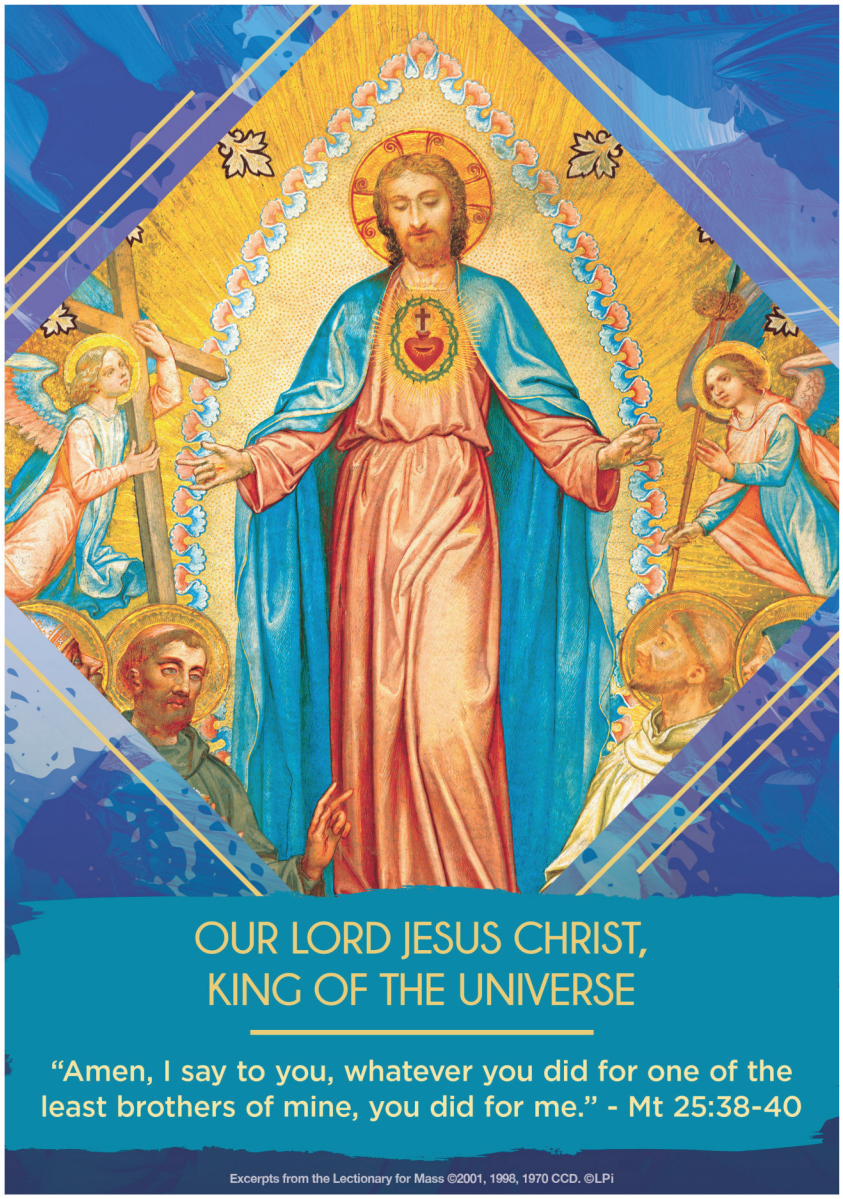
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November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Matthew 25:31-46

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually want to play ball." I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, **"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)**. His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually want to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us.
— 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
November 28th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Trish Denton	Patti Tepen Ivan Tepen	**Need Volunteer** Virginia Miller	Pat Visintine Janet Visintine	Kevin Effinger Susan O'Malley
November 29th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Lynne Fulte	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Greg Mehochko Paul Schwartzhoff
November 29th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Dawn York	Sue Bolen	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

Respect Life Corner

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

At the end of time, the ones who neglected God will claim ignorance. "We never saw you!" they'll insist. But God is everywhere, making Himself known in every time and place. We can see Him, respond to Him — or we can look the other way. Which will we choose?

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Blessing for Thanksgiving

Dear Lord,
We thank You for the gifts of the season.
We ask Your blessing upon this Thanksgiving meal. Bless each of us gathered, hold the prayers we carry within us, anoint our conversations and company with Your light and hope.
Amen.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of of November 22, 2026

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Observances for the week of November 22, 2026

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Friday:	
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions for the week of November 22, 2026

SUN	11/22	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Nova Lee Galvin For the People
MON	11/23	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES	11/24	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	William Eckmann ACHS Mass W/ Bishop Godfrey
WED	11/25	8:00 AM	Eileen O'Brien
THURS	11/26	9:00 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares
FRI	11/27	8:00 AM	Maria Pezzuto
SAT	11/28	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions For The People
SUN	11/29	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Deacon Gerald Bach Jean Muntan

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Kings and Peace

It's a little ironic that, when Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King, he did so in a world that was growing awfully weary of kings.

