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LENT

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 March 5, 2023
 Second Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 11th, 5:00 p.m. – Lucille Mulligan

Sunday, March 12th, 9:00 a.m. – Al Politowski

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,638.25; Loose \$152.23; Candles \$28; Easter Flowers \$50; Mass Stipend \$20 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, March 11th, 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Teresa Braunsies
Minister: Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt

Sunday, March 12th, 9:00 a.m.

Michelle Walls
 Mary Ann Hopper & Sandi Gerdes

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

In Scripture, the desert is the place to discover the limits of the human spirit, and the mountain is the place to encounter the spirit of God. During Lent, we visit both: last week the desert, today the mountain.

In the first reading, God directs Abram to leave his homeland for a new land. An encounter with God often leads to a journey. This journey represents a new spiritual discovery in the relationship with God. When we speak of our Lenten journey, we don't actually take a trip but rather embark on a spiritual journey, an exercise of self-examination. The instruction to Abram is to take up a physical journey—a lot to ask of a whole household. But this is an account of divine providence, and the author lists five blessings that God will provide. Whenever God asks us to move into the future and deepen our relationship with him, we are accompanied by blessings only God can provide.

The psalmist prays on behalf of the people and expresses an abiding trust in the Word of the Lord. This trust comes from reflecting on God's past actions. As the future unfolds, those who have trusted in the Lord will not be disappointed. God will be their only salvation. The transfiguration of the Lord is an example of a biblical theophany. Jesus goes "up a high mountain" accompanied by James and John. The details of the transfiguration event have echoes with other such theophanies, such as Moses' time on Mount Sinai when he received the Law and his face shone brightly and when God spoke to him from the cloud. Similar events occurred at the baptism of Jesus as he began his ministry. These details signal that the mission of Jesus is rooted in the history of God's saving intervention. As Jesus and the apostles come down from the mountain, it is clear that this work of God will continue.

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.

2023 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Jim & Jodi Probst, February – Gloria Sollee. You have 10 more chances to win.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives – Saturdays March 11, 18, 25 & April 1 - 10 am – Noon. Cost is \$40 for the series or \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281. You may register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross – Every Friday during Lent at 4:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Shrine Church.

GIBAULT NEWS

Spring Open House – Today, Sunday, March 5th from 1 pm – 3 pm
Shadow Visits – available to all 7th-8th graders or current high school students. For information go to <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.
Taste of the Region – Gibault Women's Club Taste of the Region – Saturday, March 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. \$30 per person. To purchase tickets please visit <https://ghs-womensclub.square.site>

St. Vincent DePaul Needs Your Help

SVDP's Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, helping homeless men, women, and children. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (**individually packaged**) for them: cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta cup, bottled water, luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches is also appreciated.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke's Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 7th at Noon, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. Cost is \$10 for Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles & Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please bring a canned item for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

St. John the Baptist – Smithton

Stations every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.
 Join St. John's and surrounding parishes to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary outside of Planned Parenthood on Thursday, March 30th at 3 p.m.

ST. JAMES CCW PRESENTS THE ROARING 20'S IN 2023

We are happy to announce the return of our annual Noon Luncheon! St. James CCW will be hosting The Roaring Twenties on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with doors open at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Menu: Charleston Fried Chicken, Jazzy California Blend, Capone's Hash Brown Casserole, Model T Slaw, Speakeasy Jello Salad, Flapper Pies and Desserts. Two raffles featuring two beautiful handmade quilts and cash prizes. Our popular basket raffle and the Great Gatsby Sweet Shoppe. Paid reservations are required in advance and available by calling Jane Kuester 618-476-1395. (Raffle Tickets are in the entrance of church)

A PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE TO THE HOLY LAND

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12 days from December 2-13, 2024. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, SCR Animator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

COVENANT NETWORK

Journey through Lent with Covenant Network Catholic radio as your daily companion. Excellence in broadcasting combined with the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other devotions will help keep you focused on a fruitful Lenten season. There will be special Lenten programming throughout the season to help you on your Lenten journey Tune in to WMSH 90.3 FM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Want to Make a Difference in the Life of a child? Retired too soon and still want to teach and/or lead? Why not collect your retirement and work in a Catholic School? We want you and our student need you! Contact officeofeducation@diobelle.org for more information.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

St. Joseph – Freeburg – Quilt and Cash Bingo Sunday, March 19th Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sloppy Joes, Pork Sausage Sandwich, Chips, Fruit Cups & Desserts
St. Agatha, New Athens – Designer Purse Bingo, Sunday, March 26th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 or \$50 at the door. For reservations call Debbie Matzenbacher at 618-210-3318.

