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March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 25th, 5:00 p.m. – For The Parish

Sunday, March 26th, 9:00 a.m. – John Bahan

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,901.90; Loose \$159.23; Candles \$28; Mtce \$10.00; Quilt Raffle \$20 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, March 25th, 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew

Sunday, March 26th, 9:00 a.m.

Morgan Gauch
Margie Bahan & Vic Klein

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's first reading, David, the youngest son of Jesse, seems an unlikely choice for a king as opposed to all his mature, highly qualified brothers. At least he seems unlikely by human standards. But God knows best how to make decisions for the well-being of the Chosen People. Clearly God's ways are not ours. What's more, not by chance is David a shepherd! Many centuries later, Jesus too will call himself a shepherd, demonstrating that his mission is grounded in tenderness and compassion.

The much-beloved Psalm 23 is a fitting prayer-hymn for today. Although God is described as "my shepherd", making the psalm a personal prayer, the task of the shepherd, and of Jesus himself, is to take care of the whole flock, the entire people of God. The Lord is portrayed as one who tenderly cares for the sheep, feeding and protecting them all the days of their lives.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses the theme of darkness and light to draw a contrast between a life that is "pleasing to the Lord" and a life of "fruitless works of darkness". Paul tells the believers that the light that enables them to live in goodness and truth comes from the Lord. This reading prepares us to hear the healing story of the man born blind, which also contrasts the darkness of unbelief with the light of knowing and believing in the Son of Man.

Just as, in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus relieved the woman's thirst with living water, today he gives the man born blind his sight-and the light of faith. In these stories (and also in next week's story), God works through Jesus to transform the human condition, bringing healing for body and spirit. Many witness his works—the crowds and the religious leaders—but not all come to faith.

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.

2023 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Jim & Jodi Probst, February – Gloria Sollee. You have 10 more chances to win.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives – Saturdays March 11, 18, 25 & April 1 - 10 am – Noon. Cost is \$40 for the series or \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281. You may register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross – Every Friday during Lent at 4:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Shrine Church.

Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Frances George, OMI Author Presentation and Book Signing – Friday, April 14th 2-4 pm. No Charge – For more information, call 618-394-6281

GIBAULT NEWS

Post Prom Raffle – Take a chance on this "Family Adventure Ready" Raffle and support Gibault's Post Prom. Prize pack includes a Blackstone Tabletop Griddle, a Tundra Wheeled Yeti, and a \$100 Kenrick's Meats Gift Card. Winner will be drawn on April 28th (Need to be present to win). Stop by the Gibault office for tickets.

Junior High Mixer – All 6th – 8th graders are invited to play or watch our Glow Crazy Junior High Glow Volleyball on March 31st from 6-8 pm at the Gibault gym. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/gchsglow>

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke's Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 4th at Noon. Cost is \$10 for Pork Loin, Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water. Please bring canned items for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

St. Vincent DePaul Needs Your Help

SVDP's Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, helping homeless men, women, and children. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (**individually packaged**) for them: cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta cup, bottled water, luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches is also appreciated.

St. John the Baptist – Smithton

Stations every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.
Join St. John's and surrounding parishes to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary outside of Planned Parenthood on Thursday, March 30th at 3 p.m.

ST. JAMES CCW PRESENTS THE ROARING 20'S IN 2023

St. James CCW will be hosting The Roaring Twenties on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with doors open at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Paid reservations are required in advance and available by calling Jane Kuester 618-476-1395.

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Most recently CRS was on the ground in the Ukraine, providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, fuel to keep warm, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more. Today we will take up a collection for Catholic Relief Services so they may continue their important work to help those in need around the globe. Please be generous; thank you for your support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's March collection; Toilet paper– Thank you!

St. Joseph – Freeburg – Quilt and Cash Bingo **TODAY** Sunday, March 19th Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sloppy Joes, Pork Sausage Sandwich, Chips, Fruit Cups & Desserts

St. Boniface – Euchre Tournament @ Knights of Columbus Hall, Evansville, Saturday, March 25th. Signups @ 6:00 play starts at 7:00. \$10 per person. Payouts for 1st / 2nd / & Most Alones

Holy Trinity – Fairview Heights – Saturday, March 25th @ 7:30 (\$20 suggested donation per person) The Belleville Philharmonic "The Great Romantics"

St. Agatha, New Athens – Designer Purse Bingo, Sunday, March 26th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 or \$50 at the door. For reservations call Debbie at 618-210-3318.

St. James – Millstadt – Quilt and Cash Social, Sunday, March 26th 1:00 pm. Doors open at 10:30. Fried Chicken dinners available.