



# Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17

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**September 14, 2025**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**John 3:13-17**

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals 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>September 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Trish Denton	Patti Tepen Ivan Tepen	Nick Kujawa Michelle Kujawa	Sue Kaltenbronn Tristan Kujawa	Kevin Effinger Susan O'Malley
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Karen O'Dell	George Mehochko	Joyce Dierkes	Kathy Pajares Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	Maureen Reed	Dawn York	Pat King	Lynne Fulte <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Chris Knee Carol Tyler

### Respect Life Corner

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."

USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

### Vocation Corner

Today's Gospel is the popular, often quoted, section from John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". We see it often proclaimed at professional sporting events. Do we embrace those words? Can we give of ourselves to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Sisterhood? Can we encourage and support our young folks who might be pondering this path in life? Be bold and pose the question – "Are you considering a religious vocation?"

### Prayer of Love

Dear God,

Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love.

Amen.

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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### Mass Intentions for the week of September 14, 2025

SUN 9/14	8:30 AM	Patricia Erwin
	10:30 AM	Judith Marchand
MON 9/15	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
TUE 9/16	8:00 AM	William Eckmann
WED 9/17	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	10:20 AM	ACHS
THUR 9/18	8:00 AM	Wayne Adams
FRI 9/19	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
SAT 9/20	8:00 AM	Lois Eckert
	4:00 PM	Vic & Rose Behrmann, Theresa Painter
SUN 9/21	8:30 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Richard York



**The collection, of the Boxes of Joy, is coming to the end.**  
The filled boxes may be dropped off to the Ladies Club meeting on September 16th or placed in the collection box in the vestibule in the back church by September 21st. The Boxes of Joy are being shipped on September 25th.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

### The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

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### Litany, Explained!

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

The basis of the word "litany" comes from the Greek word for "supplication" or "petition." In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent.

Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including the Litany of Humility and the Litany of Trust.

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### The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *Hope in the Lord*

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to the Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.



### 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."**

#### The Annunciation School and Parish communities

Barbara	Helen	Patricia
Cathy	Karen	Peggy
Chris and family	Kathleen	Rita
Dottie	Kayla	Scott
Doug	Linda	Sue
Frances	Lois	Tara
Heidi	Pat	Tom

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.



the collection basket.

Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENTION Ladies Club Members-----  
Annual dues of \$5.00 is now being collected. Envelopes are located on the windowsills in the rear of church. Please fill one out and drop it in

Due to an Early Bulletin Deadline  
the Weekly contributions for the weekend of  
September 7th will be printed in the  
September 21st bulletin.



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

**August 31, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 4,027.72
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 273.25
Guatemala	\$ 40.00
100 Year Jubilee Celebration Donations	\$ 60.00
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest Collection	\$ 20.00

**THANK YOU**

## Weekly Schedule

**September 14, 2025**

- Sunday** - 8:30 am Mass  
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am  
- 10:30 am Mass
- Monday** -
- Tuesday** - Ladies Club 5:00 pm
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Exposition  
2:30-4:30 pm  
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
- Thursday** -
- Friday** - Blessing of the Harvest
- 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](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
130	4,746	14,784

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\* **LADIES' CLUB** \*  
\* St. Henry Ladies Club meeting will \*  
\* be on September 16th, at 5:00 PM at \*  
\* the parish center. Our meal will be \*  
\* sloppy joes. Ladies with last name starting with A-H please \*  
\* bring a Salad, starting with I-Q please bring Vegetables, and \*  
\* R-Z please bring a dessert. Please let Carol know if you are \*  
\* bringing a dish so we don't have an overwhelming amount of \*  
\* food. **All women are invited!** \*  
\* We will be playing progressive Bingo and short meeting. \*  
\* **Please turn in your Box of Joy.** \*  
\* We will be collecting items for Hubbard's Haven. Items \*  
\* needed are water, Gatorade, individual packages of chips, \*  
\* cookies, cheese and crackers, snack bars, white t shirts, \*  
\* laundry supplies, wipes, and body wash \*  
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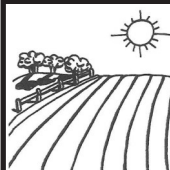
**THE CORNERSTONE**  
Catholic Scripture Study

## The Book of Acts of the Apostles

The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study, Study. Connect. Transform. These words describe the mission of The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study. We invite you to join us at St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am for our upcoming study of The Book of ACTS of the Apostles, "Holy Boldness in the Church" beginning September 24 for a Visitors Session.

