



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— 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
July 19th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	David Bollman Betty Cerulli	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Marilyn Elam Sue Kaltenbronn	Kacie Denton Kevin Effinger
July 20th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	Gayle Bibee	Lynne Fulte	Bernadette Gadu Kathy Pajares	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
July 20th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Joyce Dierkes	Kathleen DuMontier	Chris Knee	Pat King Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

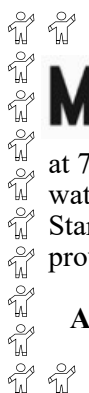
What does the Church really teach about family planning and infertility? Did you know that there is a *more* effective solution to infertility? Listen to days 309 and 310 of the *Catechism in a Year* podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz to learn more. Links are listed below!

Day 309: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRuYgrEYSYg>

Day 310: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBtRnd7r5DI>

VOCATION CORNER

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself.” How powerful are the two Great Commandments we need to live by to “inherit eternal life.” How do you do that in your vocation? First, are you truly living your vocation – are you called to something greater? Are you bringing souls to Christ through your spousal vocation – through your single vocation – through your daily life? Hopefully, we are imitating the Good Samaritan and tending to others. Take some quiet time to pray and listen to what the Lord has intended for you.



MEN'S CLUB The Men's Club will meet this Tuesday, July 15, at 7 pm the Msgr. Voss Parish Center to watch the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. Food and drinks will be provided.

All men of the parish are welcome.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Observances for the week of July 13, 2025

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday:

Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

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Mass Intentions for the week of July 13, 2025

SUN 7/13	2:00 PM	Waylan Downen
MON 7/14	8:00 AM	Kathleen Lange
TUE 7/15	8:00 AM	Charles & Cecilia York, Rev. J. Brian Rejsek
WED 7/16	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
THUR 7/17	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
FRI 7/18	8:00 AM	Mary L. Vitale
SAT 7/19	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	4:00 PM	Vic & Rose Behrmann, Dolores Gantt
SUN 7/20	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Maria Pezzuto, Adrian & Rachel Cruz



St. Vincent de Paul

Congratulations to
Ms. Janet Hormberg
on becoming the President of
the St. Henry Conference of
Saint Vincent de Paul.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. But do we approach the victims that we see? Or do we draw away from the suffering of others in fear and confusion, thinking: "That's not my problem"?

Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't *want* to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we *see*, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?

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Spiritual Direction, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is trustworthy and learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life and for more effectively living out one's baptismal calling.

All Christians are commanded, in a way, to provide spiritual aid to one another ("Go, make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" — Matthew 28:19), but a spiritual director is usually an individual who has received some form of training or formation for this specific purpose. The Catholic Church, however, does not have explicit requirements, professional standards or a formal certification process for spiritual directors. Spiritual directors can be lay, religious or ordained persons.

Spiritual direction is not to be confused with the sacrament of Penance, though the latter does usually include some spiritual counsel.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illnesses. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

Anita	Helen	Linda
Brent	James	Lynn
Dina	Jane	Melissa
Dorothy	Joan	Nell
Dottie	Katrina	Peggy
Frances	Larry	Petrina
George	Lee	Reta
Harvey		Rose Mary

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.



You can find flyers with MORE information about bingo's, picnics, quilting, dinners, and other activities happening throughout our diocese on the bulletin board in the church's vestibule.



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

June 29, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,204.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 238.25
Guatemala	\$ 10.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 372.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 893.25
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$ 25.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 25.00

A PAPAL BLESSING!

We have received a **Papal Blessing** from Pope Leo for our 100 year anniversary as a Parish, May 27, 2025. You can view the framed parchment on the wall near the tabernacle. It will also be displayed at our closing ceremony Mass and Dinner, Sunday, July 13th!



July 13, 2025

Sunday	- 2:00 pm Mass
Monday	-
Tuesday	- Men's Club Mtg 7:00 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
261	3,740	13,900



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July 6, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,953.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 173.25
Guatemala	\$ 211.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 489.00

THANK YOU

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

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Hope in the Lord

As Christians we are called to serve the Lord...service not just done out of obligation but with a spirit of hope, joy and gladness. Today we ask for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Sharing our resources together we can truly serve the Lord throughout southern Illinois.

