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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 13th, 4:00 p.m. – Ele Louveau
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$2,099.75; Loose \$515; Candles \$76; Book of Remembrance Candles \$142 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Saturday, December 13th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:
Sunday, December 14th, 9:00 a.m.
Michelle Walls
Sandi Gerdes & Jennifer Neff
Brittany Schoenherr & Vic Klein
Riley Neff & Carson Parker
Anna Gerdes

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah imagines on that day a restoration of the harmony of the original creation before the fall; the cow and bear raising their children together as peaceable neighbors, not as predator and prey. This text from Isaiah thus looks past the first coming of Christ to his second, when God’s eternal, eschatological kingdom of peace will be established. The Isaiah text concludes with a vision of all the nations seeking out the glorious dwelling of the Davidic king, foreshadowing the inclusion of the Gentiles into God’s promises. While Paul reassures the Christians in Rome that God has not broken his covenant with Israel, John the Baptist warns the Jewish leaders that the covenant had always required them to “produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance” (Mt 3:8), not merely to claim Abraham as their ancestor. Jesus’ baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire” points both to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends in wind and fire, and the Christ’s role as the coming judge.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A tradition at St. Michael is the *Book of Remembrance & Candles*. From this Sunday until Sunday, December 21st 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.

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.

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.

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
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

MEN’S CLUB

Men’s Club Christmas Party will be on **THIS** Monday, December 8th 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 **THIS** Wednesday, December 10th, 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.

CATHOLIC JOURNEY THROUGH TURKEY

Join Fr. Michal Rosa for a Catholic Journey through Turkey May 17-30, 2026. Enjoy an unforgettable 14 days traveling through the historic and spiritual heart of Turkey. Visit ruins from the Seven Churches of Revelation, the traditional house of the Virgin Mary, and many locations of the Apostles and the early church. The cost of \$5,690/person includes all transportation, tickets to destinations, daily breakfast and dinner, and accommodations in 3–4-star hotels for the duration of the trip. For more details, contact Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham, at 217-347-7177 or visit sheff.org.

TRADITIONAL PLANT

This Christmas, start a meaningful family tradition with a unique gift: a plant or tree at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. It’s a gift that creates lasting memories as it grows with you. For information call 618-397-6700 or info@snows.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s December collection; Mittens, Gloves, Winter Hats and Scarves, boots– Thank you!
St. Peter & Paul – Annual Euchre Tournament on Friday, January 30th. Doors open at 6:30 Tournament starts at 7:00 pm



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.

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 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Walsh

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,140 students at 23 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic High schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven’t already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you