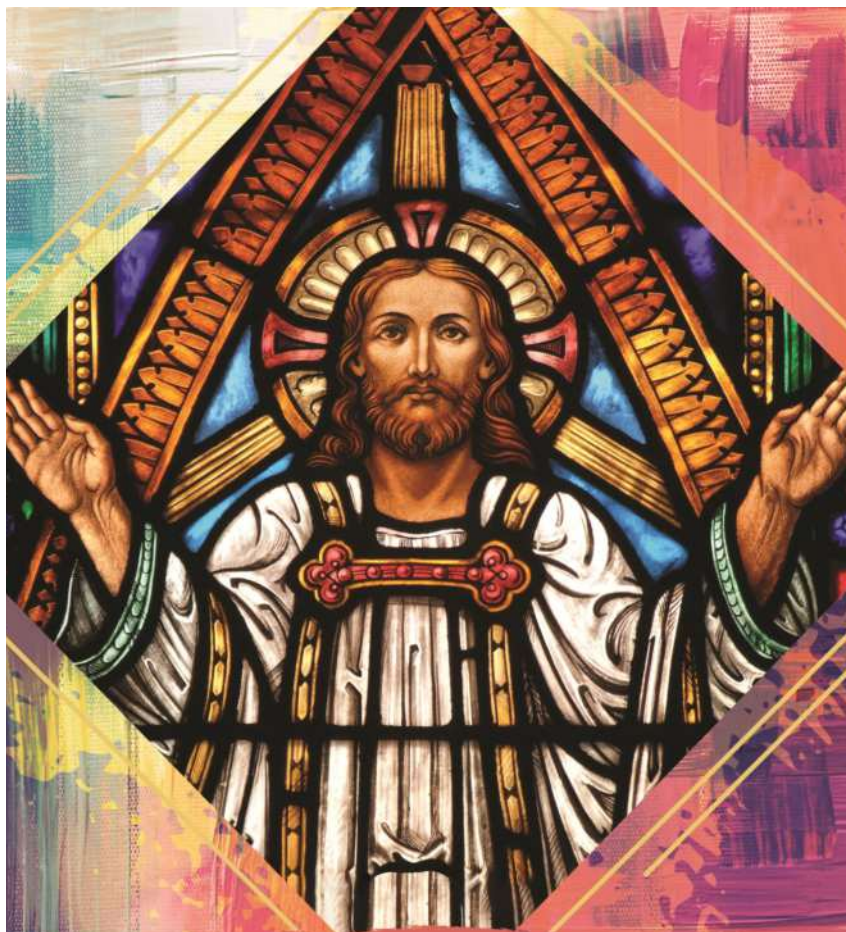




# Saint Henry Catholic Church

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## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all  
your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."  
- Lk 21:15

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November 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 21:5-19

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them"** (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— 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>November 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Ramona Effinger Janet Visintine	<b>Need Volunteer Need Volunteer</b>	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Mark Denton Trish Denton
<b>November 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Peggy Hassel	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Joyce Dierkes Bernadette Gadu	Daniel Broeckling George Mehochko
<b>November 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Sue Bolen	Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee	Pat King Dawn York	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler
<b>November 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 9:00 AM Thanksgiving</b>	Lynne Fulte	Jeannette Yelinek			

### Respect Life Corner

**Please contact Governor Pritzker to  
VETO SB 1950 –  
Legalizing Assisted Suicide**

At 2:54 AM on Oct. 31, the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois. Please call Gov. Pritzker and inform him: people with disabilities, the poor, and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws, suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, and there are possible cost savings to insurance companies if assisted suicide is legal, as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatment.

**Go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or email links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312-814-2121.**

### Prayer in Seasons of Trust

O Lord,

Be with me now, I feel so alone.

Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness. Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship.

Amen.

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

### Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin  
Wednesday:  
Thursday:  
Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr  
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
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### Mass Intentions for the week of November 16, 2025

SUN 11/16	8:30 AM	Nora Lee Galvin, Evans & Deluvia Family
	10:30 AM	Patricia Pratt, Linda Moyer
MON 11/17	8:00 AM	John Rensing
TUE 11/18	8:00 AM	Carol Gallagher
WED 11/19	8:00 AM	Jean Gass
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 11/20	8:00 AM	Dolores "Dee" Gantt
FRI 11/21	8:00 AM	Wayland Downen
SAT 11/22	8:00 AM	David Hartenstein
	4:00 PM	Michael O'Malley, Walter & Cecilia Turner
SUN 11/23	8:30 AM	Dolly Evans, Joseph Hubbard
	10:30 AM	For the People



Sunday, November 16, 2025 | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

### Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

“What’s wrong?” my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

“She’s — going — to — die — someday,” I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

“Ohhh, honey.” I’ll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. “I think you might be tired.”

Ten years later, it’s a memory we laugh about. I hadn’t slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It’s funny. It’s absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

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**STA. CECILIA,  
RUEGA POR NOSOTROS!**



### Advent Wreath, Explained!

The Advent Wreath as we know it today is a modern spin on an ancient practice — or rather, several of them.

