



LENT

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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 28th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, March 1st, 9:00 a.m. – Jackie Billings

STEWARSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$2,424.50; Loose \$720; Candles \$57; Cemetery \$125 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, February 28th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Sandi Gerdes
Jennifer Neff & Vic Klein
Mary Anne Hopper & Rich Kreher
Addison Parker & Carson Parker
Noah Huffman

First Sunday of Lent

In Genesis, the serpent is one of God's creatures – a cunning one, to be sure, but one of "the animals that the Lord God had made" (Gn 3:1). Nothing in Genesis explains why the serpent chooses to trick or tempt the two humans to disobey their Creator. In Matthew, Jesus is tempted by the devil, a figure that later Christian traditions associate with the serpent in the garden. The test in the wilderness is administered by the devil but initiated by God, as Matthew writes: "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted" (Mt 4:1). Perhaps God is testing to see if his Son will succeed where Adam failed.

Because Jesus stood firm against the devil's seductions, "acquittal [that is, justification] and life came to all" (Rom 5:18). Lent invites us to meditate on our participation in both Adam and Christ. As the psalmist writes, "I acknowledge my offense" (Ps 51:3). We face honestly our guilt and the sins we have committed against God. But Lent also, paradoxically, invites us into the joy of our guilt being washed away. As Paul writes, "how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign" (Rom 5:17).

2026 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf. 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 11 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)
Spring Quiet Retreats – Men's Quiet Retreats: May 1-3
Women's Quite Retreats: March-April
Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May
Lenten Day of Reflection: On the Lenten Journey – Thursday, March 5th from 10 am – 3 pm. Cost \$60.00 (Lunch included). For information call 618-397-0584.
Church History Series: A History of Heaven and Hell – Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, 2026 from 10 am to 12 pm Cost 15 per session/\$45 for the series

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 COATS!

Cold winter weather has arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages- toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested.** Items can be placed in the entrance of church. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED? DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? ARE YOU NOT ON OUR PARISH MAILING LIST & NEED TO REGISTER?
We need to update our census. If you are not getting parish emails please drop a note in the collection basket with your name, email address, and phone number or you may email stmichaels4@aol.com or call Sue Walsh 314-974-2516. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be closed March 2nd – 6th. If you are in need of a priest, please call Fr. Eva at 618-476-3513.

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Euchre Tournament sponsored by the Men's Club will be Saturday, February 28, at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. All you can drink beer and soda; all you can eat fried chicken (at the end on the last round). Call Rich Kreher 314-341-4904 with any questions.

THE MESSENGER

Easter Tributes – The messenger will once again be printing Easter Tributes to honor your Loved One. Forms are in the entrance of church. Cost is \$20 per name (checks need to be made out to: The Messenger). Deadline in March 20, 2026. Any questions please call 618-722-5047.

KOINONIA PARISH RETREAT

Save the Date! Coming on March 6, 7, & 8: 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 info: text to 314-341-4904.

ST. JAMES CCW

Take me out to the Ballgame Noon Luncheon on Thursday, April 9th. General Admission is \$15 per person. Doors open at 10 am Lunch at Noon. Reservation Forms and Raffle Tickets are in the entrance of church.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke's Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at Noon, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Chicken a la King over Biscuit, Tossed Salad, Chunky Applesauce, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Today, our parish will take up the 142nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including in our diocese. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH

Join the Belleville Diocese as we pray for the vulnerable and stand up for the dignity of all human life! March 19, 2026/Springfield, IL. 10:00 am; Holy Mass, Exposition Hall, IL State Fairgrounds, 1:00 pm Rally and March, IL State Capitol Complex. Drive yourself, or take our bus (Adults \$25/Student \$10) T-Shirts available for \$10 each. More information on the bulletin board.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, March 11th. 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 March collection; Toilet Paper - Thank you!

Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo – Annual Wurstmarkt 11 am – 3 pm & Quilt & Cash Bingo 1 pm, Sunday, February 22nd

St. Agatha, New Athens – Designer Purse Bingo, March 1st Doors open at 11:30 Bingo at 12:30. Call Debbie Matzenbacher 618-210-3318 or Glo-Bingo.com/events

St. Charles Borromeo, DuBois – DuBois Polishfest, Sunday, March 1st, Polish Mass 10 am Traditional Polis Food 10 am – 3 pm