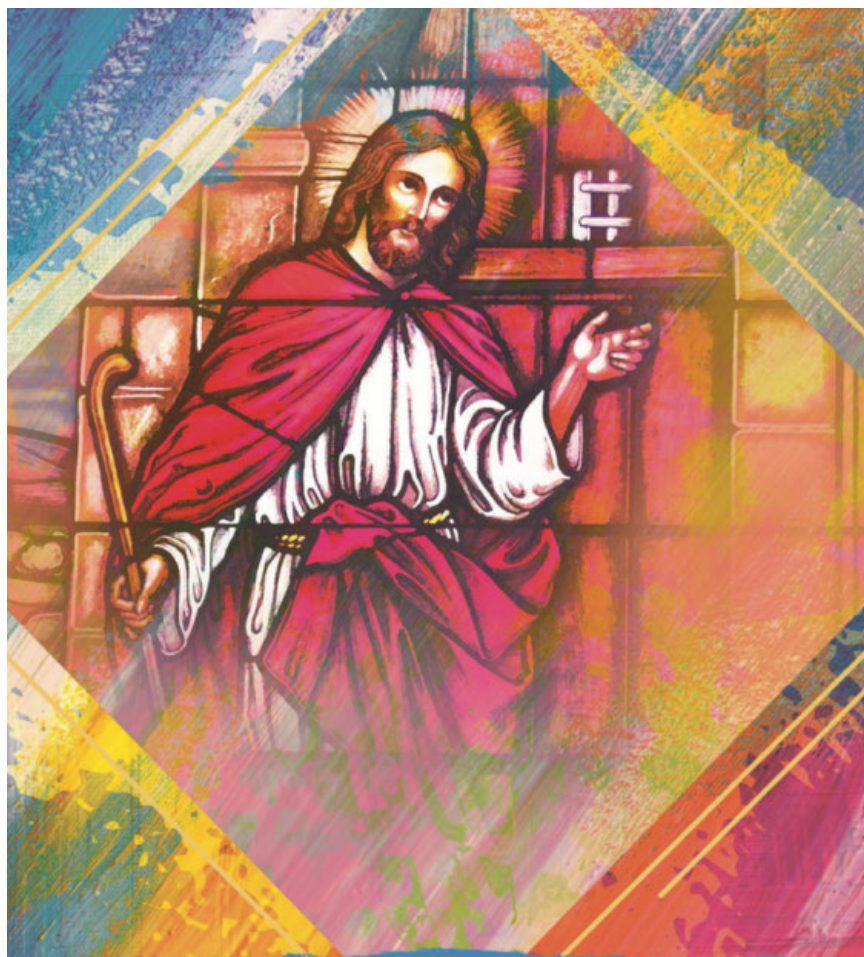




# Saint Henry Catholic Church

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## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give him whatever he needs  
because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

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July 27, 2025

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you"** (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— *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>August 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Janis LeChemin	David Bollman Jeannette Yelinek	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Betty Cerulli Sue Kaltenbronn	Mark Denton Trish Denton
<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Peggy Hassel	Gayle Bibee	Cathy Lugge	Bernadette Gadu Kathy Pajares	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Beth Regensberger	Joyce Dierkes	Chris Knee	Lois Parent Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler

### Respect Life Corner 2025 NFP Week Series 3 of 3

For those struggling with infertility, you are not alone! Springs in the Desert is an online platform that can meet you in this very personal and difficult time.

Visit <https://springsinthedesert.org/> to receive guidance and support.

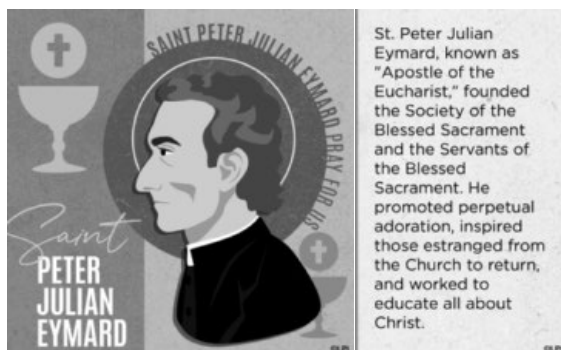


### Prayer for Hope

Lord, Restore my hope! Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart. Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew. Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow.  
Amen. ©LPi

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Lord, teach us to pray.” The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus’ answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.  
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## Readings of the Week

### Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

### Observances for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday:  
Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Mass Intentions for the week of July 27, 2025

SUN 7/27	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Jack Wottowa
MON 7/28	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
TUE 7/29	8:00 AM	Patricia Erwin
WED 7/30	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
THUR 7/31	8:00 AM	William Eckmann
FRI 8/1	8:00 AM	Memorial Donors
SAT 8/2	8:00 AM	Sister Patricia Bachman
	4:00 PM	Nora Dinan
SUN 8/3	8:30 AM	Harold James Galvin
	10:30 AM	For the People

BE A CHEERFUL WARRIOR

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Sunday, July 27, 2025 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

### Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

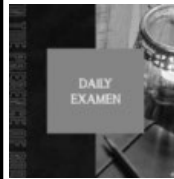
So knock.

