Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



October 11, 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, **"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5).** The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

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Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
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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
October 17th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChein	David Bollman Betty Cerulli	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Mike Louth Anne Louth
October 18th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peggy Hassel	George Mehochko	Lynne Fulte	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
October 18th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Jerry Ahrens	Beth Regensberger	Kathleen DuMontier	Joyce Dierkes Dawn York	Chris Knee Need Volunteer

Respect Life Corner

Stories of Hope – St. Louis Archdiocesan Abortion Healing Ministry

Abortion Healing Ministry is a beautiful example of the infinite love and mercy of Jesus Christ. We meet each person where they are and walk with them on the path to hope and healing. Women and men attend weekend retreats and participate in support groups. What a joy it is to see them receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist! It is truly a privilege to serve those suffering in silence to find hope, healing, and peace through Jesus Christ. If you or someone you know is suffering from the hidden wound of abortion, call/text 314-778-0628 or email us hopehealing@archstl.org. Visit our website for more information at https://resources.archstl.org/article/998994/abortion-healing-ministry. All communication is confidential, and we serve everyone, not only the St. Louis region.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.

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Blessing for Our Common Home

God, bless and protect this beautiful earth You have created, the place we call home.
Grow Your compassion in us, as we share our lives in this world, together.
Amen.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of of October 11, 2026

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Observances for the week of of October 11, 2026

Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	*Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day*
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

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Mass Intentions for the week of October 11, 2026

SUN	10/11	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Patricia Gudio For the People
MON	10/12	8:00 AM	Pat King
TUES	10/13	8:00 AM	**NO MASS**
WED	10/14	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	**NO MASS** **ACHS NO MASS**
THURS	10/15	8:00 AM	**NO MASS**
FRI	10/16	8:00 AM	Marie-Rose Tonoukoin
SAT	10/17	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Tracey Buhl Quentin Lauer
SUN	10/18	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For the People Judith Marchand

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

The King of Rejected Meals

"She was the Queen of Rejected Meals."

That's what I want it to say on my tombstone. Etched in marble, deeply, so the wind and rain of a thousand years can never erase it.

Humor, you see, masks my despair. I'm sure many of you know the feeling of sweating over a hot stove for an hour to create a dish that a small, picky eater will push away, lips curled with disgust.

We've all made a feast no one wanted to come to.

It strikes me that "King of Rejected Meals" is an epithet which could likewise be scrawled on the empty tomb. Don't mistake me — I'm not comparing myself to Christ! (And I'm definitely not comparing my sub-par beef-and-zucchini casserole to the Eucharist, the food of life.)

I'm just saying that a lot of evenings, when I'm clearing plates from the table, I wonder why I even bother. I wonder why I don't just give in and let the kids eat potato chips and KitKats for every meal like they want.

Why don't I? Well, mom guilt, for starters. But it's more than that, really. It's the certainty I have, underneath the resentment, that my efforts aren't in vain, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Hope springs eternal, you see. How can we Christians help but be optimistic? We have been welcomed to a feast laid for others. We find our salvation in the ultimate rejected meal, in recognizing what true nourishment looks and feels and tastes like, even — especially! — when the rest of the world does not.

Maybe one day my kids will eat grilled chicken willingly. Who knows? Miracles happen every day.

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Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. This week, we invite you to pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. (Copies are in the back of church.) Each decade represents a region of the world, reminding us that we are one family in mission. Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayer and support."



Honesty, *Explained!*

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II:II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11). ©LPi





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."

Ashely	John	Pat and Tom
Brian	Karim - Gereaux Families	Robin
Carolyn	Kennedy	Rosalie
Cathy	Linda	Sue
Dave	Margie	Tanya
Jane	Mrs. Balba	Tiffany
Jeanine	Nathan	
John	Nicholas	
God will save our country from socialism.		

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.

