



# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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January 25, 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, **"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19).** And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, **"In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us" (1 John 4:10).** They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— 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                                |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>January 31<sup>st</sup><br/>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> | Michelle Kujawa | Ivan Tepen<br>Patti Tepen | Mary Jo Hanvey<br>Virginia Miller | Pat Visintine<br>Janet Visintine | Tristan Kujawa<br>Nick Kujawa        |
| <b>February 1<sup>st</sup><br/>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>   | Karen O'Dell    | Gayle Bibee               | <b>Need Volunteer</b>             | Kathy Pajares<br>Alvina Tippy    | Daniel Broeckling<br>George Mehochko |
| <b>February 1<sup>st</sup><br/>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>  | Sue Bolen       | Marilyn Elam              | Joyce Dierkes                     | Lynne Fulte<br>Dawn York         | Chris Knee<br>Carol Tyler            |

### Respect Life Corner

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

### Vocation Corner

Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be "fishers of men." He likewise enlists James and John, Zebedee's sons, to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women, and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with "abandoning our nets" and help each other to live the vocation we've each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?  
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### Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.  
Amen. ©LPi



## Weekly Readings



### Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

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  
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

### Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week  
Monday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
Tuesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin  
Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday: St. John Bosco, Priest  
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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### Mass Intentions for the week of January 25, 2026

|           |          |                                   |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| SUN 1/25  | 8:30 AM  | David Hartenstein                 |
|           | 10:30 AM | For The People                    |
| MON 1/26  | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO Mass</b>                    |
| TUE 1/27  | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO Mass</b>                    |
| WED 1/28  | 8:00 AM  | Carol Gallagher                   |
|           | 10:20 AM | ACHS                              |
| THUR 1/29 | 8:00 AM  | James Wehrheim, Margaret Wehrheim |
| FRI 1/30  | 8:00 AM  | Jean Gass                         |
| SAT 1/31  | 8:00 AM  | Curtis Wiley, Jr.                 |
|           | 4:00 PM  | For the People                    |
| SUN 2/1   | 8:30 AM  | Judith Marchand                   |
|           | 10:30 AM | John Rensing                      |





## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

### Sea of Galilee Moments

Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor, healthy or sick: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

So what's in the sea? I don't know about yours, but mine is filled with feelings of inadequacy. It's filled with fear and resentment and confusion. It's filled with misplaced pride. It's deep. It's dark. It's well-stocked.

I cast my net, over and over again. What else is there to do? If I draw back a harvest, it can sustain me for days, weeks, maybe even years. The nourishment of the sea can keep away the hunger pangs — for a time. You can survive on fear and resentment and pride if it's all you have. You'll never feel full, and you'll never be strong, but you'll survive on what the world can offer you — so long as you keep coming back to the shore.

This is where Jesus finds us.

If I close my eyes, I can picture the moments exactly, all of them: my Sea of Galilee moments. I could describe them to you — the day, the year, what was happening in my life, what I wanted and what I needed and what gnawing hunger had brought me, once again, limping, crawling back to the shore.

But you wouldn't understand my Sea of Galilee moments, just like I wouldn't understand yours. There is only one who understands, and his is the voice we heard, clear and strong: "Put down the net, and come with me."

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### Patience, Explained!

In treating others with a spirit of patience, said Pope Francis, we "look at them ... with God's gaze, knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults."

"Rushing and impatience are enemies of spiritual life," he continued. "God is love, and those who love do not tire, they are not irascible; they do not give ultimatums. God is patient, God knows how to wait."

Patience is sometimes referred to as being "annexed" to the moral virtue of fortitude. In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good. St. Thomas Aquinas describes patience as a means to "safeguard the good of reason against sorrow, lest reason give way to sorrow" (*Sum. II-II, 136, Art. 1*).

The virtue of patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and as Christians who have received the Holy Spirit we are called to "be patient in tribulation" (Romans 12:12) and to "preach the message (of Christ) ... with great patience" (2 Timothy 4:2).

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# 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.



### Calling all volunteers!!

Fish fry meeting Sunday, February 1st after 10:30 am Mass. We will discuss pricing, our need for workers, and other items



## 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."*

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 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.

## PARISH Support

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

***Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of January 18th will be printed in the February 1st bulletin.***

### 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.

## This Week

January 18, 2026

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** - NO 8:00 AM Mass
- Tuesday** - NO 8:00 AM Mass
- 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

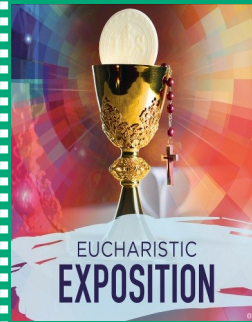
## PRAY THE ROSARY

The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto: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)

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline  
Rosary totals will be in the next bulletin

WHERE THE  
ROSARY IS  
RECITED  
THERE WILL  
BE DAYS OF  
PEACE AND  
TRANQUILITY.

—ST. JOHN BOSCO



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.



Neighbors helping neighbors®

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 Hornberg 618 550-9685 for more information.

### 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](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net).

## BIRTHDAY Blessings

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Katie Kramkowski 1/26   | Morgan Choat 1/30    |
| Lynn Fulte 1/27         | Zachary Choate 1/30  |
| Curtis Marchand 1/27    | John Hopkins 1/30    |
| Barbara DelVecchio 1/28 | Edward Vowell 1/31   |
| Caroline Melow 1/28     | Kaylyn Dresch 2/1    |
| Dominic Templin 1/28    | Mary Jo Giffhorn 2/1 |
| Judith Wehrheim 1/28    | Kelly Koehler 2/1    |
| Marilyn Elam 1/29       | Michelle Kujawa 2/1  |
| Rick Schellinger 1/29   |                      |