The year was 1925. World War I had ended only seven years before. Most of Europe's monarchies were torn asunder in the conflict, yielding to other forms of government more deferential to popular opinion.

But there was a problem. The kings were gone, but still the world did not know peace — and it certainly didn't know justice. The Pope was unflinching in his words: "discord," "rivalries," "insatiable greed," "selfishness," "neglect (of) duty…society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin," he lamented in his encyclical Quas primas, describing the state of the world.

Americans are very proud that we've never bent the knee to a monarch, and I, for one, am a big fan of democratic republics like ours. But I don't think tyranny is inherent to — or prevented by — any particular form of government. I think any human can become an oppressor if they make the choice to.

The question was never what prevented tyranny. The question was who. And the answer is: only a king who "demands of (his) subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness," wrote Pope Pius XI. A king whose subjects "hunger and thirst after justice" and who "deny themselves and carry the cross."

There has only ever been one such king. There has only ever been one such kingdom.

Today, we bend the knee.

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

Deacon Gerald Bach, SR

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



Remember your loved ones with a Mass. ($10.) Contact the parish office at 618-233-2423

Confidence, *Explained!*



Confidence, in its virtuous aspect, describes the hope that man has in himself when he is under God's care and inviting the direction of the Holy Spirit. Its very name is derived from the Latin noun fides, which means faith.

Confidence is connected with the virtue of fortitude, but also with the virtue of hope, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, who quoted the Book of Job: "And you shall be secured, because there is hope; you shall look round you and lie down in safety" (Job 11:18).

It is confidence that Abraham exhibits when he petitions God to spare the righteous of Sodom (Genesis 18:25). Though he knows he is "only dust and ashes," Abraham has learned enough of the ways of God to be able to articulate them in prayer. This is the same confidence we have when we pray, entrusting our needs to God (1 John 5:14).

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Vocation Corner

This coming week we celebrate a National Day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us and for us to share. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.



"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."

Alice	Carol	Keith	Pope Leo XIV
Amanda	Cathy	Kennedy	Raymond
Andrew	Dan	Kurt	Rhonda
Andy	David	Laura	Ron
Bach Family	Greg	Lillian	Sue
Becky	Groh Family	Linda	Susan
Betty Ann	Jack	Louise	Tanya
Bill	Jim and Shirley	Maggie	Terry
Bob	Judy	Peggy	

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed, 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 November 15th will be printed in the November 29th bulletin.

This Week

November 22, 2026

Sunday	**8:30 AM Mass** Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass **10:30 AM Mass**
Monday	8:00 AM Mass Parish Council Mtg 6:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass 10:30 ACHS Mass W/ Bishop
Wednesday	8:00 AM MASS **Eucharistic Exposition** 2:30-4:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 AM Mass Office CLOSED
Friday	8:00 AM Mass Office CLOSED
Saturday	8:00 AM Mass **4:00 PM Mass**
Sunday	**8:30 AM Mass** Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass **10:30 AM Mass**

Sexual Abuse Hotline

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call hotline 1-800-640-3044

REQUIRED NOTICE: Under Illinois law, any suspected physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect of a child must be reported as soon as practical, to the State via the State Central Register Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE or 1-800-252-2873



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

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2026 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

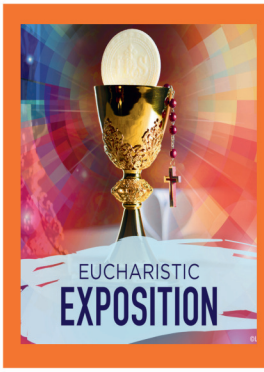
Save the Date for Camp Ondessonk's Enchanted Forest Gala Section header

Save the Date for Camp Ondessonk's Enchanted Forest Gala on Saturday, March 6, 2027, at the Regency in O'Fallon, Illinois. Join us for dinner, silent and live auctions, and fellowship in support of Camp Ondessonk. Your generosity helps campers build friendships, grow in confidence and faith, and discover the joy of the outdoors. For event details and ticket updates, visit **ondessonk.com/gala-2027.**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows From November 20 through December 31, 2026, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

The annual Way of Lights illuminates the season with over 1.5 million brilliant colors, visually chronicling the sacred journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Rejoice in the birth of Jesus through this luminous experience and a variety of family programs. The light exhibit has no admission fee—voluntary donations are accepted—and specific activities carry individual charges. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at **https://snows.org/wayoflights**





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.





