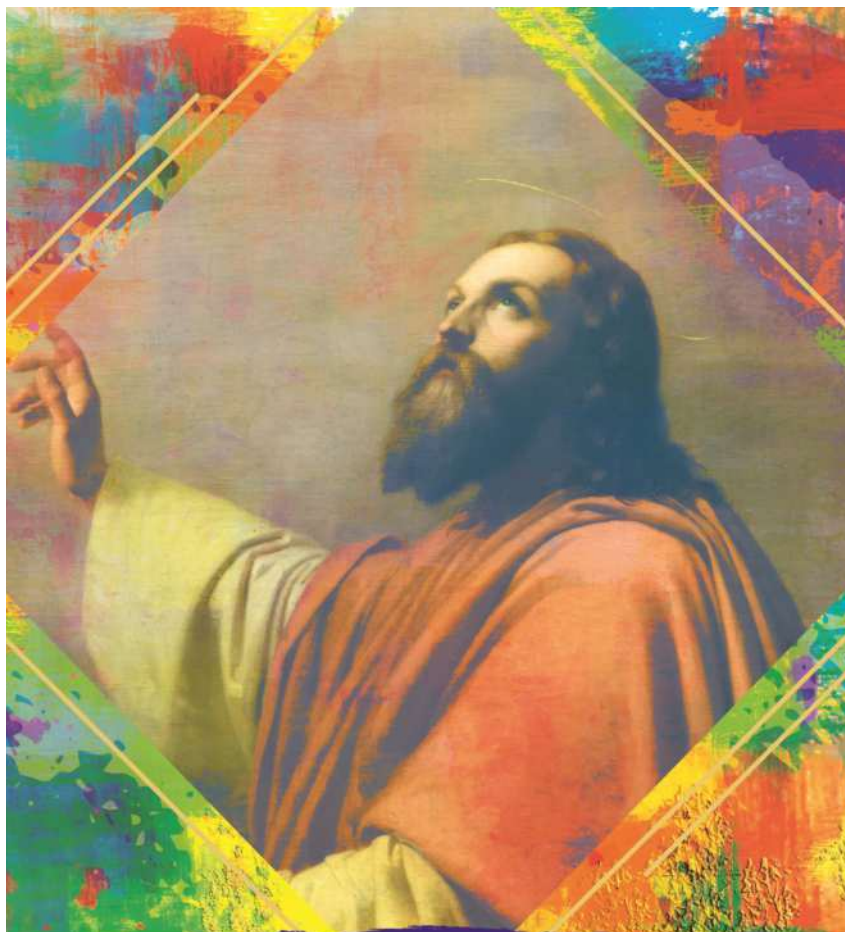




# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:14**

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**October 26, 2025**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 18:9-14**

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— *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>November 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Janis LeChein	Ramona Effinger Jeannette Yelinek	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Patti Tepen Ivan Tepen	Kacie Denton Susan O'Malley
<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Karen O'Dell	Gayle Bibee	Kathy Pajares	Bernadette Gadu Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Sue Bolen	Dawn York	Lynne Fulte	Joyce Dierkes <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

### Respect Life Corner

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need  
[respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection](http://respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection)

### Vocation Corner

Next Sunday, November 2nd, starts National Vocation Awareness Week (declared by the U.S. Bishops) - an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.

### Prayer of Praise

Dear God,

As we look to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment — You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night.

Amen.

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

### Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	
Tuesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	All Hallow's Eve
Saturday:	All Saints
Next Sunday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends

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### Mass Intentions for the week of October 26, 2025

SUN 10/26	8:30 AM	John Lasky
	10:30 AM	Eileen O'Brien
MON 10/27	8:00 AM	Jeannette Barks
TUE 10/28	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
WED 10/29	8:00 AM	Joanne Scheerer
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 10/30	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
FRI 10/31	8:00 AM	Charles & Cecilia York
SAT 11/1	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	4:00 PM	Vic & Rose Behrmann, Theresa Painter
SUN 11/2	8:30 AM	Rita & Jim Pajares, Nowak Family
	10:30 AM	For the People

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

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# All Souls Day



Sunday, October 26th, 2025 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

### Tunnel Vision

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't become righteous.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

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## The Guardian Angel Prayer, Explained!

The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide."

The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration.

Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336).