October 4, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	**$ 3,956.45**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$ 215.60**
Guatemala	**$ 200.00**
World Mission Sunday	**$ 5.00**

THANK YOU

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



October 11, 2026

Sunday	**8:30 AM Mass** Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass **10:30 AM Mass**
Monday	8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday	**NO 8:00 AM MASS** Men's Club Mtg 7:00 pm
Wednesday	**NO 8:00 AM MASS** **NO ACHS Mass** **Eucharistic Exposition** 2:30-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Thursday	**NO 8:00 AM Mass**
Friday	8:00 AM Mass
Saturday	8:00 AM Mass **4:00 PM Mass**
Sunday	**8:30 AM Mass** Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass **10:30 AM Mass**

Eternal Light Concert

The Diocese of Belleville and the Cathedral of Saint Peter cordially invite you to attend:
Eternal Light Concert…Music of Remembrance and Hope
Featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Fauré
Sunday, November 1, 2026 -2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter- 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville
Free Admission



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
156	5,424	22,172

Vocation Corner

"Jesus, I'm done discerning." This was my prayer in the back of a quiet chapel, the summer after graduating college. The Lord's call to me as a child was strong and clear, but where and when were not. The many Holy Hours I'd spent wrestling with the mystery since had brought no clarity. My prayer continued, "I am spending all my energy discerning when all I really desire is to love you. So I am just going to love you and love you lavishly. I ask your Blessed Mother to make the rest abundantly clear." Only later did I understand that perhaps it was what the Lord had been waiting for; for me to simply rejoice to be in relationship with Him, and to simply let myself be His. The lesson the Lord taught me that day remains ever new, even now after final vows. How much more beautiful is the journey when lived in the simplicity of his Love!"

Sister Maria Lucia Stella Maris, Missionaries of the Word. Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022

MEN'S CLUB

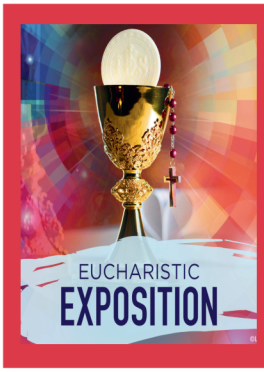
The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, Tuesday, October 13, at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

All men of the parish are welcome!

ALTHOFF CATHOLIC

Open House

Looking for a high school that inspires, challenges, and feels like home? Althoff Catholic is the place to be! Join us for our Open House on Sunday, October 25, 2026 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tour the campus, check out our hands-on science and arts programs, meet with our faculty, and see how our faith-centered community sets you up for success. Mark your calendar & bring the whole family! We can't wait to welcome you.



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.

CELEBRATE

Douglas Gray Sr. 10/12
Kathy Kernan 10/12
Kevin Effinger 10/12
Kenneth Moyer 10/13
Charles Suarez 10/14
Loretta Wenneman 10/15
Patrick Ahrens 10/15
Robert Wojcik 10/15
Ana Arzola 10/16
Bridgett Hamilton 10/16
Deric Clarke 10/16
Lauren Iler 10/16
Nicole Prindable 10/16
Valerie Wuller 10/16
Jeanette Clarke 10/17
David Maul 10/18

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

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:

Chris Berry
Saint Meinrad Seminary
200 Hill Dr.
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

PSR
PARISHES SCHOOL OF RELIGION



The Parishes School of Religion
Wednesday classes are from 6:00 – 7:30 PM and
Sunday classes are from 8:45 – 10:10 AM. All classes are held at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish.

We thank the Lord for the cool weather. God's creation is awesome. The Parishes School of Religion has had a great beginning. On Wednesday, October 28, there will be a Diocesan Respect Life Mass at St. Augustine at 6:15 PM. Bishop Godfrey will be celebrating the Mass at St. Augustine Church. The Diocesan Respect Life Ministry has invited all PSR families to attend this Mass. The Wednesday evening class on October 28 will be attended with their families. Sunday morning class and families are also invited to attend. There will be NO PSR CLASS on Sunday, October 25 but we have asked them to also attend the Mass on Wednesday, October 28This Mass will be counted as a PSR class. There will be a reception following the Mass in the Parish center. ALL are invited to this Respect Life Mass. Thank you to all the pastors in the parishes for supporting our efforts to pass on the faith to God's children. The catechists are helpers to the parents in this great task of learning, loving and living our faith.

'Faith is the greatest inheritance you can give to your children. Try to see that it is NOT lost; nurture it and leave it as an inheritance". (Pope Francis)

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
Coordinator of the Parishes School of Religion - tmarkus@ssndcp.org or 618-550-9903

Update Membership Information

In an effort to update all of our parishioner's contact information, we kindly ask that you fill out the form below and place it in the offertory during Mass or return to the church office. Thank you, we truly appreciate you working with us.

