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October 15, 2023  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – Loretta Nesbit

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass

**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$2,432.25; Loose \$181.48; Candles \$34; Retired Belleville Priest \$800 – Thank You

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Teresa Braunseis  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Joan Killebrew & Karen Mueller

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish

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Judy Mueth  
Sandi Gerdes & David Mueth  
Vic Klein & Diane Mueller



**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today’s parable from Matthew compares the kingdom of heaven to a king and his lavish feast for his son’s wedding. This king’s behaviors are rather disturbing. Since some of his original guests declined his invitation to attend to their farm or business, they are people with resources, and the banquet is not meant to provide for the needy. The subsequent filling of the banquet hall with people off the street reads like a face-saving move, given how the king gets upset with a replacement guest who does not dress right. How could he expect all to have the proper attire when they were just gathered off the streets? His burning the cities harms more than those who arrested, attacked, or killed his slaves.

Note that the parable never indicates who is making this comparison and that it is part of Jesus’ response to the religious leaders, who question his authority after his celebrated entry into Jerusalem and his cleansing of the Temple. The closing statement, “Many are invited, but few are chosen”, may conclude Jesus’ series of three parables instead of merely this parable. In fact, this statement hardly fits the parable since the king kicks out only one guest. Those chosen may refer to people who reject this parable’s comparison.

Psalm 23 and Isaiah 25 also present God as one who provides abundant food and drink, but they present a different picture of God. In these passages, God is a provider and a protector rather than a temperamental tyrant.

We see a similar expression of faith by Paul in Philippians 4. Because Paul has experienced both prosperity and paucity, he has learned the secret that Christ is sufficient and can strengthen him to face any situation. God, for Paul, is one who will meet our every need.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be used for the basket raffle at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Party. Letter and Raffle tickets have been sent out. You may put your raffle tickets in the offer basket marked “Pumpkin Party”.

**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.

**GIBAULT NEWS**

Shadow visits are now available on select Tuesdays and Fridays. Your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Get started at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Mark your calendars for October 21 for this year’s Oktoberfest – “Havana Nights!” For full event information including ways to get involved, visit [www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com](http://www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com).

**Bonfire Bash** – Save the date for our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 27 from 6 pm – 8 pm. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

**Open House** will be November 5<sup>th</sup>! It’s the perfect time to learn more about Gibault and what all we can offer your family! Reserve your space at <https://bit.ly/gchsopenhouse23>.

**2023 QUILT RAFFLE**

Our winner of the January quilt was Jim & Jodi Probst, February – Gloria Sollee, March – Christine Hopper, April – Emily Cortner, May – Carol Quirin, June – Betty Bolt, July – Marty Assmann, August – Barb Jany, Sept. – Rosemary Yaekel. You have 3 more chances to win.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and OverNite Center every day. Also individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped in the back of the church.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

**Spiritual Cinema** including Reflection and Discussion – Tuesdays, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Cost: Free will offering.

**Paul Coutinho Day of Reflection** – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 3:00 pm Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

**Jewish & Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin** – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm Cost \$20

**I Want to See You** – Couples Retreat - Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm thru Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2 pm Cost \$400 per couple (includes lodging and meals)

Call 618-397-0584 for more information.

**Way of Lights Volunteer Request** – 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 at the Shrine from November 17 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email [programs@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at [www.snows.org/wayoflights](http://www.snows.org/wayoflights).

**Mt. Carmel and Holy Cross Cemeteries**

The historical and beautiful catholic cemeteries of Mt. Carmel in Belleville and Holy Cross in Fairview Heights are offering pre-need grave sales at 50% off in October when paid in full at time of purchase. If you choose to put the grave(s) on our simple payment plan, we will offer you a 25% discount. Mausoleums and columbarium excluded. Please call 618-397-0181 for an appointment. Anyone wishing to donate to the new Mt Carmel Prayer Gazebo may do so in a few different ways. \$5,000 will get you a large plaque, \$1,000 a small plaque or \$500 you can get a brick that will line the walkway to the gazebo. Forms are on the bulletin board. All donations appreciated.

**The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

**The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord**  
The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to Daystar Community Program’s mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar’s on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar’s truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven’t already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

**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 & cheese, spaghetti & meat sauce, etc.) – Thank you!

**Holy Family** – Cash & Quilt Bingo, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. James, Millstadt. Doors open at 10:30 bingo begins at 1:00

**St. Augustine – Hecker** – Annual Turkey Shoot, Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Hecker Community Center

**ICS Trivia Night** – November 10<sup>th</sup> doors open at 6 pm, Trivia starts at 7 pm, \$200 per table of 10. Questions or to Register email Jackie Weaver, [Schmidjk@gmail.com](mailto:Schmidjk@gmail.com)