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 August 18, 2024
 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 24th, 5:00 p.m. – Betty Bolt
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
 Envelopes \$2,870.25; Loose \$150; Candles \$57, Mtce. \$100; Mtce. \$100; Catholic Ed. \$100; Cemetery Memorials \$195 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish

Saturday, August 24th, 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher
 Sandi Gerdes & Vic Klein
 Mary Anne Hopper & Jennifer Neff
 Riley Neff & Noah Huffman
 Lydia Huffman

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

During these weeks when we hear the bread-of-life discourse from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, the first readings bring us passages from the Old Testament that highlight the importance of feasting, eating, and drinking in good times and in bad. The first reading today is from the Book of Proverbs, a collection of sayings written over the course of centuries that praise Wisdom in its many diving manifestations. The book of Proverbs portrays Wisdom as a woman preparing food and drink to nourish those who come to her. Wisdom has prepared a table, and she calls out her invitation through the entire city: “Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!” While the first reading and the Gospel bring out the importance of wine in tradition – at Wisdom’s table and in Jesus’ words to the crowd – the second reading explicitly warns against drinking wine in excess. St Paul cautions the Ephesians to think about their daily lives: They should behave moderately and make the best use of their time and abilities. In order to live as Paul encourages, we need wisdom, a gift of the Spirit, to teach us God’s ways. We also need to know our own gifts along with our lacks. But even as St. Paul cautions against “debauchery,” and other Scripture texts occasionally recommend abstinence from wine, in today’s liturgy Proverbs and John encourage consumption – presumably in moderation and for a far better purpose than debauchery! The beautiful passage from John is a continuation of the Eucharistic theology we have been hearing for a few weeks. The Gospel’s concentration on the “flesh and blood” of Christ in the bread and wine is, according to biblical scholars, a kind of sacramental realism. Outside of its religious context, this very specific encouragement to “eat flesh” and “drink blood” would sound strange indeed.

2024 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Jan Mueller, February – Angi Klohr, March – Esther Keefe, April – Kathy Gass, May – Barb Jany, June – Pat Walsh, July – Rhonda Niemeier. If you haven’t turned in your tickets for the 2024 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 5 drawings.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!

St. Vincent De Paul Belleville Council relies on your generosity to continue serving those in need **right here in our local area**. If you wish to assist in their ministry, please consider making financial contributions or donations of food, clothing or merchandise. 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, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc., new T-Shirts (white) to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be placed in the back church for drop off at St. Vincent DePaul.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS

The Final Celebration of Southern Illinois Association of Priests Honoring supporters and friends
 September 29, 2024 @ Corpus Christi Parish, Shiloh
 Liturgy at 2 pm followed by a gathering, dinner and program
 Contact Tom: ksftom10@gmail.com for information and to make reservations. Deadline for reservations is September 6, 2024.

LADIES CCW

The ladies CCW is looking for Gallon Size Plastic Ice Cream Containers. If you any, they may be left in the entrance of church.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference “Recovering Family Wellness: Rebuilding Relationships” – Friday, August 23, 2024, from 9 am – 4 pm. \$40 per person including lunch. For more information call 618-394-6281
A Desperate Seeking - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 pm through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals. For information call 618-397-0584.
Ignatian Discernment: A Path to Mindful living – October 16, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Visitors Center. Cost \$50 (Lunch included)

PSR NEWS

We are in need of a teacher for the 7th & 8th Grade PSR Class to share with another teacher. This would be from September through April from 10 am to 11 am. For 2 Sundays per month. The qualifications require the person to take the Diocesan Child Protection Initial Training and pass a background check. Please contact Sue Walsh 314-974-2516 for further information.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-in Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

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.

THE SERRA CLUB

Serra International is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women who promote vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. Our local club, the Serra Club of St. Clair County, works to affirm our Priests and Religious, educate our youth on listening for the call to this life, and pray to increase our own personal holiness. Would you like to join this important work of the Church? We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month for Mass and a meeting at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Shiloh, IL. Contact Marvin Winkler at 402-214-1155 or mewinkel51@gmail.com or visit our website at www.serrastclair.org for information.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting a Catholic Speed Dating Social event for single young adult Catholics ages 21-33 on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights. Check-in is at 6:30 pm and event starts at 7:00 pm. Admission Fee is \$10. Please see the bulletin board for flyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s August collection; cleaning supplies: sponges, dish soap, ajax/comet, toilet bowl cleaner, etc. – Thank you!
St. Augustine, Hecker – Annual Kirchenfest & Tiki Trot– August 17, 2024