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October 22, 2023  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – Ardell Becherer  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass  
**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**  
Envelopes \$1,618; Loose \$161.23; Candles \$42 – Thank You  
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Pat Vogel  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Susan Halt & David Mueth

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
Morgan Gauch  
Margie Bahan & Sandi Gerdes  
Brian Lester & Jennifer Neff



**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's passage in Matthew uses a Greek rhetorical technique that employs a deductive logic but has an unstated premise. Jesus wins the argument without being trapped because the text assumes that everyone agrees with a principle; namely, having your image on something signifies possession. From that principle, one has to agree that coins bearing Caesar's image belong to Caesar. The second deduction that leaves Jesus' opponents speechless is that humans, bearing the image of God, belong to God.

While these deductions are derived from the same premise, they represent a contrast. As Psalm 96 declares, "families of nations" should glorify and worship this God, who, according to Isaiah 45, is more powerful than earthly kings and emperors, including the Persian King Cyrus, whom God uses to defeat Babylon's empire and to deliver Israel.

What does that mean for imperial claims being made on people who belong to God? What does it mean regarding Caesar's coins, which Jesus' imperative says to "repay" or "give back"? Does it imply an abandonment of an imperial economic system? Or does it suggest something else? In any case, the first chapter of 1 Thessalonians shows not only the importance of God's choice but also the need for human work or response. How should we think about and respond to this passage?



**CCW NEWS**

The CCW Pumpkin Party is right around the corner and the ladies are asking parishioners to please support the Ladies CCW by taking a basket from the back of church and filling it with items worth \$25. Please leave filled baskets in the back of church by **NEXT** Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be used for the basket raffle at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Party.

Letter and Raffle tickets have been sent out. You may put your raffle tickets in the offering basket marked "Pumpkin Party".

**Workers are needed on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> for deboning the turkeys, cutting the bread, making bingo prize bags, and decorating from 9 am to ?; on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to ? to make Pumpkin Bars and finish decorating. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Tate 314-894-0055 or Sue Walsh 314-974-2516. Thank you!**



**GIBAULT NEWS**

Shadow visits are now available on select Tuesdays and Fridays. Your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Get started at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

**Bonfire Bash** – Save the date for our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 27 from 6 pm – 8 pm. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

**Open House** will be November 5<sup>th</sup>! It's the perfect time to learn more about Gibault and what all we can offer your family! Reserve your space at <https://bit.ly/gchsopenhouse23>.



**2023 QUILT RAFFLE**

Our winner of the January quilt was Jim & Jodi Probst, February – Gloria Sollee, March – Christine Hopper, April – Emily Cortner, May – Carol Quirin, June – Betty Bolt, July – Marty Assmann, August – Barb Jany, Sept. – Rosemary Yaekel. You have 3 more chances to win.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and OverNite Center every day. Also individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped in the back of the church.



**WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY**

Who was reborn of water and the Holy Spirit  
Child of God at the Sacred font of Baptism  
Cooper James Bardot



May God continue the good work that has begun in him!  
Cooper is the son of Benjamin & Julia Bardot, and grandson of Jim & Jodie Probst.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Robert, Ria and Matt Dake for putting all the statues back up in church.



**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS Spiritual Cinema** including Reflection and Discussion – Tuesdays, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Cost: Free will offering.

**Jewish & Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin** – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm Cost \$20

**I Want to See You** – Couples Retreat - Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm thru Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2 pm Cost \$400 per couple (includes lodging and meals)

Call 618-397-0584 for more information.

**Way of Lights Volunteer Request** – Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine from November 17 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email [programs@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: [www.snows.org/wayoflights](http://www.snows.org/wayoflights).



**MARATHON PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE AT ST. TERESA, BELLEVILLE**

Please join in a Marathon Prayer and Fasting for Peace, Healing, and Life at St. Teresa Parish Belleville, War, hate, and death in the Middle East, Ukraine, and many parts of the world summon us to weep for peace, fight for reconciliation, and rejoice in life's gift.

The prayer will begin on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 am and end on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. The prayer will include fasting, reconciliation, rosary, adoration, and Mass. Mass will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am, 12:00 Midnight, and October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael's October collection; Food (ravioli, tamales, soups, stews, rice, tuna, corned beef, peanut butter, chicken and dumplings, jello, pudding, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & meat sauce, etc.) – Thank you!

**Holy Family** – Cash & Quilt Bingo, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. James, Millstadt. Doors open at 10:30 bingo begins at 1:00

**ICS Trivia Night** – November 10<sup>th</sup> doors open at 6 pm, Trivia starts at 7 pm, \$200 per table of 10. Questions or to Register email Jackie Weaver, [Schmidjk@gmail.com](mailto:Schmidjk@gmail.com)

**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.

