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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
September 20, 2026
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 26th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish Sunday, September 27th, 9:00 a.m.- Mary Reichert

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$2,995.50; Loose \$2,474; Candles \$80; Retired Diocesan Priest \$120; Cemetery \$1,000; Mtce. \$20 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, September 26th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Pati Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, September 27th, 9:00 a.m.
Rich Kreher
Sandi Gerdes & Jennifer Neff
Vic Klein & Mary Anne Hopper
Volunteers
Noah Huffman



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In a society that valued eldest sons, God favored younger sons like Jacob and David to lead Israel. In a world hostile to foreign women, God made outsiders like Jael, Rahab, and Ruth pivotal to Israel’s salvation. In a culture that inflicted fearsome penalties for betrayal, God forgave Israel repeatedly, patient for the day when his people would keep their word. God even worked to overcome Israel’s self-inflicted disasters. He sent prophets to correct Israel’s greedy and feckless kings and ensured that the nation would survive the damage they inflicted. These acts of mercy characterize the generous God that Isaiah speaks of in this Sunday’s first reading. In the Gospel reading, Jesus illustrates this same divine mercy in the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The daily wage for laborers was enough for a small extended family of several adults and children to purchase bread and vegetables for the day’s meals with a bit left over for taxes and other expenses. Observant Jews had to be especially careful to keep enough for Sabbath days when they refrained from labor. The vineyard owner was thus making sure all his laborers could eat regardless of the work they put in. His concern was for the effects of the wage, not its value as a symbol of effort. Likewise, Jesus reveals, God’s mercy is not a currency to be earned, but a gift to support the life of any who humbly ask for it. The ways of the world confuse our minds. We will never understand God through logic or study. Only be trusting in Christ and living his Gospel will the truth of God’s Word make any sense.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Church History Series: The Legacy of St. Augustine – Saturdays, September 12th & 19th from 10 am – 12 pm Cost \$15 per session/\$30 for the series. To register call 618-394-6281

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, July – Pat Tinoco, August – Mary Poetker. 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.



WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT

Deepen your faith and renew your spirit by joining us on the 2026 Women’s ACTS retreat! September 24 – 27 at the Our Lade of the Snows Shrine. Hosted by SS. Peter & Paul. For information contact Mary Dreps 314-973-5238 or Angie Griffin 618-719-8012.



ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 6th at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for Chicken Alfredo with Mushrooms, Winter Salad, Roll & Butter, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the upcoming retreat on October 16-18. SILK8 is a Catholic based retreat for St. James, St. Michael’s, St. John’s and surrounding parishes. It promises to be a wonderful experience filled with great food and fellowship, heartfelt talks, time for reflection, laughter and community to help us all to a deeper relationship with Christ. Contact Rich Kreher for more information at 618-504-0401.

SPECIAL THANKS

We express our sincere gratitude to each of you who contributed to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which was held last weekend. Your generosity ensures our commitment to safeguard the professional and person dignity of our diocesan priests who are currently retired and our younger priests who will retire in the years ahead. If you were unable to give last week, you may still contribute at any time through your parish; be sure to note “Retired Diocesan Priests Collection” on the memo line of your check. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much!

THE MESSENGER

All Souls Day Tribute – The Messenger will once again be printing All Souls Day Tributes to honor your Loved One. Forms are in the entrance of church. Cost is \$20 per name (check needs to be made out to: The Messenger). Deadline is October 2, 2026. If you have any questions, please call 618-722-5047.



METRO-EAST VICARIATE CCW

RSVPs for the Fall Day of Prayer are due on Sept. 21st. Forms are on the table in the entrance of church.



LAITY INVITED TO STUDY THEOLOGY AT ST. MEINRAD

Seek God through prayer, study, and a tradition of Benedictine hospitality. The Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program invites you to learn about its MA and certificates in theology during an online Open House on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm CT, OR an in-person Open House on Saturday, October 10. Discover how theological study can enrich your faith and your service to the Church. Learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.



CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS 6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Catholic Urban Programs 6th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 2nd, 12 pm Registration & Lunch, 1 pm Shotgun start at the Orchards Golf Club, Belleville

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s September collection; shaving cream and razors, tampons and maxi-pads - Thank you!

St. Mary Catholic Church & St. John United Church of Christ, Valmeyer – Fall Church Picnic Sunday, September 20th 11 am – 5 pm
St. John the Baptist, Smithton – 3rd Annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 26th from 5-9 pm, BBQ, Music, Carnival Games, Blow Up Obstacle Course, and fun for ALL Ages

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Belleville – Parish Picnic Saturday, September 26th 4 pm – 10 pm

St. Pius V Catholic Church, Walsh, IL – Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Teresa Polka Mass & German Dinner – Saturday, October 3rd, Mass at 5pm Dinner at 6:30, RSVP by Sept. 24th for the dinner at 618-233-3500.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 28th**