

# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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June 22, 2025

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

**He takes:** Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

**He blesses:** Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

**He breaks:** Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

**He gives:** Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— 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>June 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Maureen Reed	Janis LeChein Janet Visintine	Michelle Kujawa <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Marilyn Elam Bobby Elam	Nick Kujawa Tristan Kujawa
<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Joyce Dierkes	George Mehochko	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Jerry Ahrens	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Pat King	Lynne Fulte Lois Parent	Chris Knee <i>Need Volunteer</i>

### Respect Life Corner

“Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

### VOCATION CORNER

Today we celebrate the gift of Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. We rejoice that Jesus gave His Body and Blood for our redemption. This is the remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy. This is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests; we are also challenged to encourage those who may have a calling to Holy Orders. Pose the question: “Have you ever considered being a priest?”

### 100 Years of St Henry Family Life!

Thank you to the few brave souls who have submitted stories for our Centennial Booklet! These are wonderful examples of how important the St Henry Parish family has been to building a love for Christ and each other! We would love to include a story from your family. Please submit your testimony by email or in writing before June 30th. Place them in the box in back of Church, to the parish office or on our website [www.sthenrybelleville.com](http://www.sthenrybelleville.com). Thank you!

### Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus, What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us. Amen.  
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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 <i>Day:</i> Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 <i>Day:</i> Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

### Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday:	
Tuesday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
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### Mass Intentions for the week of June 22, 2025

SUN 6/22	8:30 AM	Denny Derfler
	10:30 AM	Patricia Platt
MON 6/23	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
TUE 6/24	8:00 AM	Tom Miller
WED 6/25	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
THUR 6/26	8:00 AM	Fr. Allen Maes, O.M.I.
FRI 6/27	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
SAT 6/28	8:00 AM	John Rensing
	4:00 PM	Orel & Shirley Bigham. Jean Gass
SUN 6/29	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Carol Gallagher

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

### As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hangry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

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### St. Henry parish Fish Fry appreciation lunch

St. Henry parish fish fry appreciation lunch is June 29, 2025. It will be at The Abbey restaurant at 11:30 am. You and a guest are invited to attend, if you helped with our fish fries. They were very successful, thanks to all your help.

Please RSVP by June 23th to Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340 or Dawn 618-233-2423 at the church rectory.

**We hope to see you all on June 29th.**



## Marian Consecration, Explained

Marian consecration, the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother, is actually rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27) and to "take her into his own home." He was actually instructing us all to do likewise — to "behold your mother" and take Mary into our hearts, for wherever she is beloved, Christ is known and praised.

St. Maximilian Kolbe described Mary as "the stairway to Heaven." Marian consecration, therefore, could be likened to climbing the stairs. Different formulas exist for spiritual development in preparation for the consecration, based on the writings of saints like St. Louis de Montfort, and there are different prayers for the act of consecration. However, there is no "right" way to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary, so long as the ultimate goal is closeness to Christ and the glorification of God.

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## The Messenger

In recent weeks, subscribers to **The Messenger** have made us aware of a delivery problem that is resulting in papers arriving late to their mailboxes. We apologize for the service issue and are investigating the cause of it with post offices throughout the Diocese of Belleville. Please be patient during this time as we search for a solution. Thank you!

- David Wilhelm-  
Messenger Editor



## 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.**

Alice & Don	George	Linda
Barb	Harvey	Lynn
Bob	Jamie	Nell
Cates & Cissell Families	Jane	Painter Family
Cindy	Jim	Pat
Colman	JoAnn	Peggy
David	Joe	Richard
Dawn	Kathleen	Rita
Easton	Kathy	Steve
Frances	Larry	

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.



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

**June 15, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,992.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 210.25
Guatemala	\$ 70.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 105.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00

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



**June 22, 2025**

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** - Centennial Mtg 6:30 pm
- Tuesday** -
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition  
2:30-4:30 pm  
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 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](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
164	3,335	13,495



## **Society of St. Vincent De Paul** **Needs Your Help!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its Overnight Center to escape summer's heat and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for your help. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of:

**Bottled Water**  
**Gatorade or similar drinks**

**Individually packaged food items:**  
cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs  
chips, crackers, cheese sticks  
cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars  
soup or pasta in a cup

**Food of All Types**

Items can be dropped off at:

**St. Vincent de Paul Council Office**

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
or

**SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen**

3718 State Street, East St. Louis

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

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's live-saving ministry to the poorest among us.

