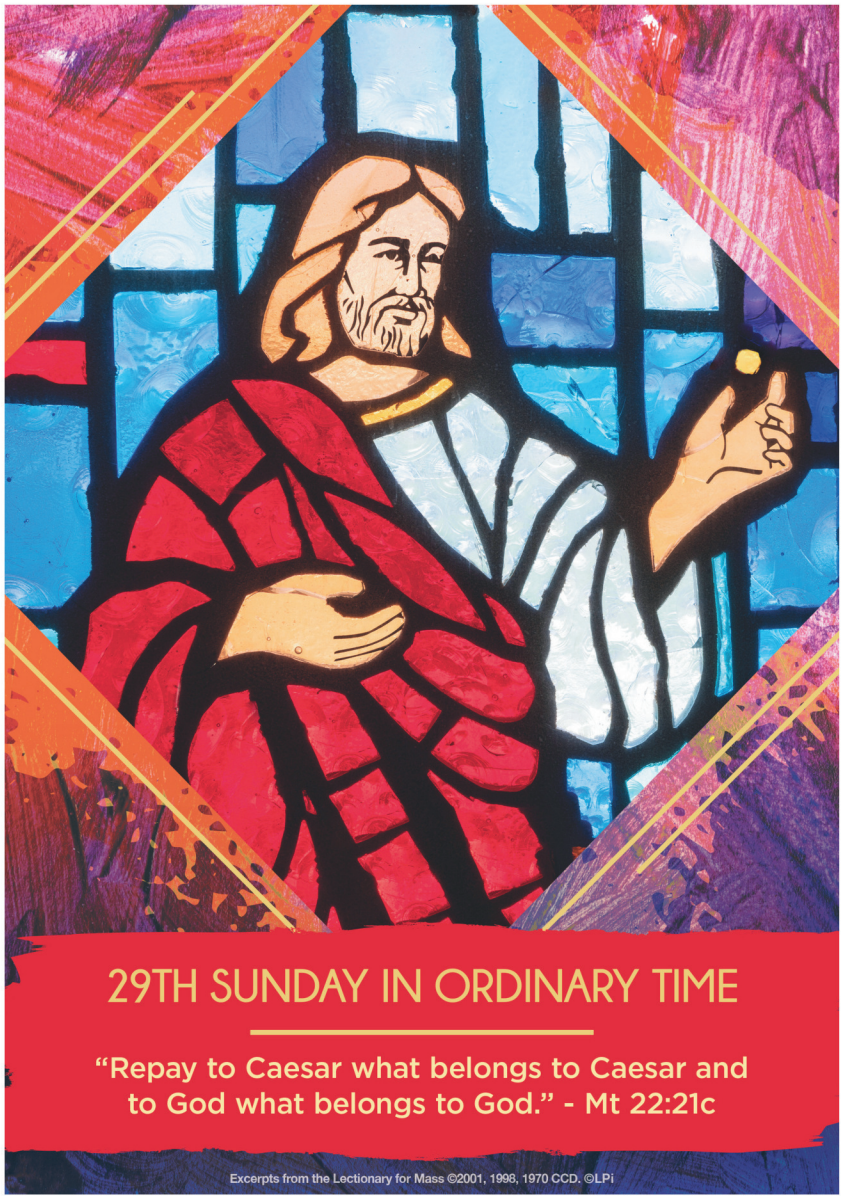
# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226




## October 18, 2026
## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
## Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **October 24th Saturday, 4:00 PM** | Maureen Reed | Ramona Effinger<br>Jeannette Yelinek | Michelle Kujawa<br>Nick Kujawa | Pat Visintine<br>Janet Visintine | Kacie Denton<br>Susan O'Malley |
| **October 25th Sunday, 8:30 AM** | **Need Volunteer** | Joyce Dierkes | Kathy Pajares | Bernadette Gadu<br>Alvina Tippy | Daniel Broeckling<br>George Mehochko |
| **October 25th Sunday, 10:30 AM** | Sue Bolen | Marilyn Elam | Kathleen DuMontier | Lynne Fulte<br>Dawn York | Chris Knee<br>Carol Tyler |

## Respect Life Corner

### What to Say to Someone Who Has Had an Abortion

Almost everyone knows someone who's had an abortion. Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Much as you'd like to make all her suffering go away with the right words, her grief and loss won't disappear after one conversation. Assure her of your friendship. Tell her you will be there for her and help her find healing. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace. Invite her to visit these helpful websites: **www.hopeafterabortion.org and http://archstl.org/hope-healing.**

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.

