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March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 15th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$2,937.50; Loose \$207; Candles \$46 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m. – Larry Yarber

Saturday, March 15th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Joan Killebrew & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Susan Halt & Rosemary Yaekel
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m.
Michelle Walls
Diane Ruhmann & Mary Anne Hopper
Diane Mueller & Jennifer Neff
Riley Neff & Noah Huffman
Lydia Huffman

First Sunday of Lent

Today's readings remind us of who we are and from where we came. We are the people of God, and we are called always to live as such, even when the evidence from our current social, political, and economic situations would suggest otherwise. God, we are reminded, knows his people, remembers his people, and has a plan for our salvation. Most important, all of this may well be beyond our ken. And that should rather comfort us, not dissuade or create anxiety in us. Luke's Gospel narrates his understanding of Jesus' temptations prior to his public ministry. Jesus refuses the easy route; rather, he lets go and trusts in God. Notice that he falls back on his traditional grounding in response. This doesn't mean he is unthinking. He reflects, he discerns, and he asks what would God have him do.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics**. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, **the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

2025 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner. 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 10 drawings.

COVENANT NETWORK

Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play Covenant Network Catholic Radio, on our App, Covenant Network, online at OurCatholicRadio.org, on your local Catholic radio station, 90.3 FM. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the Visual Rosary with sacred images for each prayer and the **Stations of the Cross**.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

A Desperate Seeking - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals). For information call 618-397-0584.
God's Justice in the Bible – 3-part Scripture Series, Saturdays, March 1, March 8, and March 15 from 10 am to Noon Cost is \$15 per session. Register online at snows.org.
Gifts from Friends We Never Wanted – Monday, March 10th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Cost \$60 (lunch included). For reservations call 618-397-0584.

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Who was reborn of water and the Holy Spirit
Child of God at the Sacred font of Baptism
Miley Del Stewart
May God continue the good work that has begun in them!
Miley is the daughter of Madilyn Stewart

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to JoAnn Fults for cleaning the sign at the road.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, March 12th with Sr. Margaret Michael Gillis, FSP. Topic – Put on the Mind of Christ: Saint Paul and Sanctification of the Mind. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35 at Bennie's Pizza Pub, 113 East Main St., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social 7:00 – 8:30 Event.

ST. JAMES CCW EASTER PARADE SPRING LUNCHEON

The St. James CCW will have their Easter Parade Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 10th. Doors open at 10:30, Lunch at noon, \$15 per person and Paid reservations are required in advance and are available by calling Kathy Hoeffken at 618-612-9563.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Today, our parish will take up the 141st 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 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.

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE

"LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST"
Sunday, March 30, 2025, 2:00 pm at The Cathedral of St. Peter (In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Bishop Braxton's lecture will examine the very different accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus as found in the Gospel according to Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. He will examine the similarities and the differences between these Gospel texts and provide explanation for the reasons why they are different. He will discuss: "Was it necessary for Jesus to die?" "In what way does meditation on the suffering of Jesus help Christians accept pain, sickness, and suffering in their personal lives?" "Were the Jewish people responsible for the death of Jesus?" "Has the Gospel of John been used to defend antisemitism?" "Why was Jesus's death necessary for the forgiveness of sins?" **ALL ARE WELCOME**

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's March collection; Toilet Paper – Thank you!
Quilt/Cash Bingo – St. Joseph, Freeburg, Sunday, March 16th. Doors open at 9:30, Lunch 11 am – 1 pm, Lighting raffle begins at 12:30 and quilt/cash bingo begins at 1:30

PARISH OFFICE

I will be out of town from March 11 – 17.