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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 1st, 4:00 p.m. – Howard Isaacs & Keith McCoy
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$1,208.50; Loose \$670; Candles \$60; Cath. Ed \$100; Mtc.\$100 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, August 1st, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, August 2nd, 9:00 a.m.
Sandi Gerdes
Mary Anne Hopper & Vic Klein
Jennifer Neff & Rich Kreher
Volunteers
Noah Huffman

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For several weeks, the Sunday Gospel readings have come from the parables of Jesus. In each one, Jesus has tried to find some concrete illustration for the reign of God. God’s direct rule over all things might be the ultimate reality, but it is a subtle process. Recognizing it requires discernment and the ability to identify God’s presence and action. The parables Jesus shares this week each emphasize that process of search and discovery. Spiritual discernment is a type of wisdom. Solomon recognizes the difficulty of making good decisions on behalf of God and Israel and begs God for the grace to do so. The wisdom he receives is a special treasure, because not only does it help him judge things rightly, it also offers him insight into God’s mind, which made all things. The psalm reinforces this belief, adding a need for commitment. Those careful to follow the will of God will discover things that only God can reveal. Those exercising discernment in today’s Gospel had already trained themselves to find what they sought. The fortune hunter knew how to discover treasure; the pearl merchant recognized an especially valuable pearl; the fishermen knew what to keep and what to discard. Likewise, those who seek God’s kingdom must first train themselves to recognize it. Prayer, works of mercy, and study of God’s Word are the training that opens the heart to recognize God’s constant presence and action. This Sunday’s second reading reveals the result of an open heart. “All things work for good for those who love God.” The person whose mind is trained to seek the kingdom encounters divine gifts at every turn. Loving God and living out Christ’s commands will attune the mind to the treasures hidden in open view all around us.

FYI

SAVE THE DATE

St. Michael’s Picnic Make Up Event

August 30, 2026

Lunch: Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Brats, Fries, Cheese Fries, Chips, Dessert – All sold separately – Serving starts at 11:00 a.m.
Bingo – Picnic style bingo in air-conditioned hall starts at 1:00
Basket Raffle – In Air-Conditioned Hall starts at 11:00 a.m.
Eat Inside, outside, or to go
Please call or text Sue 314-974-2516 or Barb 618-920-5384 about working.

FYI

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 4th at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Homemade Cole Slaw, Chips, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water

FYI

SAVE THE DATE

Cathedral of St. Peter Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Sunday, August 16th from 11:15 am – 6:30 pm. Notre Dame Café – 200 S. 2nd Street, Belleville. Carry-out Only \$10 per meal. Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Council, Knights of Columbus Council #15746 & Cathedral Building & Roof Campaign.

FYI

CCW MEETING

The Ladies CCW Meeting will be on Monday, August 31st at noon in the parish hall. A light lunch will be served. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Scripture Series: Who Changed the New Testament? And Why?
Saturdays, June 20 and August 1, 2026 from 10 am – noon. Cost is \$15 per session/\$30 for the series. Register online at snows.org/events/NT-Series or call 618-394-6281.
83rd Annual Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows
– Tuesday, July 28 through Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7 pm nightly at Church of Our Lady of the Snows. See schedule on bulletin board.
When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference – Friday, August 28th 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Cost \$50 per person, including lunch. Call 618-394-6281.

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. 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.

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.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE
The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, August 12th with Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB. Eckert’s Cider Shed., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social 7:00 – 8:30 Event. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35.

METRO-EAST VICARIATE CCW FALL MEETING/DAY OF PRAYER
The ladies of St. James Council of Catholic Women are honored to host the MEVCCW Fall Day of Prayer/Meeting. Join us for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration of faith. Thursday, September 24, 2026. Registration forms are in the entrance of church.

PAUL KIM
Catholic Speaker Paul Kim will be at St. Clare Catholic Church, O’Fallon, IL on Tuesday, September 9th. The theme will be: A Catholic Guide to Adulthood.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the ministry of Lector, Greeter and/or Eucharistic Minister would be greatly welcomed. If interested please call the Parish Office at 618-473-2798 or see Sue Walsh. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!
CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s August collection; cleaning supplies, sponges, dish soap, comet, toilet bowl cleaner - Thank you!
St Patrick Church – Tipton – 37th Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner – Sunday, August 2nd. Dinner 11 am – 3:30 pm, Auction begins at Noon, Quilts to sell approx. 2:30
St. James, Millstadt – Summer Festival on Saturday, August 1st, 4 – 10 pm. Mass at 3 pm, Quilt & Cash Bingo 7-10 (Indoors)
St. Francis, Aviston – Church picnic on Saturday, August 1st, Chicken Dinner 3:30 – 6:30, Carry-Outs 3 – 7, Mass 4, Quilt Bingo 6:30
St. Joseph, Prairie Du Rocher – Annual Picnic – August 1st, Dinner 3-7:30, Bingo 5-11