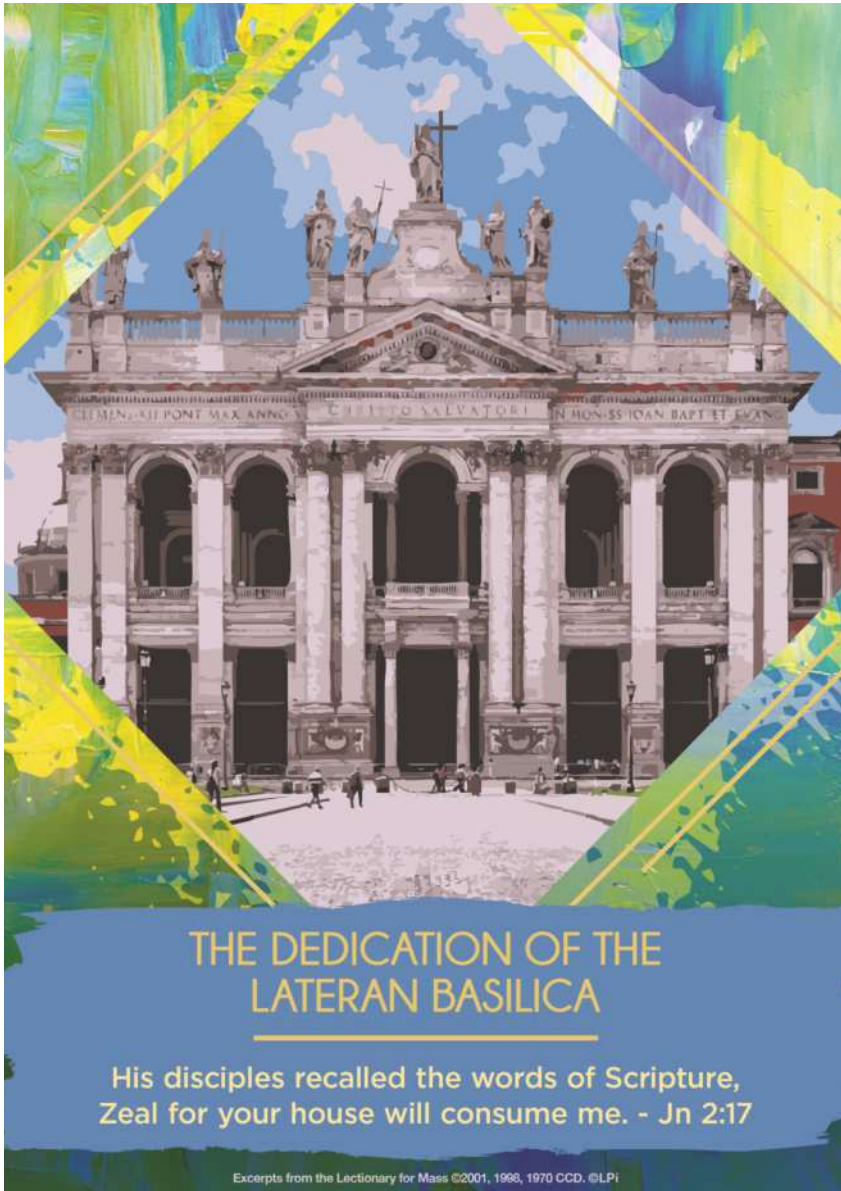




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November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up**" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

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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 15th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Trish Denton	Janet Visintine Jeannette Yelinek	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Sue Kaltenbronn Pat Visintine	Mike Louth Anne Louth
November 16th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	Gayle Bibee	Need Volunteer	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
November 16th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Dawn York	Lynne Fulte	Pat King Need Volunteer	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

Respect Life Corner

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
"Living Radical Solidarity"

Vocation Corner

"Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." – Thomas Merton
We thank our Veterans for their choice of vocation in serving and protecting our country.

Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,
Give us eyes to see the depth of grace You provide to Your Church. May that goodness ignite in us fire to share the truth of Your mercy with every soul we encounter.
Amen.
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We offer our deepest sympathies and prayerful support to the family of

Judy Shovlin

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

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Friday:
Saturday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions for the week of November 9, 2025

SUN 11/9	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Wayne Adams, Curtis Wiley, Jr
MON 11/10	8:00 AM	Ray Scheibel
TUE 11/11	8:00 AM	For All Veterans, Marie Pezzuto
WED 11/12	8:00 AM	Bill Stroot
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 11/13	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
FRI 11/14	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers
SAT 11/15	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	4:00 PM	For the People
SUN 11/16	8:30 AM	Nora Lee Galvin, Evans & Deluvia Family
	10:30 AM	Patricia Pratt

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us. But in today's Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit. ©LPi

Sunday, November 9, 2025 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

Modern Money-Changers

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer *x* sacrifice, I am rewarded with *y* feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?
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Simbang Gabi, Explained!

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition through which Advent expectation realizes the fulfillment of Christmas joy. During Simbang Gabi, early morning Masses are offered over a series of nine days leading up to Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

Traditionally, Simbang Gabi Masses are held before dawn, a practice that originated in the 17th century in the Philippines when most of the faithful had to work the rest of the day in the fields.

During Mass, the priest wears white vestments and the *Gloria* is sung, a practice for which the Holy See has given special permission. Traditionally, the nine-day sequence ends with Midnight Mass on Dec. 24.

The tradition has been adapted to fit the needs of Filipino communities throughout the world, and the Masses might not even be offered in the morning at all, but in the afternoon or evening.
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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."

Aaron	Felipe	Kurt
Albert	George	Louise
Anna	Gilbert	Lynn
Becca & Ken	Jackie	Mark
Bob	Jane	Rachel
Cathy	Kathleen	Sandra
Dian	Kathy	Shovlin Family
Don	Kinsley	

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.****

November 2, 2025

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,648.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 398.25
Guatemala	\$ 308.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	
	\$ 10.00
World Mission	\$ 25.00
All Saints Day	\$ 271.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 320.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	
	\$ 5.00
Christmas Collection for the Needy	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU

Weekly Schedule

November 9, 2025

Sunday	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass
Monday	-
Tuesday	- Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
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 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
114	5,911	15,949

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, November 11, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This month's meeting will be the final meeting for 2025 since the Men's Club will not meet in December.

All men of the parish are welcome.

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!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Cremation and The Church

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

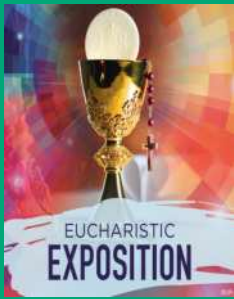
Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care. ©LPi



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David Dahm	11/10	Billie Todd	11/13
Karen Lundy	11/10	Pam VonAlst	11/13
Mary O'Donnell	11/10	Jerry Carda	11/14
Jennifer Clarke	11/11	Coleton Cook	11/14
Jerry Kelso	11/11	Kay Krauss	11/14
Abigail McPherson	11/11	Matthew Partington	11/14
Austin Sonnenberg	11/11	Scott Rubin	11/14
Corey Kelso	11/12	John Sambo	11/14
Jeanette Manion	11/12	Jonell Rapp	11/15
Paul Quirk	11/12	David Bollman	11/16
Helen Reed	11/12	Donald McAlister	11/16
Shawn Bakkila	11/13	Claire Sintzel	11/16
Linda Noblitt	11/13		

Next week Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection

Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This collection supports community and economic development programs that empower U.S. people living in poverty to identify and address the obstacles they face. Grants help local grassroots organizations to bring permanent and positive changes to their communities. One example is Breaking the Cycle, a business incubator in the southernmost part of our diocese. Operating in the poorest counties in our state, Breaking the Cycle provides business equipment and a part-time project coordinator to provide technical services to local micro-business entrepreneurs. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in our diocese and nation at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>. Please be generous in supporting CCHD by giving through the CCHD envelope in your envelope packet or 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.

**LADIES'
CLUB**

We are joining St. Augustine's
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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!

Collection for Hurricane Melissa Victims

With the devastating effects of Hurricane Melissa just now coming to light, there is a dire need for food, clothing, housing and the basic essentials of life for thousands of people. We will hold a second collection today to support the relief efforts underway in areas that were impacted by this historic storm. Funds will be distributed by Catholic Relief Services. We are asking the people of the Belleville Diocese to offer your prayers and make a donation – in any amount – to assist in these efforts. Your gift also may be made next weekend or can be sent directly to the Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220. Please indicate "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line of your check. Thank you so much for your generosity; may God bless our suffering brothers and sisters in the Caribbean.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2025



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