Please consider making your gift today!

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too. ©LPi



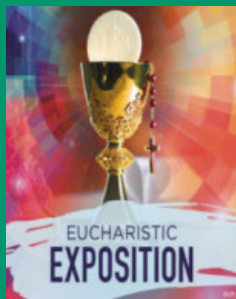
We offer our deepest sympathies and prayerful support to the family of

Cheryl Braddy

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

Prayer for Charity

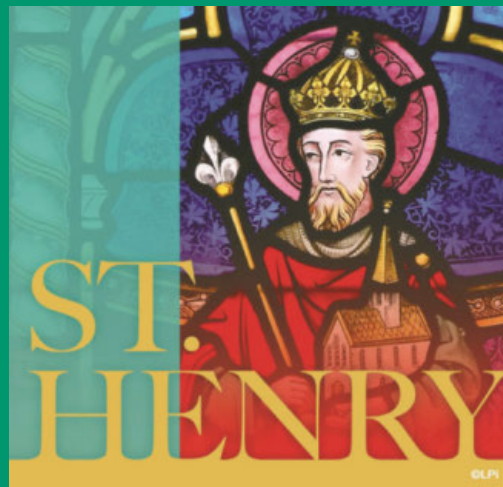
Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity. Amen. ©LPi



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.



Our Patron Saint: St. Henry (973 - 1024)

Patron Saint of kings, Benedictine Oblates,
handicapped people,
and those rejected from religious orders
Invoked against sterility

Every year on July 13, we celebrate the feast of the
Patron Saint of our Church. This remarkable saint,
Henry, was a king of Germany and Emperor of the
Holy Roman Empire.

Born in 973 to Henry the Duke of Bavaria, Germany,
and his wife Gisela of Burgundy, he succeeded his
father as Duke of Bavaria in 995. Upon the death of
his cousin, Otto III, in 1002, he succeeded him as the
King or Emperor. Pope Benedict VIII crowned him
Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 1014. King
Henry and his wife, Cunegunda, had no children.

Our Lord, the King of kings, used his contact and
studies with Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg to make
Henry deeply interested in His Church. He knew how
to use his royal and temporal powers to serve the
nations and how to lay them at the feet of his Lord and
King. This is why he was renowned as a just ruler, a
man of prayer who lived a quasi-monastic life.

In 1006 he founded the See of Bamberg and built its
great Cathedral that was consecrated by Pope Benedict
VIII in 1020. During this time also, Henry established
a monastery at Bamberg and supported the reforms
initiated by the monks of Cluny in France.

He died near Gottingen, Germany, in 1024, and was buried
at the great Cathedral of Bamberg where also his saintly
wife was buried. Henry was canonized a saint in 1146 and
his feast day is July 13.



Paul Amann	07/16	Connie Lugge	07/17
Agnes Barcinas	07/16	Nancy Ledee	07/18
Janis Mease	07/16	Nancy McCall	07/18
Brent Amann	07/17	Pamela Fitzpatrick	07/19
Chloe Amann	07/17	Michael Lugge	07/20
Cole Golliday	07/17	Keith Painter	07/20



*Please give a warm
St. Henry Welcome
to*

*William McGowan ,
Nora Ayala, & Quincy McGowan
Also*

*Graham Sutton, Jessica Ann Rasmussen-
Sutton & Alina Sutton*

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

THANK YOU TO OUR
CENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE

Moreover, we would like to thank :

- ♦ Jill Broeckling for all the posters she designed for the events as well as the logos we used.
- ♦ Robert Wojcik for creating all the liturgical programs for the centennial celebrations.
- ♦ Kathleen DuMontier for being the chair of the committee .

We would like to honor Therese Painter for her work as the food chair of this committee. She passed away on May 20th. *Therese you will be sorely missed!*

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