### **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, beginning at 2 pm!

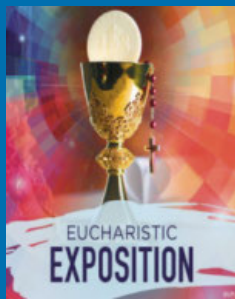
### **LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty. ©LPi

### **The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal** *Hope in the Lord*

Each year the success of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal depends upon the generous response of every Catholic household – it depends on you!! Every dollar donated to the Appeal is restricted and supports only the work of 17 diocesan ministries which serve thousands of people throughout southern Illinois each year. To learn more about the good works your gift makes possible, visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal poster or call Judy Phillips at 618-722-5007 – she'd love to hear from you!

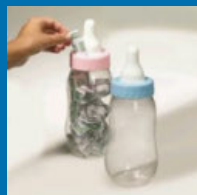




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### Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The St. Henry Chapter of St. Vincent De  
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Pregnancy Care Center has ended.

**Please return the baby bottles to the church,**  
**whether they are full or empty.** Hopefully the bottles are nice and  
full with loose change to help the babies!

### Next week Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection,  
which unites us and Catholics around the world more  
closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the  
structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs  
the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist  
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<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html>.

**Make your reservations for the Closing Celebration of  
100 years at St Henry!**

**On Sunday, July 13th there will only be one Mass at 2  
pm to close the celebration of 100 years as a parish  
family. If you have not received your invitation in the  
mail, please call the parish office for details! 618-233-  
2423 All are invited! Reservations are required and  
space is limited! Reservations can also be made on our  
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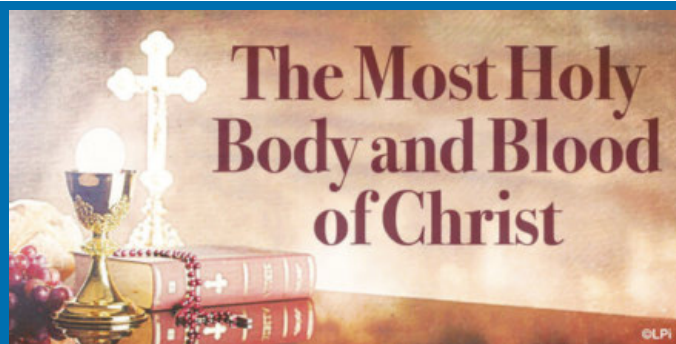


## Birthday Celebration



Rachel Schmittling 06/23  
Douglas Gray Jr. 06/24  
Judy Saeger 06/24  
Rosiland Streeter 06/24  
Jamie Maul 06/25  
Janna Nguyen 06/25  
Jose Reyes Jr. 06/25  
Dianne Ripperda 06/25  
Arianna Fitzpatrick 06/26  
Scott Ripperda 06/26

Rosemary Bleich 06/27  
Dylan Crocker 06/27  
Kathleen DuMontier 06/27  
Carol Bollman 06/28  
Derek Buss 06/28  
Rebecca Schweiss 06/28  
Mary Buss 06/29  
Kallie Galati 06/29  
Chloe Hamilton 06/29  
Robert Starwalt 06/29



The Diocese of Belleville Cursillo  
in Christianity, a worldwide  
movement of the Catholic laity, is  
sponsoring a weekend for women,  
July 17-20, 2025, at Todd Hall in  
Columbia IL. Our Deacon Jim

Law will be mentoring and attending the weekend! If you  
long for a closer relationship with Jesus, please prayerfully  
consider attending. For more information or to register,  
please contact Cathy Luge at 618-444-5822. An application  
is available at <http://bellevillecursillo.org>

*Please join us for the  
Closing Ceremony Events  
for  
"The 100th-Year Celebration"  
of  
St Henry Catholic Church*

*Saturday, July 12, 7-9 pm Sarah Hart in Concert  
St Henry Church  
5315 West Main Street  
Belleville, IL*

*Sunday, July 13, 2 pm Closing Mass  
followed by Dinner at Bellecourt Manor  
225 East A Street  
Belleville, IL*

*Reservations Required!*

*Please discuss dietary concerns with Dawn  
in the parish office 618-233-2423.*

*Registration is available by calling the office, scanning the*



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*RSVP by July 1, 2025*

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