Glenn Brummer 11/23
Bradley Kramkowski 11/24
Catherine Lugge 11/24
Laura Pearson 11/24
Michael Zimmer 11/24
Herbert Ripperda 11/25
Patricia Fitzwater 11/25
Mary Craig 11/26
Michael Cook 11/26
Michael Wachtel 11/26
Amber Gaither 11/27
Daniel McEvilly 11/27
Jane Brown 11/27
Marilyn Eschman 11/27
Thomas Schmidt 11/27
Daniel Arzola 11/29
Glenn Choate 11/29
James Schweiss 11/29
Patricia Snyder 11/29

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simply prayer would be helpful.
For this week:

Casmir Cozzi
Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Ave.
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A Blessed Thanksgiving to each of you. At this time of Thanksgiving, we thank our God for His many blessings to us. We also thank our priests, teachers and parents for all you do to support our faith formation program at St. Augustine School. I appreciate your cooperation in all that we do in the Parishes School of Religion program from the eight parishes in the City of Belleville.
We **DO NOT** have class on Wednesday, November 25 and on Sunday, November 29.
Be safe and enjoy thanksgiving with your family and friends.

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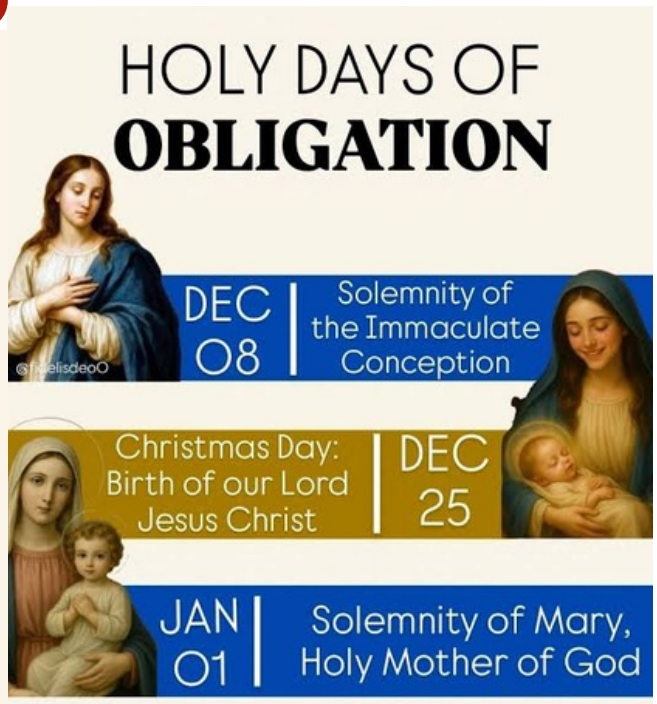
Cold & Flu season is upon us, **PLEASE** stay home if you are not feeling well. The Lord will understand that you are trying to keep your neighbors safe and well. We appreciate you kindness!

You can stream the Mass on our facebook page St. Henry Catholic Church Belleville IL.

https://www.facebook.com/watch/St-Henry-Catholic-Church-Belleville-IL-108468720825294

Holy Days of Obligation Mass Times

Date	Times of Masses
December 8th	9:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.
December 24th	4:00 P.M.
December 25th	9:00 A.M.
January 1st	9:00 A.M.



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Starting Next Weekend



Warm Heads, Warm Hands, Warm Hearts!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Henry Parish is reaching out to our compassionate community for support. We are seeking donations of children's and adults' mittens, gloves, hats, caps, and socks to keep those in need warm during the cold months ahead. Additionally, The Saint Vincent de Paul District office is requesting used men's jeans to help provide comfort and shelter for those less fortunate.

Throughout Advent, a season of giving, we will be collecting your unwrapped donations to support those in need. Please place your contributions in the Mittens Box, conveniently located at the back of the church

Your generosity can make a real difference in the lives of others, reflecting the true essence of this festive season. Let's come together and share the warmth of our community!

Hubbard's Haven needs food for the overnight center.
Please bring your donation to our Christmas party.
We need - Fruit cups, Individual bags of chips, Individual cookie packs, and Individual snack crackers, etc.
Thank YOU!!

