



# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226

October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:5-10

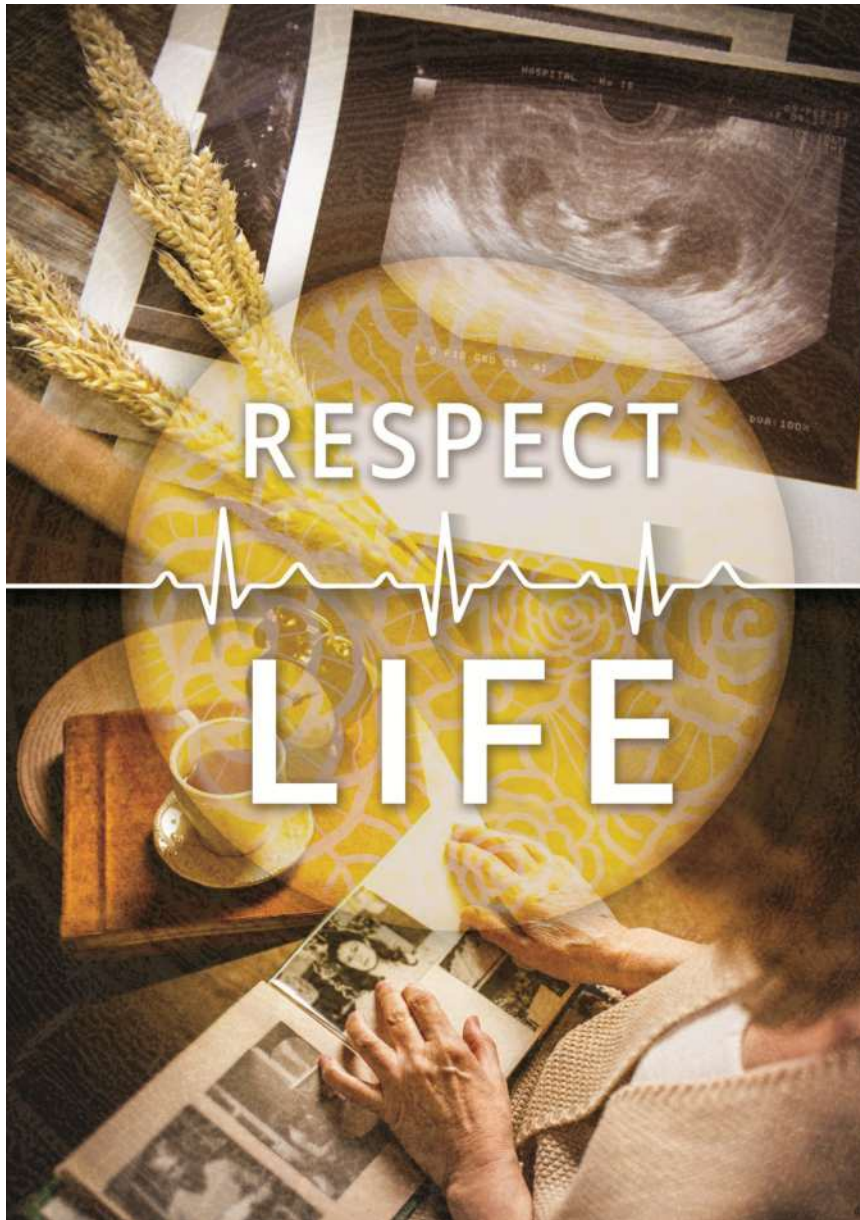
A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love 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                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>October 11<sup>th</sup><br/>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> | Janis LeChein | David Bollman<br>Janet Visintine | <b>Need Volunteer</b><br>Mary Jo Hanvey | Bobby Elam<br>Marilyn Elam               | Kevin Effinger<br>Susan O'Malley     |
| <b>October 12<sup>th</sup><br/>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>   | Lynne Fulte   | Gayle Bibee                      | <b>Need Volunteer</b>                   | Bernadette Gadu<br><b>Need Volunteer</b> | Daniel Broeckling<br>George Mehochko |
| <b>October 12<sup>th</sup><br/>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>  | Maureen Reed  | Beth<br>Regensberger             | <b>Need Volunteer</b>                   | Pat King<br>Dawn York                    | Chris Knee<br>Carol Tyler            |

### Respect Life Corner

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"

### Vocation Corner

"Wherever there are consecrated people...there is always joy!" These words of Pope Francis reflect my own experience since I was a child. Through my parish, I had the opportunity to meet many religious sisters from different communities, and each time I was amazed at the contagious joy of these women who had given up everything to follow Jesus. I began to recognize in my heart a desire to do the same. When I was in grade school, my parish opened a perpetual adoration chapel, and my parents and I would pray there an hour each week. In this quiet time of prayer...my desire to become a bride of Christ continued to grow. During my senior year of high school, I spent time visiting the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia. I entered the community in 2013 and made my final profession in 2020. The Lord has continued to fill my heart with his peace and joy!"

