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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, November 14th, 4:00 p.m. – Stella Mueth

Sunday, November 15th, 9:00 a.m.- For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes $1,427.50; Loose $695; Candles $81; Mass Stipend $10; Mtce. $25 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

	Saturday, November 14th, 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, November 15th, 9:00 a.m.**
Lector:	Carol Reiter	Sandi Gerdes
Minister: Body of Christ	Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew	Mary Anne Hopper & Jennifer Neff
Minister: Blood of Christ	Pat Tinoco & Karen Mueller	Rich Kreher &
Servers:		Volunteers
Crossbearer:		Anna Gerdes

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Most of the writers of the New Testament believed that Jesus would return in their lifetimes. This is especially clear from the urgency of Paul's words in this Sunday's second reading. The Lord would appear with cosmic power, summon the living and the dead of each nation before him, and call each person to account for the actions of their life. Those who tried to justify their actions would be judged strictly according to their deeds. Those who knew Jesus' name, however, would know to cry out for mercy, and they would receive it. Once the judgment was complete, the fullness of God's kingdom would appear. Paul believed that he and his readers might still be alive when revelation occurred, and he wrote this letter to console and prepare them.

When Christ did not come right away, Christians began to consider how they ought to live while they waited. Matthew's Gospel is a product of this reflection. It contains large sections dedicated to the ways Christians should behave while they awaited Christ. A number of parables in Matthew encourage Christians to stay alert.

Judaism already had a spirituality of waiting. This Sunday's first reading, for example, promises that those who patiently seek divine wisdom will not be disappointed. Likewise, the psalm recounts the experience of a fervent believer waiting for God's response to prayer. In both cases, waiting symbolized the deep and true faith that drew the believer to God.

Matthew knew these traditions well and also knew that such faith-filled waiting required the self-control and prudence that the wise bridesmaids display. The lesson for Christians, then, is to treat every moment as if it might be the moment of Christ's return.

2026 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf, February – Pat Ramsey, March – Carolyn Sabo, April – Julie Glauber, May – Juleene Weilbacher, June – Mary Anne Hopper, July – Pat Tinoco, August – Mary Poetker; September – Chuck Mueller, October – Judy Mueth. If you haven't turned in your tickets for the 2026 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 2 drawings.

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 simple prayer would be helpful. This week: Jacob Walker, Conception Seminary College, 37174 State Hwy VV, P.O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes, overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to the Appeal today!

GIBAULT WOMEN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE

Gibault Women's Club Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you have items that you would like to donate, please see the bulletin board for drop off dates and times.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 12 – 18.

CCW NEWS

Thank you to all who made Pumpkin Party Day another success. Our gross (before expenses) was $17,786.00, a special "thank you" to all the ladies who prepared and served the delicious meal and to all the bakers who supplied the Bake Shop of all the goodies. Thank you to the ladies who came and helped with cutting up the bread, turkey's, deboning the turkey's, making pumpkin bars, decorating the hall, making the baskets and all the other jobs in hosting the Pumpkin Party. Thank you to Tim Rekosh for helping in the kitchen, to Frank Hart, Gerard Gregson, Roger Schilling, and Merle Jany for working the parking lot. **The Pumpkin Party wouldn't be possible without everyone's help and dedication.**

The Christmas Party will be at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Monday, December 7th, Doors open at 5 pm, eat at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church. Remember to bring can goods or personal hygiene donations for the food pantry.

St. Michael's Prayer Chain – To request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain contact Karen Mueller at 473-3401. The person will be on the "prayer chain" for one (1) month, unless the person that requested the prayers asks for longer.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Gerard and Clara Gregson for sealing the concrete on the church steps and entrance.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Michael's will be at 9:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be served at Former Notre Dame Academy, 200 South Second Street, Belleville on Thursday, November 26, 2026 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Call 618-722-5024 by November 20th to make Reservations. No Carry-Outs Available. A meal delivery (up to three) is available to the homebound.

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Catholic Urban Programs is collecting the following: Stuffing Mix, Scalloped Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Canned Yams, Turkey Gravy, Apple Pie Filling, Yellow and Chocolate Cake Mix and Frosting, Corn Bread Mix, Canned Green Beans/Corn from November 2 – 13 or there are QR Codes on the flyer on the bulletin board that you can donate or ship direct.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's November collection; Sheets, Blankets, Quilts - Thank you!

St. John's, Smithton – Quilt & Cash Bingo on **TODAY** Sunday, November 8th, Doors open at 10:30 bingo begins at 1:00

St. Boniface, Evansville – Quilt, Ham, Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 22nd, Food at 11 am – Bingo at 1:00 pm

Holy Trinity Men's Club – All you can Eat Fried Chicken – Saturday, November 14th, 4 – 7 pm