Christians have always utilized candles to illustrate the metaphor of Christ as the “great light” shining on a people waiting in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). Historians tell us that pre-Christian societies in Europe also viewed candles as symbolic of the coming light of spring, and may have used wreaths of natural material along with these candles. Traditions and rituals surrounding an “Advent Wreath” are often thought to have originated in the Lutheran tradition in 16th-century Germany. Today, Advent Wreaths are a practice embraced by most Christians in the Western world.

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas. In Catholicism, Advent Wreaths are blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. For Advent Wreaths in private homes, it is appropriate for a family member to perform the blessing. ©LPi

### Vocation Corner

“My vocation to the Dominican Order and to the priesthood was carefully formed by God through the many people he placed in my life. First and most influential was my Syro-Malabar Catholic family, from whom I learned both the meaning of my faith and how to live it out. More than anyone else, my parents helped shape me as a man of faith and taught me to see everything in light of God’s providence. Everywhere I have lived — including in India, Calif., Missouri, Ohio and Alaska — friends, teachers, priests and others supported me and, most importantly, prayed for me. This constant stream of graces continues to sustain me through my formation as a Dominican friar. It is impossible to be a saint on one’s own.”

Bro. Antony Augustine Cherian; Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Anchorage, Alaska. Columbia Magazine December 2023



### 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."***

Aaron	George	Kayla
Albert	Gilbert	Kurt
Bob	Jackie	Louise
Cathy	Jane	Lynn
Chad	Joann	Mark
Cissell Family	Joe	Michael
Dian	Kathleen	Rachel
Don	Kathy	Shovlin Family
Felipe	Kay	

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 is 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.\*\***

### November 9, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3,678.02
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 233.25
Guatemala	\$ 95.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 10.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 185.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 20.00
Hurricane Melissa Victims	\$ 696.00

**THANK YOU**

## Weekly Schedule

### November 16, 2025

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** -
- Tuesday** - Ladie's Club Mtg 6:00 pm  
@ St. Augustine of Canterbury
- 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



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
176	6,087	16,125

## LADIES' CLUB

We are joining St. Augustine's Queenship of Mary Sodality on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025** at

**6:00 pm** Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Ornament Auction in St Augustine's Kuhl Hall.

All are asked to bring a side dish for the dinner and a Christmas or Fall item to be auctioned to support the Pregnancy Care Center.

Father Ken and Father Bill make the night entertaining. Always a fun evening!

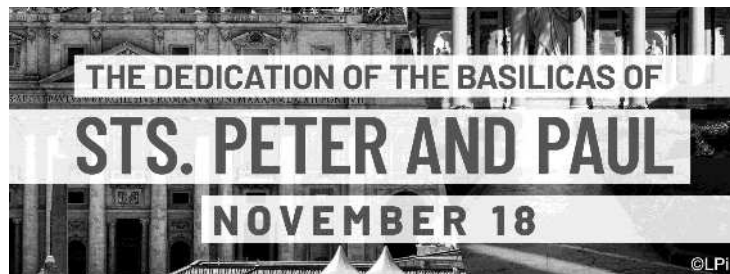
## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This collection supports programs that address the root causes of poverty across the country and in our diocese. Twenty-five percent of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects, such as All Hours of Love, a local nonprofit organization in Centralia that brings local residents together to address the systemic causes of homelessness. CCHD is a hand up, not a handout. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>. If you were unable to give today, you may give next weekend in an envelope marked CCHD or at your parish online. If you know of a grassroots community or economic development program that could benefit from CCHD funding, contact your parish office with information.

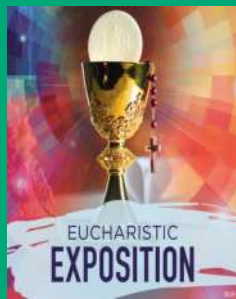


The St. Henry Parish Christmas party is Sunday, December 7th after 10:30 A.M. Mass, in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center, for the WHOLE parish. Sponsored by the Men's Club and Ladies Club. Reservations are required! Please call Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340 or Dawn at the rectory 618-233-2423 x10 before November 28th.

**All are welcome!**







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## Birthday Celebration

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Bobby Elam 11/18  
Maria Carroll 11/19  
Elizabeth Fahey 11/19  
Jacob Amann 11/20

Daniel Heuermann 11/20  
Sara Dahm 11/21  
Maureen Lawrence 11/22  
Glenn Brummer 11/23

## THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2025



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your love of sacred music.



## PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED Virgin Mary

Warm Heads, Warm  
Hands, Warm Hearts!



Starting the first day of  
Advent, November 30th,  
The Saint Vincent de Paul  
Society of St. Henry Parish is  
seeking for donations of

children's and adult's mittens or gloves, hats, caps  
and socks for those in need during the cold winter  
months. Your unwrapped donations will be  
collected during Advent.

The unwrapped donations may be placed in the  
Mittens Box, which will be in the back of church, on  
November 30.

Thank you for your generous donations, they are  
greatly appreciated!



This Christmas, start a *meaningful family tradition* with  
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