



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will
acknowledge before my heavenly Father." - Mt 10:31-33

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June 21, 2026
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an "indignant despair." Haven't we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel: "**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**" (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow's fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, "Do not be afraid," hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father's care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *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
June 27th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	Mark Denton Trish Denton	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Kacie Denton Kevin Effinger
June 28th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Lynne Fulte	Joyce Dierkes Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
June 28th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Beth Regensberger	Sue Bolen	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

“Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”

Vocation Corner

Today, we celebrate the vocation of Fatherhood. We pray for blessings on all our Fathers, including the ones who have gone before us. The Gospel today points out the goodness of God the Father, who declares to us “the things that are coming.” May all our families receive grace from the Holy Trinity to continue in our own vocation and be the evangelizers we are called to be.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.” We all hear God’s voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)

Observances for the week of June 21, 2026

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day
Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Tuesday:
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday:
Friday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

Mass Intentions for the week of June 21, 2026

SUN	6/21	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares Curtis Wiley, Jr.
MON	6/22	8:00 AM	Mary Adams
TUES	6/23	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
WED	6/24	8:00 AM	For The People
THURS	6/25	8:00 AM	Anna Marie Eckmann
FRI	6/26	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
SAT	6/27	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Velda Lou Bringaze Elmer & Agnes Rettle
SUN	6/28	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Wilbret For The People

Sunday, June 21, 2026 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection:

I make my living writing for Catholic publications. My readers are bound to agree with me — they're usually reading my words in a church. But in my personal life, I am far less bold. I do not fear those who can kill my body, but I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

Fear No One

In the 1883 painting "Mass in a Connemara Cabin," a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O'Kelley, depicts a "station Mass," offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the "emancipation" of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word "emancipation" because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family's prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me — they're usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn't matter that most Americans identify as "Christians" — the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O'Kelley's Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

"Mass in a Connemara Cabin" illustrates how my ancestors worshiped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously?

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Affability, Explained!

There was a certain sister in the Carmelite convent who particularly tried the patience of St. Therese of Lisieux.

But instead of avoiding this person, St. Therese instead made a point of smiling at her whenever the two met.

"Charity must not consist in feelings, but in works," wrote St. Therese. "I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most." In doing so, she learned to see "Jesus hidden in the depths" of this woman's soul.

St. Therese was growing in the virtue of affability when she did this. Affability is attached to justice, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, and demands "that we behave pleasantly to those among whom we dwell." (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2)

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133.

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Father's Day Blessing

Gracious God and Father,
Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health.
We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.
Amen.

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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."

Benson Family	Jenny	Matt
Caitlyn	Kathleen	Odette
Cathy	Kathy	Scott
David	Kay	Smith/Gereaux Family
Dorothy	Lou	Tanya
Gilbert	Margie	Toby
Janet		

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.****

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline the Weekly contributions for the weekend of June 14 will be printed in the June 28th bulletin.



June 21, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass
Friday	8:00 AM Mass
Saturday	8:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM Mass
Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

St. Henry Happenings E-Newsletter

Keep up to date on St. Henry Happenings by signing up for our E-Newsletter. Information that comes in too late to make it into the bulletin is also posted in the E-Newsletter.

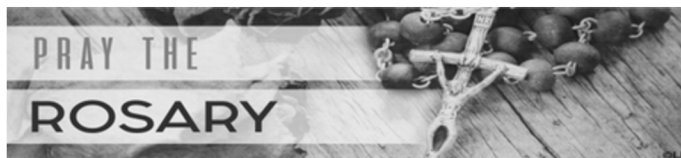
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This slip can be placed in the collection basket. Or you may send an email to sthenryc@peaknet.net and request to sign up for the E-newsletter.



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)

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

“A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: He is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself.”
— Pope Francis

Next Weekend Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

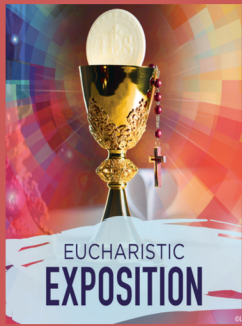
St. Vincent de Paul - Baby Bottle fundraiser



St. Henry Chapter of St. Vincent De Paul is holding a fundraiser to support our local Pregnancy Care Center.

The Baby Bottles were given out on Mothers' Day, May 10th. Please place your loose change into the Baby Bottles over the next 5 weeks and then return the bottles to the church on Fathers' Day, June 21st.

Please return the Baby Bottles today.



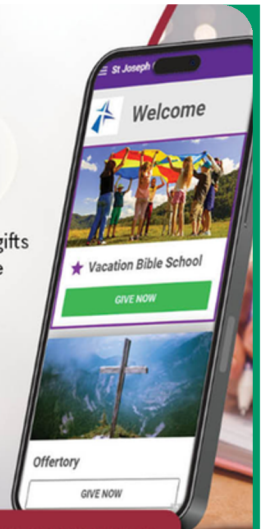
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer a person can say to obtain God's mercy! If you have never experienced The Chaplet in song then you are in for an amazing experience.

Eucharistic Exposition every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.



As we journey through winter and prepare for spring, we set new goals dedicated to strengthening our church's community. Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.



SIGN UP TODAY BY VISITING OUR CHURCH WEBSITE!

BIRTHDAYS

Paul Garcia 6/22
Timothy McMin 6/22
Rachel Schmittling 6/23
Douglas Gray Jr. 6/24
Judy Saeger 6/24
Rosiland Streeter 6/24
Dianne Ripperda 6/25
Jamie Maul 6/25
Janna Nguyen 6/25

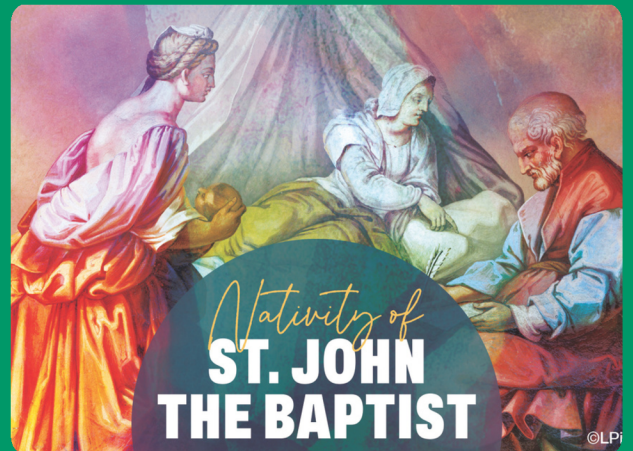
Jose Reyes Jr. 6/25
Arianna Fitzpatrick 6/26
Dylan Crocker 6/27
Kathleen DuMontier 6/27
Rosemary Bleich 6/27
Carol Bollman 6/28
Derek Buss 6/28
Rebecca Schweiss 6/28



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Religious Freedom Week 2026 takes place June 22–29. The Week begins with the Memorial of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, and includes the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Resources will be made available to help the faithful pray, reflect on, and take action for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

They will be made available at uscgb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.



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