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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 25th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish Sunday, July 26th, 9:00 a.m.- Helen Juenger

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$1,400.50; Loose \$1,392; Candles \$52; Cath. Ed \$20; Cemetery \$15; Outreach to Haiti \$1,085 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, July 25th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Karen Mueller
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, July 26th, 9:00 a.m.
Judy Mueth
Jennifer Neff & Vic Klein
Mary Anne Hopper & Brittany Schoenherr
Volunteers
Noah Huffman



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parables are pithy narratives with concrete images to help people understand abstract points. The three parables in Matthew 13:24-43 describe the kingdom of God as both spiritual and incarnate. Ancient prophecies foretold a time when God would govern the world in person. Some expected God to govern a literal kingdom, while others thought the kingdom would be some kind of intellectual or spiritual transformation. Jesus’ parables suggest that both understandings are true. The parable of yeast is the clearest example of a spiritual kingdom. In the minds of ancient peoples, yeast was a mysterious substance that transformed a paste of flour and water into bread. Just so, the kingdom of God was an unseen power that transforms people and communities. The parable of the mustard seed has similar themes. Mustard vines grow at such a rate that one ancient author warned against planting it. Ancient peoples wondered at the power of a tiny seed to produce something of such vigor. Similarly, Jesus teaches, the kingdom of God may seem small, but it draws on divine power and will flourish anywhere it takes root. The parable of the wheat and weeds speaks in concrete terms. Jesus offers the observation that not everyone is a child of the kingdom. Jesus warns, however, against using the exclusionary tactics of human communities to separate the two groups. It is almost impossible to tell the two plants apart. The weeds will do no damage, so there is no need to tear them out. It is better, he cautions, that they should grow together. Only God can sort out the weeds from the wheat, since only God knows the human heart. Following centuries of Israelite tradition, Jesus recognizes mercy to be the basis of God’s kingdom.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Scripture Series: Who Changed the New Testament? And Why?
Saturdays, June 20 and August 1, 2026 from 10 am – noon. Cost is \$15 per session/\$30 for the series. Register online at snows.org/events/NT-Series or call 618-394-6281.
83rd Annual Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows
– Tuesday, July 28 through Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7 pm nightly at Church of Our Lady of the Snows. See schedule on bulletin board.

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. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent De Paul is seeking either two part-time or one full-time Charity Coordinator for their facility in East St. Louis. See the bulletin board for more details.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 4th at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Homemade Cole Slaw, Chips, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water

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

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at www.diobelle.org and click on “Giving”. It’s that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on **YOU**. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

SAVE THE DATE

Cathedral of St. Peter Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Sunday, August 16th from 11:15 am – 6:30 pm. Notre Dame Café – 200 S. 2nd Street, Belleville. Carry-out Only \$10 per meal. Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Council, Knights of Columbus Council #15746 & Cathedral Building & Roof Campaign.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – SMITHTON

St. John’s, Smithton is seeking a qualified and mission-driven Part-Time Parish Business Manager (26-28 hours per week) to oversee the financial, administrative, facilities, and operational functions of the parish and school. To apply: Send cover letter and resume to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at malvarez@stjohnsschool.us or by mail at 109 Stroeger St., Smithton, IL 62285 – Attn: Mary Alvarez.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Please see the attached letter from Bishop Godfrey regarding supporting the Catholic War Veterans Post 370.

GREEN MOUNT CATHOLIC CEMETERY FLOWER POLICY

Updates to the flower/décor policy for Green Mount Catholic Cemetery were made effective July 1, 2026. New signage is posted at the entrance with basic regulations. Please remove any items you wish to keep in your possession by the grace period, August 1, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s July collection; School supplies: pencils, filler paper, pocket folders, glue, crayons, scissors, erasers, rulers - Thank you!

St. Charles Church, DuBois – Summer Social, Saturday, July 25th, In air-conditioned KC Hall. Prizes/Food/Fun, Bingo begins at 7 pm
St Patrick Church – Tipton – 37th Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner – Sunday, August 2nd. Dinner 11 am – 3:30 pm, Auction begins at Noon, Quilts to sell approx. 2:30

St. James, Millstadt – Summer Festival on Saturday, August 1st, 4 – 10 pm. Mass at 3 pm, Quilt & Cash Bingo 7-10 (Indoors)

St. Francis, Aviston – Church picnic on Saturday, August 1st, Chicken Dinner 3:30 – 6:30, Carry-Outs 3 – 7, Mass 4, Quilt Bingo 6:30

St. Joseph, Prairie Du Rocher – Annual Picnic – August 1st, Dinner 3-7:30, Bingo 5-11

There are many kinds of alms, the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which **we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.**