Sr. Rose Dominic Daily; Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia; Columbia Magazine Oct. 2022

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10  
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

### Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

Monday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin  
Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest  
Friday:  
Saturday: St. John XXIII, Pope  
Next Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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### Mass Intentions for the week of October 5, 2025

|           |          |                                    |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|
| SUN 10/05 | 8:30 AM  | Carol Gallagher, John Lasky        |
|           | 10:30 AM | For the People                     |
| MON 10/6  | 8:00 AM  | Catholic Extension Intentions      |
| TUE 10/7  | 8:00 AM  | Shirleen Spehn-Dressler            |
| WED 10/8  | 8:00 AM  | Catholic Extension Intentions      |
|           | 10:20 AM | ACHS                               |
| THUR 10/9 | 8:00 AM  | William Eckmann                    |
| FRI 10/10 | 8:00 AM  | SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers |
| SAT 10/11 | 8:00 AM  | Judith Marchand                    |
|           | 4:00 PM  | For the People                     |
| SUN 10/12 | 8:30 AM  | Curtis Wiley, Jr., Patricia Pratt  |
|           | 10:30 AM | Dolores Gantt, Jeannette Barks     |

respect life *sunday*  
*domingo* de respeto a la vida

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Sunday, October 5, 2025 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** “Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn’t faith at all.

### **The Father Who Knows What You Want**

It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.

But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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## **Good is Good, All the Time: Explained!**

Perhaps you have been a member of a congregation to whom the pastor says, expectantly, “God is good!” The congregation responds, faithfully, “All the time.” In turn, the speaker repeats: “All the time.” And the congregation affirms: “God is good!”

A collective affirmation of God’s faithfulness amidst the trials of life, this refrain communicates a theme presented again and again in Scripture: Come what may, God will be with us.

There is no official consensus on the origins of this saying, though it is often associated with African Christianity. Whatever this saying’s roots, its message is truth: “For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations,” says Psalm 100:5. “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever,” echoes 1 Chronicles 16:34. Jesus confirms this in Matthew 28:20: “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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### **Prayer to Respect Life**

Dear God,  
Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE.  
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."*

|                        |                 |          |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Alice                  | Cindy           | Karen    |
| Andrea Emilia Bernabey | Doug            | Kayla    |
| Barb                   | Frances         | Kurt     |
| Becky                  | Gustavo Caceres | Linda    |
| Bob                    | Helen           | Marabeth |
| Bonnie                 | Hubbard family  | Mary     |
| Cáceres family         | Jamie           | Mike     |
| Carin                  | Janet           | Patty    |
| Carol                  | Jean            | Peggy    |
| Chris and family       | Julie           | Rita     |

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.

**OUR LADY**  
*of the Rosary*





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

**September 28, 2025**

|                                               |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Envelopes/Loose                               | \$ 3,457.27 |
| St. Vincent de Paul                           | \$ 246.25   |
| Guatemala                                     | \$ 15.00    |
| 100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations        | \$ 8.00     |
| Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest Collection | \$ 105.00   |

**THANK YOU**

**RESPECT LIFE  
MONTH**

*October 2025*

## **This Week**

**October 5, 2025**

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** - SVDP Mtg 9:00 am
- Tuesday** -
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition  
2:30-4:30 pm
- Thursday** -
- Friday** -
- Saturday** - 4:00 pm Mass
- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass

**PRAY THE  
ROSARY**

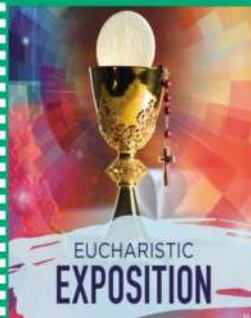
The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net) or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

| Weekly | Year to Date | Grand Total |
|--------|--------------|-------------|
| 109    | 5,282        | 15,320      |



**Our Lady  
of the  
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*Pray for us!*

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for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you  
haven't already done so).**

**If you have not already informed the Church  
Office about changes to your record, please let  
us know now so that the information in the  
Guide Book & Directory is correct.**

**The Church Office number is (618) 233-2423  
or email [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net).**

## ***Birthday Celebration***

|                  |       |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Mary Felts       | 10/06 | Jean Gross       | 10/10 |
| Thomas Quirk     | 10/06 | Kaitlynn Borik   | 10/11 |
| Robert Benyr     | 10/07 | Lisa Padgett     | 10/11 |
| Carol Martindale | 10/08 | Brady Sonnenberg | 10/11 |
| Carol Maxim      | 10/08 | Norma Voges      | 10/11 |
| Janet Visintine  | 10/08 | Kevin Effinger   | 10/12 |
| Elizabeth Wessel | 10/08 | Douglas Gray Sr. | 10/12 |
| Luan Downen      | 10/09 | Kathy Kernan     | 10/12 |
| JoAnn Zid        | 10/09 |                  |       |



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