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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
September 13, 2026
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 19th, 4:00 p.m. – James Vogt
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$2,117.50; Loose \$758; Candles \$48; Donation \$20; Cemetery \$15; Mtce. \$130 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, September 19th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Karen Mueller
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, September 20th, 9:00 a.m.
Michelle Walls
Mary Anne Hopper & Sandi Gerdes
Vic Klein & Jennifer Neff
Volunteers
Anna Gerdes



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God forgives, and so must we. This is the message of this Sunday’s readings. Sometimes forgiveness is easy. Friends and family know how to brush off each other’s small transgressions. As the Book of Proverbs states, “Love covers all offenses” (10:12), an insight that we repeated in the New Testament. Sometimes forgiveness is difficult. Some sick people enjoy hurting others. Many more sin against each other out of ego or fear, inflicting thoughtless damage out of insecurity. Still others live with destructive tendencies such as addictions, mental illness, or trauma. Although these are out of their control, such inclinations make relationships difficult. Finding ways to forgive in circumstances like these can feel like a hopeless task. Jesus did not agree. “Not seven times, but seventy-seven times,” said Jesus, responding to Peter’s question with an absurdly large number. The Old Testament already had a long tradition of teaching forgiveness. God forgave Israel again and again for its transgressions against the covenant, and prophets and teachers reminded individual Israelites to do the same. As this Sunday’s first reading proclaims, God’s tireless compassion should be the pattern for ours. “Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.” In this parable, forgiveness means starting over from zero. Whatever happened in the past is gone, and a new relationship takes its place. God finds new reasons for compassion every time we request forgiveness. This is an example of the freedom Christ calls us to follow. Forgiveness costs God nothing but instead deepens opportunities for divine love. Just so, Christ calls his followers to the same freedom. No one can take anything from us that God cannot replace tenfold. This realization can inspire our sense of compassion and free us to forgive, no matter the amount of mercy required.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Suicide Prevention Training and “We Remember You”
Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide – Wednesday, September 9th – Suicide Prevention Training at 5:30 – 6:30 at the Shrine Visitors Center and “We Remember You” Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine Church & Glow Garden of Hope, dedicated to those lost to suicide, on the church plaza. No Charge
Church History Series: The Legacy of St. Augustine – Saturdays, September 12th & 19th from 10 am – 12 pm Cost \$15 per session/\$30 for the series. To register call 618-394-6281
Morality, Public Policy and the Common Good: How the Church Stands in the World – Thursday, September 17th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15.

2026 QUILT RAFFLE
Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf, February – Pat Ramsey, March – Carolyn Sabo, April – Julie Glauber, May – Juleene Weilbacher, June – Mary Anne Hopper, July – Pat Tinoco, August – Mary Poetker. 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 6 drawings.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council again this year needs donations of bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles), Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks, presweetened drink mixes, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc., Commercial rolls of tin foil, Salad dressing, pickle relish, mayonnaise BBQ sauce (gallon jars), and several other items. (List on the bulletin board). Items can be placed in the back of church.



1st Day of PSR is TODAY!



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.

THE BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Seeking Volunteers for The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. An historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States that will bring together thousands of pilgrims from across the country to celebrate the life and legacy of one of America’s most beloved Catholic evangelists. **Beatification Mass & Expo** – Thursday, Sept. 24, The Dome at America’s Center, St. Louis. To volunteer, go to: <https://www.celebratesheen.com/volunteer>. To date the Belleville Diocese has 35 volunteers signed up.



WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT

Deepen your faith and renew your spirit by joining us on the 2026 Women’s ACTS retreat! September 24 – 27 at the Our Lade of the Snows Shrine. Hosted by SS. Peter & Paul. For information contact Mary Dreps 314-973-5238 or Angie Griffin 618-719-8012.



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the upcoming retreat on October 16-18. SILK8 is a Catholic based retreat for St. James, St. Michael’s, St. John’s and surrounding parishes. It promises to be a wonderful experience filled with great food and fellowship, heartfelt talks, time for reflection, laughter and community to help us all to a deeper relationship with Christ. Contact Rich Kreher for more information at 618-504-0401.

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION TODAY

Today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. **All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests.** Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able and keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

YOU have the opportunity to support the eleven men that have answered “YES” to God’s call to serve the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office: your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in Southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s September collection; shaving cream and razors, tampons and maxi-pads - Thank you!
St. Mary Catholic Church & St. John United Church of Christ, Valmeyer – Fall Church Picnic Sunday, September 20th 11 am – 5 pm
St. John the Baptist, Smithton – 3rd Annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 26th from 5-9 pm
St. Pius V Catholic Church, Walsh, IL – Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, BBQ, Music, Carnival Games, Blow Up Obstacle Course and Fun for all Ages. Held in the Filed at St. John the Baptist Catholic School
St. Teresa Polka Mass & German Dinner – Saturday, October 3rd, Mass at 5pm Dinner at 6:30, RSVP by Sept. 24th 618-233-3500