 AM Mass
Saturday	- NO 8:00 AM Mass - 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass

LADIES' CLUB

St Henry's Ladies Club will be collecting items for the Pregnancy Care Center. All baby items are needed, as well as diapers, wipes, and clothing through size 5. We will collect these items through February 22nd. The collection box will be in back of Church. Your parish generosity will be very much appreciated.

Save THE Date!

Save the date! St. Henry's Fish Frys start on February 20th. We need a lot of volunteers. More information coming out soon.



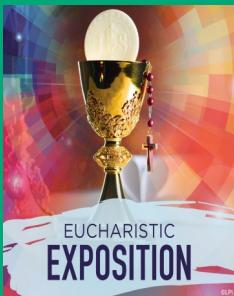
Day of Prayer for the LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

LADIES' CLUB

There is NO St. Henry Ladies Club meeting this month.

We will meet on Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 PM. More details to come in February.

Sunday, January 18, 2026 | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

BIRTHDAYS

Marius Anani-Zoglo	1/19	Janice Schmidt	1/22
Michael Brutto	1/19	Patricia Skewes	1/22
Sandra Deppe	1/19	Tammy Thompson	1/22
Mary Louise Rodriguez	1/19	Roman Wuller	1/22
Mark Altemeier	1/20	David Ficke	1/25
Megan Gehrs	1/20	Philip Gehrs	1/25
Christina Sambo	1/21	Patrick Kernan	1/25
Lois Parent	1/22	Terence Verzal	1/25
Keith Pickeral	1/22		

LADIES' CLUB



St Henry Ladies would like to thank our parishioners for the generous donation of all the coats that were donated. Hubbard's Haven was thrilled to received them.



Please give a warm St. Henry Welcome to *Helen Edwards*

We are pleased that you have chosen to be part of our parish family!



Christmas Flowers In Memory Of...

Raymond Willett

These were received after the bulletins were printed.



Through the generosity of our St. Henry parishioners, our St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference is able to assist those within our parish boundaries with utility, sewer and water bills and other needs. Currently, we are seeking

parishioners to assist in this ministry by volunteering to answer the SVdP help line and direct assistance to those in need. The time commitment can be as little as one day a month in the comfort of your home. There is no personal contact with those seeking help.

Please consider participating in this very worthwhile ministry. Contact Keith Painter 618 398-0017 or Janet Hormberg 618 550-9685 for more information.

THIS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, WE PRAY FOR A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO LOVE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND NONVIOLENCE



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

Velda Bringaze

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

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.

Join the Althoff Catholic Parents & Friends Club for a fun-filled evening of tunes, trivia, and teamwork! Gather your crew for **Music Trivia Night on Saturday, January 24, 2026** at Heritage Hall, Althoff Catholic High School, 5401 W. Main St., Belleville, IL.

Doors open at 6:15 PM, trivia starts at 7 PM.

\$200/table (up to 10 players). Space is limited and filling up fast!

Cash prizes, cash bar (no outside alcohol please), raffles and more. Please BYO trivia snacks!

Tickets on sale now at givebutter.com/PAFC-musictrivia2026



Bring your best music knowledge—and maybe your dancing shoes—for a night of laughter, competition, and Crusader spirit!

Questions? Contact Connie Edgar Lanaghan, Director of Advancement at 618-235-1100 x110 or clanaghan@althoffcatholic.org