



Saint Henry Catholic Church

5315 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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**September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28 32**

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir
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Parish Office Hours
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 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 3rd Saturday, 4:00 PM	Maureen Reed	Mark Denton Trish Denton	Bobby Elam Marilyn Elam	Betty Cerulli Sue Kaltenbronn	Kacie Denton Susan O'Malley
October 4th Sunday, 8:30 AM	Need Volunteer	Gayle Bibee	Lynne Fulte	Joyce Dierkes Bernadette Gadu	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
October 4th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Beth Regensberger	Kathleen DuMontier	Sue Bolen	Dawn York Need Volunteer	Jerry Ahrens Chris Knee

Respect Life Corner

National Migration Week: September 21-27, 2026

For over 45 years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration. It's an opportunity to reflect on our history as an immigrant Church and how our country has been enriched by generations of immigrants, including many Catholics who have adopted this land as their own. It is also an occasion to grow in appreciation of the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, both in the U.S. and beyond, and to express solidarity through prayer, accompaniment, and advocacy. Pope Leo XIV chose "Even just one of these children" for this year's theme, which is a reference to Matthew 18:5: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." When this theme was announced, the Vatican noted, "With this choice, the Holy Father intends to express the Church's concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us."

National Migration Week | USCCB

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

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PRESTHOOD
Sunday
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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Observances for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 27, 2026

SUN	9/27	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	For The People Joe Samuelson
MON	9/28	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
TUES	9/29	8:00 AM	Jean Muntan
WED	9/30	8:00 AM 10:20 AM	Joan Wilbret ACHS Mass
THURS	10/1	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions
FRI	10/2	8:00 AM	Memorial Donors
SAT	10/3	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Catholic Extension Donor Intentions For The People
SUN	10/4	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Curtis L. Wiley, Jr. Dr. Paul Biegler

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

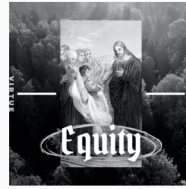
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LADIES'
CLUB

ATTENTION Ladies Club Members-----Annual dues of \$5.00 are now being collected. Envelopes are located on the windowsills in the rear of church. Please fill one out and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless Our
Pastor

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Equity, Explained!

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

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Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,

As the weather changes, the birds migrate, and autumn's flowers, colors, and clouds make their entrance, we thank You for the gift of this beautiful season! Help us use this season to draw closer to each other and to You.

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."

Alaine	Gerry	Linda
Alaine	Jerry	Mason
Carolyn	Jo Ann	Michelle
Cathy	Joan	Mrs. Balba
Curt	John	Nathan
Eiskant Family	Karen	Ray
Eric	Karim - Gereaux Families	Robin
Evie	Kathy	Sue
Gerry	Kennedy	Tanya
Jeanine	Linda	Terry

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.****

September 20, 2026

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 5,185.15
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 741.65
Guatemala	\$ 136.50
Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest	\$ 233.00

THANK YOU

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



September 27, 2026

Sunday	8:30 AM Mass Live Stream 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass
Monday	8:00 AM Mass Parish Council Mtg 6:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass
Wednesday	8:00 AM Mass 10:20 AM ACHS Mass Eucharistic Exposition 2:30-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Thursday	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

**Name Tag
Weekend!**

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
153	5,148	21,896

Vocation Corner

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2026, is a special day set aside to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect on and affirm the priesthood's central role in the life of the Church. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 20 – Thursday, December 31, 2026

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' Visitors Center from November 20 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6281. snows.org

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

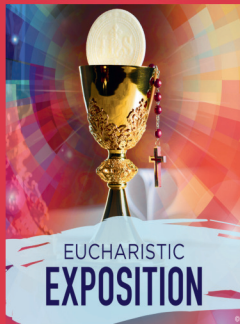
Etc. phone numbers (got rid of your landline?) email address update

Here is your chance to update YOUR record 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 (Dawn) number is (618) 233-2423 X10 or email sthenryc@peaknet.net.