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ASK AND YOU  
WILL RECEIVE:  
SEEK AND YOU  
WILL FIND:  
KNOCK AND  
THE DOOR  
WILL BE  
OPENED TO YOU. Luke 11:9



## Daily Examen, Explained!



The daily examen is a spiritual practice derived from the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. A Basque nobleman, Ignatius underwent a series of religious conversions as a young man following a wound sustained in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521. His *Spiritual Exercises* were first published in 1548 and form the basis of what is known today as "Ignatian spirituality."

Many different versions of the examen have been developed over the centuries, but all are centered on the same five elements which themselves reflect Ignatius' process of self-review and spiritual discernment.

In completing the daily examen, an individual places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

For more information on the examen and to find different variations of it, visit [ignatianspirituality.com](http://ignatianspirituality.com).

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## VOCATION CORNER

St. Luke shares with us another form of the Our Father which Jesus is teaching his disciples. We are shown that we can ask the Heavenly Father for anything just as we would our earthly father. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive." Our daily prayer needs to include a request for more men and women to answer that call from the Lord to enter the seminary or religious community. "For everyone who asks, receives." How beautiful a relationship that is with the one who made us.



## 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	Don	Joan
Bev	Dorothy	Katrina
Bill	Dottie	Lee
Brent	Frances	Melissa
Carol	Gina	Petrina
Carolyn	Heather	Reed family
Cathy	Helen	Reta
Colleen	James	Rosemary
Dennis	Jane	Tom
Dina	Jim	

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.

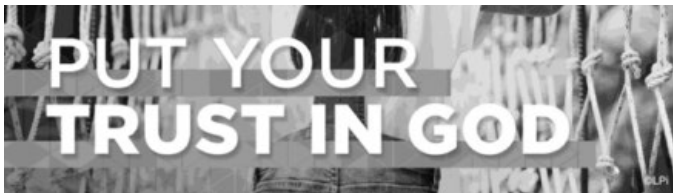


***\*\*All parish support listed is from the week's collections, mailed in, and online donations.\*\****

**July 20, 2025**

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**THANK YOU**



**July 27, 2025**

**Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass

**Monday** - Parish Council Mtg 6:00 pm

**Tuesday** -

**Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition  
2:30-4:30 pm

**Thursday** -

**Friday** -

**Saturday** - 4:00 pm Mass

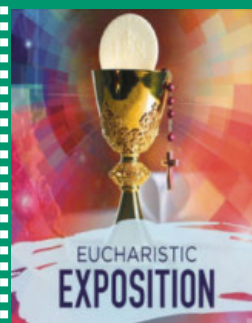
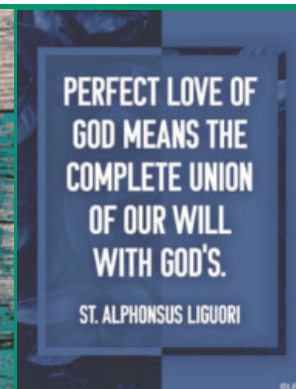
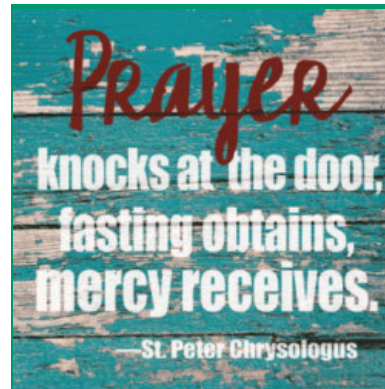
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The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net) or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week.  
(started February 12, 2023)

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
138	3,964	14,124





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.

### Bottled Water Needed by SDVP!

During the intense heat of summer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and Crisis Nite Center every day. And...no matter what the weather... individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council Office  
8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am-2:30 pm  
or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen  
3 718 State Street, East St. Louis

Monday-Friday -- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday -- 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted as well. For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. If you are unable to donate, we humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients. Thank you and God bless you for enabling St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Donna Altemeier 07/29

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Blair Rawlings 07/29

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Theresa Overby 07/30

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