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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 14th, 4:00 p.m. – Rick Keefe
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$3,070.34; Loose \$788; Candles \$52; Blk & Indian \$40; Solemnity of Mary \$20; Mass Stipend \$10; Mtce \$20; 2026 Quilt of the Month Raffle \$560 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, February 14th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, February 15th, 9:00 a.m.
Michelle Walls
Sandi Gerdes & Mary Anne Hopper
Vic Klein & Jennifer Neff
Kinzley Kurtz & Riley Neff
Anna Gerdes

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The prophet Isaiah presents the people of Israel with a simple proposition: if they help the poor and needy in their midst, God will immediately hear their prayers and heal them. The implication is clear. The people have not shared what they have with the hungry. They have not sheltered the homeless. They have not clothed the naked. Because of this, God refuses to hear them, leaving them in their self-inflicted gloom and darkness. But, Isaiah insists, if they turn away from false and malicious speech and satisfy the hunger of the afflicted, God’s light will rise on them until it is as bright as high noon on a summer day.
Jesus also uses the metaphor of light to describe his disciples. They will shine before others not to bring glory to themselves but so that people will see their “good deeds” and give glory to God see (Mt 5:16). Elsewhere in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus makes clear what these good deeds might be: feeding the hungry, caring for strangers, clothing the naked, and visiting prisoners (see Mt 25:35-40).

2026 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf. 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 11 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: May -1-3
Women’s Quite Retreats: March-April
Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May
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.
Lenten Day of Reflection: On the Lenten Journey – Thursday, March 5th from 10 am – 3 pm. Cost \$60.00 (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.

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.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED? DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? ARE YOU NOT ON OUR PARISH MAILING LIST & NEED TO REGISTER?
We need to update our census. If you are not getting parish emails please drop a note in the collection basket with your name, email address, and phone number or you may email stmichaels4@aol.com or call Sue Walsh 314-974-2516. Thank you!

ST. MICHAEL MEN’S EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Euchre Tournament sponsored by the Men’s Club will be Saturday, February 28, at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. All you can drink beer and soda; all you can eat fried chicken (at the end on the last round). Call Rich Kreher 314-341-4904 with any questions.

THE MESSENGER

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is **THIS WEEKEND** February 7 & 8. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click **SUBSCRIBE** or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2025 Contribution Statements were mailed. If you don’t receive your statement please contact Sue Walsh.

HEARTS AFLAME

An evening to celebrate and deepen love for couples married 10 years or less. March 7th at Corpus Christi Church, Shilo, Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:15 Tickets are \$50 per couple and include dinner, drinks, talk and blessing by Fr. Robert Flannery, dance lesson, and babysitting. RSVP before February 27th at www.diobelle.org/life-marriage-family/events.

GAUDEAMUS SEMINARIAN GALA

The Gaudeamus Seminarian Gala, Answering the Call, Supporting the Journey. Will be on Saturday, April 11th at Holy Trinity Church, Fairview Heights, Mass at 4:00 pm, Cocktail Hour at 5:00 pm and Dinner and Auction at 6:00 pm. Information is in the entrance of church. This Seminarian Gala will benefit the five (5) current seminarians and the four (4) who have applied to begin in the fall.

2026 ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL AND MASS

The 2026 St. Louis Metropolitan Youth Choral Festival & Mass will be held on Saturday, February 28th, 10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.

ST. AGATHA PARISH, NEW ATHENS

St. Agatha Parish will be hosting a designer Purse Bingo on Marsh 1st in the Parish Hall. Doors open 11:30 am Bingo starts at 12:30. Advanced registration is \$40.00, Cost at the door is \$50.00. This includes bingo cards, daubers and drinks, BYO snacks. To register call Debbie Matzenbacher 618-210-3318 or Glo-Bingo.com/events.

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH

Join the Belleville Diocese as we pray for the vulnerable and stand up for the dignity of all human life! March 19, 2026/Springfield, IL. 10:00 am; Holy Mass, Exposition Hall, IL State Fairgrounds, 1:00 pm Rally and March, IL State Capitol Complex. Drive yourself, or take our bus (Adults \$25/Student \$10) T-Shirts available for \$10 each. More information on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s February collection; Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Mouthwash and Floss - Thank you!
St. Augustine, Hecker – Quilt/Cash Bingo, **TODAY** Sunday, February 8th, Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates 10 am – 1 pm Bingo begins at 1:30 pm
St. Augustine, Belleville – Trivia Night to benefit St. Augustine Food Pantry, Saturday, February 21st. Reservations or Questions contact Stacy Haas 618-920-9077
Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo – Annual Wurstmart 11 am – 3 pm & Quilt & Cash Bingo 1 pm, Sunday, February 22nd