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September 17, 2023  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Karlene Kunz

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass

**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$1,239.25; Loose \$175.23; Candles \$29; Mtce. \$120; Retired Diocesan Priest \$130 – Thank You

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**  
Lector: Teresa Braunseis  
Minister: Body of Christ Joan Killebrew & Barb Jany  
Minister: Blood of Christ Susan Halt & David Mueth

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
Morgan Gauch  
Brian Lester & Margie Bahan  
Sandi Gerdes & Jennifer Neff



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

Starting in Romans 12, Paul has outlined our proper or “reasonable” response to God’s generosity by emphasizing a new messianic community of love and welcome. At the end of Romans 13, Paul asks his recipients to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh”. We should remember that Jesus is identifiable by his vulnerability and that “flesh” for Paul refers to a humanity that is calculating and competitive.

In Romans 14, Paul explains that love and welcome are not judgmental but accepting of difference, so a messianic community will not choose between what Paul calls a “weak” practice; instead, each person should practice as his or her conscience dictates. Why? Because God has welcomed all, each belongs to and is accountable to God. Instead of being judgmental of others, Paul recommends the attitude of gratitude to God, who has welcomed us despite our unworthiness.

In this context, Paul reinforces his point that we belong to God even with the ultimate difference and divider: life and death. Since Christ has demolished the dividing difference between the living and the dead, we should no longer let other differences divide us. The Messianic community lives in solidarity with and in commitment to others. We put aside our privileges to serve and care for each other, especially those who are weak.

Offense can create division and enmity between persons. The parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18 reminds us that we should do for one another what God has done for us. Today’s readings from Sirach and from the Psalms also remind us that God is forgiving and does not judge or repay us with anger. We need to remember, be grateful, and be gracious to one another.



**ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK**

St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting their Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can show up anytime between 8 am and noon at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows as we celebrate the theme for our event “Blessed to be walking with God!” A brochure and forms are on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. You can register the day of the walk, on-line or by phone or email!



**Retired Diocesan Priests Collection  
Special Thanks**

We express our sincere gratitude to each of you who contributed to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which was held last weekend. Your generosity ensures our commitment to safeguard the professional and personal dignity of our diocesan priests who are currently retired and our younger priests who will retire in the years ahead. If you were unable to give last week, you may still contribute at any time through your parish; be sure to note “Retired Diocesan Priests Collection” on the memo line of your check. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much!

**WELCOME TO GOD’S FAMILY**

Who was reborn of water and the Holy Spirit  
Child of God at the Sacred font of Baptism  
Alaina Marie Teufel  
Alexandra Ann Teufel



May God continue the good work that has begun in them!  
Alaina & Alexandra are the daughters of Amanda & Anthony Teufel and little sisters of AJ, and granddaughters of Frank & Ann Hart



**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. You have 4 more chances to win.



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

During the intense heat of summer, 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.

And...no matter what the weather...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.



**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

For more information call 618-394-6281 or <https://snows.org>.  
**Spiritual Cinema** including Reflection and Discussion – Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Cost: Free will offering. Call 618-397-0584 for more information. Space Limited



**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.



**CCW NEWS**

There will be a Pumpkin Party Meeting on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Light luncheon will be served. All ladies of the parish are welcome.



**ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE HARVEST**

The annual Blessing of the Harvest will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Thole Farm, 8606 Tank Road, New Baden, IL. Those attending are urged to bring harvested grain, fruits and vegetables, and garden produce in marked containers, along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Food and fellowship following the blessing.



**MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Synod at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm. Pope Francis is convening clergy and laity from around the world for the Synod in October in Rome. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit’s help for Pope Francis and all participating in the Synod. More details are available on the diocesan website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s September collection; Shaving cream and razors, tampons and maxi-pads – Thank you!

**St. Mary and St. John United Church of Christ, Valmeyer** – Church Picnic September 17<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 6 pm

**St. Augustine, Belleville** – Parish Picnic September 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-10 pm