Parishioner Name(s):_____

Church Envelope #:_____ **E-mail:**_____

Street Address:_____ **City/State/Zip:**_____

Telephone: (Home):_____ **(Cell):**_____

ST. HENRY PARISH
FALL FESTIVAL

Celebrate the colors of fall with friends, family, fun, and the best ice cream in town!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

After 4:00 PM, Mass, in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center.

TRICK OR TREATING (INSIDE)
FREE FOOD - MUSIC - FRIENDS

Free hotdogs, hamburgers, bratwursts, baked beans, and more!!

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED!

Thanksgiving Day DINNER

THURSDAY **26** NOVEMBER

Former Notre Dame Academy
200 S. Second Street,
Belleville

Serving 11 am - 1 pm
Dinner offered with love, no charge

Call 618-722-5024
by November 20
to make reservations or volunteer

No Carry-Out Available
A meal delivery (up to three) is available to the homebound

Sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville
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Sunday, October 11, 2026 | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Annual Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing
Friday, October 23, 2026
1:00 PM
Mike & Julie Dietz Farm
9920 Reider Road
Lebanon, IL

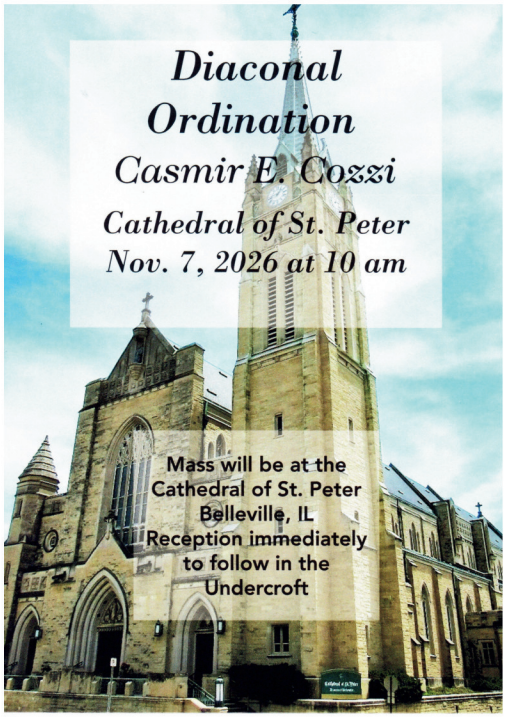
DRIVING DIRECTIONS – (FROM THE BELLEVILLE AREA)

Take Rt 159 North to Lebanon Avenue
Follow Lebanon Avenue into Shiloh (S. Main Street)
At 3-way stop in Shiloh, keep straight on N. Main Street til it ends at US-50
Turn Right onto US-50 and keep straight for 3 miles to Reider Road
Turn right onto Reider Road to the Deitz Farm

DRIVING DIRECTIONS – (FROM THE EAST)
Take US-50 into Lebanon
At the 4-way stop in Lebanon, turn LEFT onto Rt 4
Keep on Rt 4 and veer right onto US-50
Keep straight on US-50 to Reider Road
Turn Left onto Reider Road

"Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed.

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!



You are also invited to
Deacon Casmir's First Preaching Masses

Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 8:00 am
St. Liborius Catholic Church
911 Sparta Saint Libory, IL
Sunday November 8, 2026 at 10:00 am
Holy Childhood Catholic Church
104 N Independence St
Mascoutah, IL



Save the Date for the Ordination to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Belleville at St. Peter's Cathedral
Saturday, June 5, 2027 at 10 am



HELP!!!!

The parish recently implemented a new member information software. During the data transfer from the old system to the new one, some information did not transfer correctly due to differences in information fields. This issue is why we have included a membership update in the bulletin. Please turn in completed updates by October 26th, for your correct information to be in the Guide Book. If you notice a person listed under birthdays who has either passed away or transferred to another church, please inform us. This was one of the major fields that encountered issues during the transfer. Your assistance in updating and correcting this information is greatly appreciated, as it helps ensure that our records remain accurate and up-to-date. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thanks,
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