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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	Doug	Kathy
Adams family	Felipe	Kinsley
Alice	Frances	Kurt
Anna	George	Lynn
Becca & Ken	Gilbert	Mary
Bonnie	Jean	Rita
Cathy	Julie	Sandra
Dian	Kathleen	Wade
Don		

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.



**You can flyers with MORE information about bingo's, picnics, quilting, dinners, and other activities happening throughout our diocese on the bulletin board in the church's vestibule.**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
DÍA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS ©LPi

Sunday, October 26th, 2025 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**October 19, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,750.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 263.25
Guatemala	\$ 55.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 5.00
World Mission	\$ 875.05
All Saints Day	\$ 15.00

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

## Weekly Schedule

**October 26, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	- 8:30 am Mass Live Stream Mass 8:30 am - 10:30 am Mass
<b>Monday</b>	-
<b>Tuesday</b>	-
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	-
<b>Friday</b>	-
<b>Saturday</b>	- 4:00 pm Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	- 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](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
140	5,682	15,720

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD**

**CATHEDRAL GRADE SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1965 REUNION**

Saturday, November 8, 2025  
4:00pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter

Photo Opportunity after Mass on the steps of the school followed with a walk-thru tour of the school

Fellowship following at Cutters, 239 Carlyle Ave., Belleville  
Questions-Contact

Rita Schanherr Uhl @618-920-7749

## Holy Days of Obligation

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

*Solemnity of All Saints*

*Since this Holy Day falls on a Saturday, the obligation is suspended.*



Please give a warm  
**St. Henry Welcome**  
to  
**Constance Morriss**

*We are pleased that you have  
Chosen to be part of our parish family!*

**Next Sunday Daylight Savings Ends**



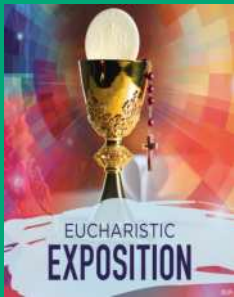
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The St. Henry Parish Christmas party is Sunday, December 7th after 10:30 A.M. Mass, in the Msgr. Voss Parish Center, for the WHOLE parish. Sponsored by the Men's Club and Ladies Club. Reservations are required! Please call Marilyn Elam 618-604-6340 or Dawn at the rectory 618-233-2423 x10 before November 28th. Food will be catered by Betty Ann Market. Entertainment will be Harmony Express at 1:30 P.M.

**All are welcome!**





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## Happy Birthday

Braden Benyr	27-Oct	Joseph Kernan	31-Oct
Jessica Knee	27-Oct	Darla Knepper	31-Oct
Anne Louth	27-Oct	Hannah Sambo	31-Oct
Barbara Cadell	28-Oct	David Wilhelm	31-Oct
Felipe Sanchez	28-Oct	Dennis Blick	01-Nov
Kyle Cook	29-Oct	Ruth Figura	01-Nov
Jacob Maxwell	30-Oct	Kim Rawlings	01-Nov
Mary Babka	31-Oct	Kathleen Dinan	02-Nov
Sarah Barton	31-Oct	Amy Ventimiglia	02-Nov

## Please Welcome PADRE EDGAR

Padre Edgar from our sister parish in Guatemala  
is coming to celebrate 8:00 a.m. Mass with us on  
**Tuesday October 28th**. Please come and give  
him a wonderful Saint Henry welcome.

**Please** take the time out of your busy schedules  
and welcome him to his sister parish Saint  
Henry.

A reception after Mass will be held in the  
vestibule so everyone may meet him.



5K Competitive Run & 1.5-Mile Fun Walk

Check in Time: 3:30 – 4:45 pm

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\$30 Through Saturday, November 29

\$35 Through Wednesday, December 17

\$40 Starting Thursday, December 18

### Packet pick up times

Shrine Visitor Center, Info Desk

Sunday, December 28, 2025, through Wednesday, December 31,  
2025, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 1, 2026, after 3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 after 3:00 pm

### Walk Pricing

\$20 Through Saturday, November 29

\$25 Through Wednesday, December 17

\$30 Starting Thursday, December 18

Awards:

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**November 21 - December 31, 2025**

Free Outdoor Light Display Open Nightly 5:00 - 9:00 pm

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows –  
Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center

From November 21 through December 31, 2025, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.  
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