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Constance Morriss 09/28
Jamie Geoppo 09/28
Maria Buhr 09/29
Susan Adams 09/29
Donna Baum 10/02
Sharon Buss 10/02

Michael Carty 10/02
Silvia Stribling 10/02
Joseph Strube 10/02
Frances Schmitz 10/04
Timothy Adams 10/04



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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 School / 1900 West Belle
Street / Belleville, IL 62226.



The Parishes School of Religion is now in full swing. If anyone would
still like to register your children in the faith formation program you can
call me OR email me and I will send the registration forms to you.
Parents, you are the first teachers of your children in the faith. We, as
teachers in the program, are your helpers to share God's love and mercy
with them. Special thanks to my Administrative Assistant, Connie
Woods. She is there to help me with the many things that need to be
done to get the Parishes School of Religion together.

*Family is everything. We may not have it all together, but together we
have it all.*

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



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

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.

Amen.

HELLO
my name is

*Name Tag Weekend
October 3 & 4
After All Masses*



Remember your loved ones with a Mass. (\$10.)
Contact the parish office at 618-233-2423

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Sunday, September 27, 2026 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Open House

Our Home Away From Home

Tour our classrooms, meet our caring educators, and discover a place where your kids can learn, discover new things, and grow!



Event Details



DATE

Sunday, September 27th, 2026
11 AM - 1 PM



LOCATION

5303 W Main St, Belleville,
IL 62266



CONTACT

(618) 234-6061
shenrycl@sthenryclc.com

Let's Discover



MEET OUR TEACHERS

Meet our caring and
dedicated educators.



EXPLORE CLASSROOMS

Explore bright classrooms
designed for discovery.



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Experience joyful learning
through playful activities.



LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Thousands of churches participate each year in this event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.

Sunday, October 4
From 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fairview Heights: Sign pickup in Hobby Lobby
6549 N. Illinois parking lot, stand along Hwy 159

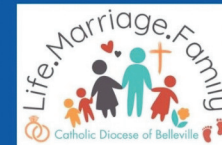
Millstadt: Sign pickup in St. James & Central Bank
parking lots, stand along Washington St.



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Diaper Drive: Bring wipes
and diapers size 0-5 to
donate to local pregnancy
care centers!

St. Francis pet blessing



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Pet Blessings

Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m., by the rectory garage.

Please have all pets on a leash or in an enclosure.

**Parish Council
2 positions open!**

The St. Henry Parish Council is seeking 2 parishioners willing to serve a 3 year term on the Parish Council. The Council meets every other month on the 4th Monday of the month. No experience needed. Qualifications: a love of God and his people, interest in parish activities and a willingness to share ideas for solving issues that come before the Council. **Self nominations accepted!**

Please contact Dawn or Father Ken in the parish office if you have any questions. 618-233-2423

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:

Kyle Kellerman
Glennon College Seminary
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Our Lord is calling you to serve!

The Liturgy Committee wants to expand Communion at each Weekend Mass to include the Precious Blood. To make this happen, we need to train and schedule more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Each Mass would require 4 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Training is provided! Serving Our Lord in this capacity is an honor and a privilege and a commitment to a closer relationship with Our Lord. **"Draw Near to God and He will Draw near to you."** James 4:8

Please speak to Father Ken or call the parish office to be included 618-233-2423.



**ST. HENRY
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*Please Join Us
Saturday, October 3rd and
Sunday, October 4th
for Name Tag Weekend Masses*

Have you ever seen a familiar face down the pew and just could not remember the person's name? Have you seen a newcomer at church and wanted an easy entrée to introduce yourself to them?

Wearing a name tag can help us get to know one another, as well as our visitors and new members. We, encourage you to plan ahead for October 3/4 weekend Masses. Come a little early and stay for a bit after, while wearing your name tag and enjoy light refreshments after each Mass.

**Name tags will be available as you enter the church.
We hope you will want to be part of this effort to help all of
us feel more at home in our parish.**