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 March 16, 2025
 Second Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 15th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
 Envelopes \$1,767; Loose \$182.25; Candles \$69 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m. – Larry Yarber

Saturday, March 22nd, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Susan Halt
Minister: Blood of Christ Joan Killebrew & Pat Tinoco
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, March 23rd, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher
 Sandi Gerdes & Vic Klein
 David Mueth & Mary Anne Hopper
 Mackenna Hauch & Chloe Parker
 Aubrey Keck

Second Sunday of Lent

This week's readings include Luke's narration of the transfiguration of Jesus into his full glory. As breathtaking as this episode is, the verse that I find most striking in today's readings contains Paul's description of those he calls "enemies of the cross of Christ" (Phil 3:18). In the Letter to the Philippians, he claims, "Their God is their stomach" (3:19). Is there a more poignant way of illustrating the insatiability of greed in many parts of the Western twenty-first-century world? Paul urges the Philippians and us to seek our identity and destination in Christ. The apostle calls us to live like Jesus, a model of simplicity and generosity (the opposite of greed) for which he himself strives.

Luke's Gospel blesses us with Peter, James, and John's glimpse of the true nature of Jesus, the Christ and Son of God. He clarifies, however, that this is not where we remain. Truth may be revealed to us on the mountain, but we cannot stay there. Our vocation is with our people-humankind- who need us as we need each other. Our call is to "listen to him" (9:36) and bring this revelatory truth into the grass roots. We need the glory of God in Christ, and the Triune God asks that we listen to the One who appeared in glory.

The faithful beauty of this summons is grounded in God's call of Abraham, our father and model of faith, to covenant relationship. We must be open to God's plan for us at every moment of our lives. Abraham was called to leave all he knew to follow God. The generational benefits of that new relationship are only beginning to be manifested.

THE MESSENGER

The messenger will once again be accepting Tributes to Honor your Loved Ones on Easter with Your Personalized Tribute. Forms are in the entrance of church and need to be returned to The Messenger by March 20, 2025.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia is having Adoration and Confessions on Tuesday's during Lent from 7-8 pm.

COVENANT NETWORK

Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play Covenant Network Catholic Radio, on our App, Covenant Network, online at OurCatholicRadio.org, on your local Catholic radio station, 90.3 FM. Make this a Lent to remember.

FAITH AND JUSTICE INTERNSHIP WITH THE BELLEVILLE DIOCESE

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S Catholic Bishops. This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. The internship is paid and required an average of 14 hours a week for 24 weeks. For more information contact Cheryl at 618-624-2838.

2025 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner. If you haven't turned in your tickets for the 2025 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 10 drawings.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

A Desperate Seeking - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals). For information call 618-397-0584.

God's Justice in the Bible – 3-part Scripture Series, Saturdays, March 1, March 8, and March 15 from 10 am to Noon Cost is \$15 per session. Register online at snows.org.

Living in Freedom: Letting Go of Desires for Inner Peace – Wednesday, April 9th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Cost \$60

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.

ST. JAMES CCW EASTER PARADE SPRING LUNCHEON

The St. James CCW will have their Easter Parade Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 10th. Doors open at 10:30, Lunch at noon, \$15 per person and Paid reservations are required in advance and are available by calling Kathy Hoeffken at 618-612-9563.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 141st Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the USA. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

2025 WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 2025 Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, March 22, 2025, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland. Pre-Registration is required for the breakfast meal. www.stpaulhighland.org, or text Rose 847-274-3916.

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE

"LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST"

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 2:00 pm at The Cathedral of St. Peter (In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

Bishop Braxton's lecture will examine the very different accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus as found in the Gospel according to Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. He will examine the similarities and the differences between these Gospel texts and provide explanation for the reasons why they are different. He will discuss: "Was it necessary for Jesus to die?" "In what way does meditation on the suffering of Jesus help Christians accept pain, sickness, and suffering in their personal lives?" "Were the Jewish people responsible for the death of Jesus?" "Has the Gospel of John been used to defend antisemitism?" "Why was Jesus's death necessary for the forgiveness of sins?" ALL ARE WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's March collection; Toilet Paper – Thank you!

Quilt/Cash Bingo – St. Joseph, Freeburg, **TODAY** Sunday, March 16th. Doors open at 9:30, Lunch 11 am – 1 pm, Lighting raffle begins at 12:30 and quilt/cash bingo begins at 1:30

Quilt/Cash Bingo – St. James, Millstadt, Sunday, March 23rd. Doors open at 10:30 Bingo begins at 1:00 pm