This study is for adults who wish to deepen their faith through an increased knowledge of the inspired Word of God, which can transform your heart and mind. Weekly meetings will be held from September 2025 thru April 2026.

For more information about our upcoming study please contact Cheryl 618-420-6800 or Marcia 618-977-2537 or see our website at [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org)  
**Childcare provided!**



All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the **Blessing of the Harvest**, which will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Boulds Farm, 100 Willow Lake Road, Eldorado, IL.

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS – FROM THE WEST

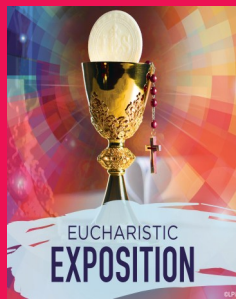
Head East on I-64 for approximately 50 miles; then keep on I-64E toward Louisville; then straight on I-64E toward Belle Rive for 10.3 miles.

**EXIT 89**, exit right to get on N. Brehm Lane/County Hwy-17 toward Belle Rive for 2.8 miles.

Turn **LEFT** onto State Route 142 for 14.8 miles  
Turn **RIGHT** onto S. Marshall Ave for 0.3 miles  
Turn **LEFT** onto W. Randolph Street for 0.3 miles  
Turn **RIGHT** onto S. Jackson Street for 19.6 miles  
Turn **LEFT** onto State Street for 3.0 miles  
Turn **RIGHT** onto Willow Lake Road. Signs will be posted.

"BOULDS FARM" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm 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!*



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.



## 2025 Fall Family Festival

**Saturday, September 20th**  
after the 4:00 pm Mass

Please join Fr. Ken and members of St. Henry's, in the  
Msgr. Voss Parish Center, for a time of great food,  
socializing, and the best ice cream in town!

The festival will immediately follow the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

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

*No reservations needed!*



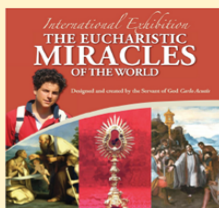
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**St. Henry Parish**  
is looking for a full time  
**MAINTENANCE /CUSTODIAN PERSON.**

Benefits include paid vacation, health plan, retirement  
plan and more. Please call The office (618) 233-2423  
or email [sthenryc@peaknet.net](mailto:sthenryc@peaknet.net).



## INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

*Sponsored by the St. Peter Fraternity  
of the Secular Franciscan Order*

Saturday, Sunday,  
September 13<sup>th</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Experience the exhibit of  
International Eucharistic Miracles  
created by Blessed Carlo Acutis.  
This is a rare opportunity to learn  
more about the real presence of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
in the Eucharist.

### Exhibit Location

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus  
Catholic Church  
Parish Center  
1108 Lebanon Avenue  
Belleville, IL 62221

## Happy Birthday

Dolores McAlister 09/15	Dallas Zimmer 09/18
Elizabeth Choate 09/16	Dyan Hagelstein 09/19
Daryel Buesking 09/17	Dennis Prindable 09/19
Karen Green 09/17	Shaundra Zaron 09/19
Janice Tade 09/17	Carolyn Bovinette 09/20
Taylor Lundy 09/18	Ken Miller 09/20
Kamryn Martin-Giacalone 09/18	Joseph Dammrich 09/21
Timothy Schulte 09/18	Sara Lowery 09/21



**Congratulations and  
Welcome to  
God's Family,**

**Giovanni Escobar,**

**Son of Gustavo & Andrea Escobar, was baptized  
August 30, 2025.**

**May God be with Giovanni and his family as they  
continue their journey of faith.**

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
parishioners, families, young and old to

**OPEN HOUSE at**  
**HINCKE-SENSE RESIDENCE**  
**FOR RETIRED PRIESTS**

**Sunday, September 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM**

Please join us for a tour and refreshments and  
visit with your retired priests.

2620 Lebanon Avenue Belleville, IL 62221

## Special Thanks

We express our sincere gratitude to each of you who contributed to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which was held last weekend. Your generosity ensures our commitment to safeguard the professional and personal dignity of our diocesan priests who are currently retired and our younger priests who will retire in the years ahead. If you were unable to give last week, you may still contribute at any time through your parish; be sure to note "Retired Diocesan Priests Collection" on the memo line of your check. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much!