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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – Ele Louveau  
**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**  
Envelopes \$1,859.25; Loose \$402; Candles \$51; World Mission \$600; Mass Stipend \$10; Cemetery Memorial \$975 – Thank You

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Carol Reiter  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Karen Mueller & Pat Tinoco  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Joan Killebrew & Diane Ruhmann  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**  
**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
Sandi Gerdes  
David Mueth & Jennifer Neff  
Diane Mueller & Rich Kreher  
Kinzeley Kurtz & Anna Gerdes  
Noah Huffman

First Sunday of Advent

These Advent readings revolve around two themes. The first reading and the psalm offer a vision of peace centered around Jerusalem and its temple. Three times the psalm repeats a prayer for peace within the holy city. While the psalmist describes the tribes of Israel joyfully entering the temple, the prophet Isaiah sees a vision of all the nations streaming into Zion to receive instruction, a vision of international peace, of the weapons of war melted down and reforged into tools for farming. Jesus offers the dramatic images of one man in the field and one woman grinding flour being taken while the other man and woman are left. Both images evoke sudden judgment. Some Christians assume that the one taken is being rescued, while the one who is left will endure the tribulation of the end times, but the Gospel suggests instead that those taken away are like those swept away by the great flood of Noah’s day. Stay awake, Jesus urges, so that you might not be carried away on the day of judgment. In Scripture, falling asleep is a metaphor both for death and for careless and self-indulgent living, living for pleasures rather than being attentive to God’s purposes. Jesus reminds his followers that they won’t know the hour or day of his return, which means they should live as if it might happen at any time. Likewise, Paul urges the Christians in Rome to live as if the day were about to break: the day of Christ’s return is at hand.

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, October – Susan Kossina, November – Chris Zimmermann.

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: January 9-11, 16-18, May -1-3  
Women’s Quite Retreats: March-April  
Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May  
**Advent’s Deepening Call to Welcome the Tender Grace of God-with-Us!** – Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center. Cost \$60 (lunch included)  
**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.  
**Way of Lights 5K Run** – Join us for our 5k Competitive Run and 1.5-mile Fun Walk on January 1, 2026. For more information call 618-397-6700 or visit [snows.org/wolrun](http://snows.org/wolrun)

**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.

FYI OPERATIONS COST

2026 Donation Envelopes \$912.21  
2026 Breaking Bread Books \$1,307.20

GIBAULT

Gibault Catholic School is collecting plastic lids. The lids may be left in the entrance of church. They will be collecting lids until January 30, 2026.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed December 2 – 9. If you are need of a priest call Fr. Evarestus 618-476-3513.

ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

As a Parish we have adopted 3 local families for Christmas this year. Please consider taking one or two ornaments off the “Giving Tree” and purchasing a gift for a family. All gifts will need to be returned to church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Walsh

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A tradition at St. Michael is the *Book of Remembrance & Candles*. From this Sunday until Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> the book will be placed in the entrance of the church. Anyone who wishes to have a 7-day vigil candle lit in memory of a departed loved one or family on Christmas Eve may list their name/names. Also, if you wish to have a candle lit for someone who can’t be with you/your family this Christmas, for example serving our country in some distant place, or just unable to make it home, and you would like a candle lit for him/her please list the name. Candles will be prepared with the individual/family name and will be placed in the windowsills of the church on Christmas Eve. If you wish to take the candle home after Christmas Eve Mass you may do so, or it may be left in church. The suggested donation is \$3.

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know lives alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 16, 2025.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council elections will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Jim Elbe, Rich Kreher, and Chuck Mueller will be running for a 2-year term.

MEN’S CLUB

Men’s Club Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are welcome. A Sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND QUILT OF THE MONTH

The 2026 Offering envelopes are in the entrance of church. If you give online, you will not have a box of envelopes. The 2026 Quilt of the Month Letter and Raffle tickets are in the entrance of church. Please pick up your envelope so that we can save money on postage.

CCW NEWS

The Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Bullpen, New Athens, Doors open at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00 pm, a sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church. Please bring 5 nonperishable food items or personal car items to be entered into a drawing for prizes.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Pork Loin/Dressing & Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Creamy Grape Salad with Pecans, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s December collection; Mittens, Gloves, Winter Hats and Scarves, boots– Thank you!