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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
September 6, 2026  
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – Joan Wilkens

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,898.50; Loose \$421; Candles \$56.90; Easter \$100; Cath Ed \$100 – Thank You (8-16-26)  
Envelopes \$1,257.50; Loose \$762; Candles \$75.10 – Thank You (8-23-26)  
Envelopes \$2,432.50; Loose \$475; Candles \$80 – Thank You (8-30-26)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Carol Reiter  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
Sandi Gerdes  
Jennifer Neff & Vic Klein  
Mary Anne Hopper & Rich Kreher  
Volunteers  
Noah Huffman



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A friend once had a terrible drug problem, and I feared for his life. When I tried to talk to him about it, he believed I was being manipulative. I had failed to communicate my compassion, and only spoke of my frustration and fear. As a result, he felt justified to ignore my intervention. Because it is easy to fall into this trap, many people are hesitant to challenge another even when there is good reason to do so. Jesus expects this of his followers, however. Jesus was effective because he wanted nothing from the people he encountered. His compassion and generosity were obvious to the most hardened sinners. He knew how to find their hidden dignity and how to speak to it with respect and hope. Their hardened hearts beat anew in his compassionate presence. We are responsible for each other. Correcting each other is a nonnegotiable. Jesus teaches us how to correct another properly. The command to “treat him as you would a Gentile or tac collector” is not harsh when one remembers that Jesus tirelessly proclaimed divine love to exactly such individuals. As Christians, we too recognize the love God has for everyone. Just as that love motivated Jesus to find the greatest sinners and treat them with compassion, so we too must address each other out of the love God has taught us. In this Sunday’s second reading, Paul summarizes the Gospel in one sentence: “Love is the fulfillment of the law.” A humanity that lovingly challenges each other to love more deeply is God’s dream. With each act of compassion, we bring it to fulfillment.



PSR

First day of PSR will be next Sunday, September 13, 2026.

PICNINC MAKE UP EVENT

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who helped make this event a success. Our gross was \$19,086.00.



THE BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Seeking Volunteers for The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. An historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States that will bring together thousands of pilgrims from across the country to celebrate the life and legacy of one of America’s most beloved Catholic evangelists. **Beatification Mass & Expo** – Thursday, Sept. 24, The Dome at America’s Center, St. Louis. To volunteer, go to: <https://www.celebratesheen.com/volunteer>.



WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT

Deepen your faith and renew your spirit by joining us on the 2026 Women’s ACTS retreat! September 24 – 27 at the Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. Hosted by SS. Peter & Paul. For information contact Mary Dreps 314-973-5238 or Angie Griffin 618-719-8012.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the upcoming retreat on October 16-18. SILK8 is a Catholic based retreat for St. James, St. Michael’s, St. John’s and surrounding parishes. It promises to be a wonderful experience filled with great food and fellowship, heartfelt talks, time for reflection, laughter and community to help us all to a deeper relationship with Christ. Contact Rich Kreher for more information at 618-504-0401.



PAUL KIM

Catholic Speaker Paul Kim will be at St. Clare Catholic Church, O’Fallon, IL on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Doors open at 6 pm, talk at 6:30 pm. The theme will be: A Catholic Guide to Adulthood. Gibault Catholic High School, Waterloo on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Social at 5 pm, talk at 7 pm. The theme will be: Life is short, Eternity is Forever. No RSVP Needed. Free and Open to the Public.

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION SEPT. 12-13

Our Belleville Diocese currently has 53 diocesan priests: 28 are currently retired and 25 are in active ministry. Of those 25 in active ministry, 13 are of retirement age but continue to serve us. With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection on September 12 – 13 will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. All monies will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests. Show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life’s journey with a generous gift to this special collection. Note: our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s September collection; shaving cream and razors, tampons and maxi-pads - Thank you!  
**St. Mary Catholic Church & St. John United Church of Christ, Valmeyer** – Fall Church Picnic Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 5 pm  
**Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights** – Parish Picnic – Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 10 pm

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

**Suicide Prevention Training and “We Remember You” Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide** – Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Suicide Prevention Training at 5:30 – 6:30 at the Shrine Visitors Center and “We Remember You” Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine Church & Glow Garden of Hope, dedicated to those lost to suicide, on the church plaza. No Charge  
**Church History Series: The Legacy of St. Augustine** – Saturdays, September 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm Cost \$15 per session/\$30 for the series. To register call 618-394-6281  
**Morality, Public Policy and the Common Good: How the Church Stands in the World** – Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15.

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. 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 6 drawings.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council again this year needs donations of bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles), Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks, presweetened drink mixes, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc., Commercial rolls of tin foil, Salad dressing, pickle relish, mayonnaise BBQ sauce (gallon jars), and several other items. (List on the bulletin board). Items can be placed in the back of church.



**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.