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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 25th, 4:00 p.m. – Shirley Wittenauer
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$1,823.75; Loose \$472; Candles \$63; Cath. Education \$20; Mtce \$20 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Saturday, October 25th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Karen Mueller
Minister: Blood of Christ Joan Killebrew & Pat Tinoco
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, October 26th, 9:00 a.m.
Sandi Gerdes
Jennifer Neff & David Mueth
Diane Mueller & Vic Klein
Noah Huffman & Kinzley Kurtz
Lydia Huffman

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The Gospel text for today is unique to Luke, a parable often identified as that of “the unjust judge” or “the persistent widow.” What an engaging parable! Preachers frequently focus on the character of the judge and, therefore, listeners are inclined to associate the judge with God. Listeners might conclude that their own prayer is not strong enough and that perhaps, if they just prayed harder or more often, God would answer their prayer as they want it answered. But we must ask: Is this how God acts? Is this how God listens to prayer? Does God count how frequently we pray? Another way of looking at this parable is to focus on the character of the widow. Biblical scholar Barbara Reid has called the woman “an icon for what it means to do the work of justice.” The unnamed widow in this story repeatedly approaches the unjust judge. She is persistent in her demand for justice. Why is this text often presented as the widow badgering the judge? This widow is requesting (according to the Greek text, “over and over”) justice.

2025 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner, March – David & Janice Holdener, April – Jim & Jodie Probst, May – Michelle Walls, June – Janet Kreher, July – Phil Halt, August – Vern Moehrs, September – Sarah Birkner. If you haven’t turned in your tickets for the 2025 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that your will be entered in the remaining 3 drawings.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

God First Loved Us – Retreats Starting September 12, 2025 through May 1, 2026. Retreat begins on Friday at 4:00 pm through Sunday’s at 1:00 pm - \$250 per person (includes lodging and meals)
The Way of Lights – November 21 through December 3, 2025, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

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 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, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc. Items can be placed in the back of church for drop off at St. Vincent DePaul.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

With confidence in the Lord, today we are asking for your support of this year’s Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Your generous response will help our diocesan ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities by those who are in need. Please consider making your gift today!

PICNIC MEETING

Follow up picnic meeting and discussion about 2026 picnic will be held **This** Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All chairperson and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 4th at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles with Mushroom Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please bring a canned item for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

CCW NEWS

The CCW Pumpkin Party is right around the corner and the ladies are asking parishioners to please support the Ladies CCW by taking a basket from the back of church and filling it with items worth \$25. Please leave filled baskets in the back of church by Sunday, October 26th. The baskets will be used for the basket raffle at the November 5th Pumpkin Party. Letter and Raffle tickets have been sent out. You may put your raffle tickets in the offering basket marked “Pumpkin Party”.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Our Special Collection today is for World Mission Sunday. This gives everyone an opportunity to pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work and to offer our financial help in response to the Holy Father’s annual appeal for the Mission Church. Extra Envelopes are in the entrance of church. Please be as generous as you are able.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER FALL GALA

Newman Center Fall Gala will be held on Saturday, November 8th. Send an email to office@siucnewman.org to reserve your tickets. Information is on the bulletin board and Quilt Raffle Tickets are in the entrance of church.

KOINONIA PARISH RETREAT

Save the Date! Coming on November 14, 15, 16, 2025; a Koinonia Parish Retreat. (St. James, St. Michael’s, St. John’s and St. Augustine) Talks, reflections, discussions, laughter and community, and a deeper relationship with Christ. To be held at St. James Parish Center, Millstadt. Applications are in the entrance of church. Contact Rich Kreher for more information.

WAY OF LIGHTS 5K RUN 2026

Join us for our annual Way of Lights 5K Competitive Run and 1.5-mile Fun Walk to start your year off right on January 1, 2026! The only time of the year to run or walk through our beautiful light display. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit snows.org/wolrun.

WAY OF LIGHTS

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows’ Visitors Center from November 21 through December 31. If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6281.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, November 12th, with Daniel Jakubisin, Founder and CEO of Doorward, Topic: Being an Apostle: Being a Friend, Gruv Bistro & Wine Bar, 223 E. Main St., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social 7:00 – 8:30 Event. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s October collection; food (ravioli, tamales, soups, stews, rice, tuna, corned beef, peanut butter, chicken and dumplings, jello, pudding, macaroni and cheese, coffee, tea, etc. – Thank you!

St. Augustine, Hecker – Men’s Society Meat Shoot, **TODAY** Sunday, October 19th at 12 pm, Hecker Community Center

St. Pius, Walsh, IL – Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, **TODAY** Sunday, October 19th, 11:00 - 2:00

St. Patrick, Tipton – Wurstmartk & Country Store, Sunday, October 26th, 11:00 – 3:30, Mass at 10:00. Meat Shoot beginning at Noon

Corpus Christi, Shiloh – Chicken & Pasta Dinner, Sunday, October 26th, 3-6:30 pm

If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.