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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
January 11, 2026  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish      Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Tony Holdener, Paul David Anderson, Jerry Fults

#### STEWARSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$3,974; Loose \$793; Candles \$49; Cath Ed \$120; Solemnity of Mary \$95; Mtce. \$190; Quilt of the Month \$1,680 – Thank You

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

##### Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Judy Mueth  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Susan Halt & Pat Tinoco  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**

##### Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher  
Jennifer Neff & Sandi Gerdes  
Vic Klein & Diane Mueller  
Riley Neff & Kinzley Kurtz  
Anna Gerdes

#### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

The manifestations of Christ that we celebrate during Christmas Time culminate in the Baptism of the Lord. On the last day of the Christmas season, may we think of how we will be open to allow Christ to be manifested in our lives. Let us resolve to consciously choose to follow Christ more closely and take seriously our baptismal call to live as disciples.

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. Matthew describes the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the adult Jesus in a richly symbolic way that expresses Jesus' acceptance of the mission that the Father has given him as God's suffering servant. Jesus' baptism unfolds in the form of a drama in two parts. The first part focuses on Jesus' acceptance of his mission. Jesus comes to John to be baptized, but John objects and insists that he needs to be baptized by Jesus. Although Jesus is the Lamb of God who is without sin, by this action, Jesus, as the Lamb, identifies himself with humanity in order to take away the sins of the world. Jesus' baptism looks forward to his death. By accepting baptism Jesus submits himself to his Father's will, consenting to a path leading to suffering, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of humanity's sins.

#### **2026 QUILT RAFFLE**

If you haven't turned in your 2026 Quilt Raffle Tickets, please do so before the January 25<sup>th</sup> drawing to be entered in all 12 drawings.

#### **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  
**2-part Scripture Series: The Gospel of Mary Magdalene and The Gospel of Judas** – Saturdays, January 10 and January 17, 2026 from 10 am to 12:00 noon. Cost \$15 per session. Register online [snows.org/gospelseries](http://snows.org/gospelseries) or call 618-394-6281.

**From the Tower of Babel to Pentecost: Embracing our Differences, Praising in Unity** – Monday, February 16, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm. Cost \$60 (lunch included). For information call 618-397-0584.

**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**

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.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS COATS!**

Cold winter weather has arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages- toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested.** Items can be placed in the entrance of church. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.



#### **RESPECT LIFE**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflection, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

#### **The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

##### **Hope in the Lord**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

#### **St. Michael's Annual "Trivia Night"**

Have you reserved your table yet for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> St. Michael's "Trivia Night" The doors open at 6 pm and play starts at 7:00 pm. \$120 per table includes "Survivor" round and two other special games; Mulligans available, 8 people maximum per table. Questions & answers presented in PowerPoint! Cash prizes. Silent Auction, wine pull & 50/50. Bring your own snacks & drinks. For reservations, please call Barb Jany at 618-920-5384.

**Please Note:** Once again, the Trivia Committee are asking parishioners to donate items for the Silent Auction and also bottles of wine are needed for the "Wine Pull". Items may be left in the entrance of church.

#### **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR**

The annual observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at St. Augustine of Hippo, East St. Louis on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9:30 am Lite Lunch at 11 am, Program at 1 pm. RSVP to: [staugustineofhippo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:staugustineofhippo@sbcglobal.net).

#### **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> with Deacon Eugene Logusch, Administrator of St. Mary's Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Louis, Topic: Byzantine Catholicism. Gruv Bistro & Wine Bar, 223 E. Main St., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social 7:00 – 8:30 Event. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael's January collection; Towels and Washcloths (for bath and kitchen) – Thank you!

**St. Peter & Paul** – Annual Euchre Tournament on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 Tournament starts at 7:00 pm

**St. Augustine, Hecker** – Quilt/Cash Bingo, Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates 10 am – 1 pm Bimgo begins at 1:30 pm

**St. Augustine, Belleville** – Trivia Night to benefit St. Augustine Food Pantry, Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Reservations or Questions contact Stacy Haas 618-920-9077

Anxiety is often our first reaction to conflict, problems, or even our own fears. In those moments, detaching and getting peaceful may seem disloyal or apathetic. We think: If I really care, I'll worry; if this is really important to me, I must stay upset. We convince ourselves that outcomes will be positively affected by the amount of time we spend worrying.

Our best problem-solving resource is peace. Solutions arise easily and naturally out of a peaceful state. Often, fear and anxiety block solutions. Anxiety gives power to the problem, not the solution. It does not help to harbor turmoil. It does not help.

Peace is available if we choose it. In spite of chaos and unsolved problems around us, all is well. Things will work out. We can surround ourselves with the resources of the Universe: water, earth, a sunset, a walk, a prayer, a friend. We can relax and let ourselves feel peace.

Today, I will let go of my need to stay in turmoil. I will cultivate peace and trust that timely solutions and goodness will arise naturally and harmoniously out of the wellspring of peace. I will consciously let go and let God.