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## Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God, You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared.
Amen. ©LPi

# READINGS OF THE WEEK

## Readings for the week of of October 18, 2026

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| 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 |
| Monday: | Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21 |
| Tuesday: | Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38 |
| Wednesday: | Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48 |
| Thursday: | Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53 |
| Friday: | Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59 |
| Saturday: | Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9 |
| Next Sunday: | Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 |

## Observances for the week of of October 18, 2026

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| Sunday: | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday |
| Monday: | Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara |
| Tuesday: | St. Paul of the Cross, Priest |
| Wednesday: | |
| Thursday: | St. John Paul II, Pope |
| Friday: | St. John of Capistrano, Priest |
| Saturday: | St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop |
| Next Sunday: | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

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## Mass Intentions for the week of October 18, 2026

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| SUN | 10/18 | 8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | For the People<br>Judith Marchand |
| MON | 10/19 | 8:00 AM | Bill Stroot<br>Marie-Rose Tonoukoin |
| TUES | 10/20 | 8:00 AM | Catholic Extension Donor Intentions |
| WED | 10/21 | 8:00 AM<br>10:20 AM | Rita & Jim Pajares<br>ACHS Mass |
| THURS | 10/22 | 8:00 AM | Catholic Extension Donor Intentions |
| FRI | 10/23 | 8:00 AM | Jacob Deluvia Family |
| SAT | 10/24 | 8:00 AM<br>4:00 PM | Catholic Extension Donor Intentions<br>For The People |
| SUN | 10/25 | 8:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | Ray Wenneman<br>Velda "Lou" Bringaze |

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

**Whose Image We Bear**

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than $200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image we bear.

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## We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday!

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal.

Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere."

That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

We are all called to be a part of this missionary work and we have a singular means to do so:
World Mission Sunday.

The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church's evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself.

Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's call to help him help missionaries everywhere!




## Perseverance, Explained!

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5).

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## Vocation Corner

"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it."

– St. Mother Teresa of CalcuttaMaris, Missionaries of the Word.
Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022




## 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."***

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| Ashely | Jane | Nicholas |
| Barb | John | Pat and Tom |
| Barbara | Jon | Robin |
| Brian | Karim - Gereaux Families | Rosalie |
| Carolyn | Kelly | Rose |
| Cathy | Kennedy | Tanya |
| Cullen Family | Linda | Tiffany |
| Darla | Margie | Tom |
| Dave | Michele | William |
| Emily | Mrs. Balba | God will save our |
| Hayden | Nathan | 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 11, 2026

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| **Envelopes/Loose** | **$ 4,643.35** |
| **St. Vincent de Paul** | **$ 584.50** |
| **Guatemala** | **$ 70.00** |
| **World Mission Sunday** | **$ -0-** |

## THANK YOU

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




## October 18, 2026

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| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM Mass**<br>Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass<br>**10:30 AM Mass** |
| **Monday** | 8:00 AM Mass |
| **Tuesday** | 8:00 AM Mass<br>Ladies Club Mtg 5:00 pm |
| **Wednesday** | 8:00 AM MASS<br>ACHS Mass<br>**Eucharistic Exposition**<br>2:30-4:30 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm |
| **Thursday** | 8:00 AM Mass |
| **Friday** | 8:00 AM Mass |
| **Saturday** | 8:00 AM Mass<br>**4:00 PM Mass** |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM Mass**<br>Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass<br>**10:30 AM Mass** |

Fall Festival after 4:00 pm 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 |
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| 141 | 5,565 | 22,313 |

Body




St. Henry's Ladies Club Next meeting is Tuesady, October 20th at 5:00pm in the parish center.

Our meal will be spaghetti and meat sauce and chicken alfredo. Members are asked to bring salads, garlic bread or rolls and deserts. We will be playing BINGO. We are still collecting early dues and the following items are requested by Hubbard's Haven - Belvita snack packs, peanut butter crackers, individual chips, individual cookie packs, individual oatmeal packs.

**Questions:** Please contact Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340

**ALL ladies of the parish are welcome.**




**We offer our deepest sympathies and prayerful support to the families of**

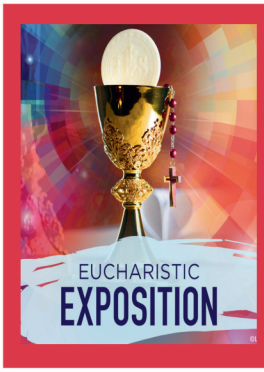
***David Pfeiffer***
***& Rose Cullen***

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

ALTHOFF CATHOLIC

## Open House

Ready to find your school home? Join us for the Althoff Catholic Open House!
**Sunday, October 25, 2026 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**
Explore our interactive science and arts programs, meet our incredible teachers, and take a tour of the campus. See how our faith-driven community empowers every student to thrive. Bring the entire 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.**

# BIRTHDAYS

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| Amy Hopkins 10/19 | Steven Keck 10/21 |
| Christina Hilpert 10/19 | Peggy Hassel 10/22 |
| Benjamin Stanczyk 10/20 | Kyle Sobczak 10/23 |
| Linda Sterr 10/20 | Miguel Colunga 10/23 |
| Maria Suarez 10/20 | Paul Marchand Sr. 10/23 |
| Craig Dumstorff 10/21 | Paula Hale 10/23 |
| John Gudmestad 10/21 | Felipe Sanchez Jr. 10/24 |

## 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 will be meeting on Sunday, October 18 from 8:45 – 10:10 AM and on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. A reminder that on Sunday, October 25, there will be NO SUNDAY MORNING CLASS on October 25. All PSR parents and students have been invited to attend the Respect Life Mass at St. Augustine at 6:15 PM. Bishop Godfrey will be thew celebrant for that Mass. Attending the Mass will be the class time for that week.

*Believe in yourself and all that you are.*
*Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.*

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D.
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# MERCY CHANGES THE WORLD
# LA MISERICORDIA CAMBIA AL MUNDO



## World Mission Sunday
# Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

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## 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:

Grant Fender
Glennon College Seminary
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## 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!