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 March 30, 2025
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, April 5th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,603; Loose \$223.25; Candles \$37; Mtce. \$10; Blk & Indian Miss \$20; CRS \$100; Cemetery \$50; 2025 Quilt Raffle \$200 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, April 5th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Joan Killebrew & Barb Jany
Minister: Blood of Christ Susan Halt & Pat Tinoco
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, April 6th, 9:00 a.m.
 Michelle Walls
 Vic Klein & Mary Anne Hopper
 Jennifer Neff & David Mueth
 Aubrey Keck & Chloe Parker
 Lydia Huffman

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Jesus' parable is often called "The Prodigal Son," but this misses its deeper meaning. If we portray it as the parable of the father with two sons, we see how it challenges us to love without limits.

The father, at his younger son's request, sets him free so that he can make his own choices and bear their consequences. The son's behest cannot be overstated. He has asked his father if they could pretend, he is dead so that the son could take his share of the wealth. We see that the son quickly dissipates his father's wealth and finds himself in the shocking reality of the unforgiving world. Coming to his senses, he intends to make amends and hope for mercy.

The father awaits his child's return and welcomes him back into the household with great joy and celebration. If we end here, however, we miss the real point. This father risks losing his older son, the one who has remained faithful and true. One was lost and has been found, but as we close, the father is outside, away from the rejoicing, trying to save his second son, to whom he says, "Everything I have is yours" (Lk 15:31). Jesus points to a Father who makes demands of all who follow, but these must be understood in the light of a Father who is found in unexpected places, searching for all his lost children.

What is lost must be found. This message stands, and this is what Paul confirms in the Second Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus reveals a different God from the one expected and invented by the religious culture of his day. This expected image holds power today because we continue to look for God in the wrong places. The God revealed by Jesus is as much a surprise to us as to his listeners. We enthrone God on altars when he is likely to be found out in the dark, trying to save his lost children.

2025 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner. If you haven't turned in your tickets for the 2025 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 10 drawings.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

A Desperate Seeking - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals). For information call 618-397-0584.

Living in Freedom: Letting Go of Desires for Inner Peace – Wednesday, April 9th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Cost \$60

Creating SABBATH SPACE in Our Lives – 5-week Spring Video Study featuring Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Tuesdays April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025, 10:00 am – Noon Cost \$25 for series, \$5 for session. For more information call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/deanvideo-spring2025/>.

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sister, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia is having Adoration and Confessions on Tuesday's during Lent from 7-8 pm.

STAY CONNECTED, GROW IN FAITH

Get local Catholic news, messages from the bishop, a list of upcoming events, faith formation opportunities, and more by joining the Belleville Diocese flocknote. Text **DIOBELLE** TO 84576 to sign up today! You may also connect with the Diocese online at: diobelle.flocknote.com.

COVENANT NETWORK

Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play Covenant Network Catholic Radio, on our App, Covenant Network, online at OurCatholicRadio.org, on your local Catholic radio station, 90.3 FM. Make this a Lent to remember.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED?

Are you discerning the possibility of serving the Lord as a priest, consecrated sister or brother, missionary or permanent deacon? If you are looking for guidance about how to discern answering the Lord's call, please join Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB and Bishop Michael McGovern for a Day of Recollection. We will gather at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The day includes morning Mass, two talks, reflection questions, group discussion and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The gathering is open to young men and women in High School to age 30. For more information or the RSVP by April 3, contact Ms. Martina Skorch mskorch@diobelle.or at 618-722-5043.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke's Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 1st at Noon, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Pulled Pork on Bun with Pickle, Slaw, Corn Chips, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please bring a canned item for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, April 9th, with Casmir Cozzi, Seminarian, Bennie's Pizza Pub, 113 East Main St., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social 7:00 – 8:30 Event. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Cemetery Association is currently accepting applications for Lawn Care Support for Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville. There are multiple positions available for Seasonal Full-Time workers in the areas of mowing, edging/weeding (\$17 - \$18 per hour). If interested, contact the Cemetery Association at 618-397-0181 or cdbcemeteryassoc@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's April collection; Laundry soap, bleach, stain removers, fabric softeners – Thank you!
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast – St. Joseph Freeburg Knights of Columbus, Palm Sunday, April 13th, 8 am – Noon, All You Can Eat pancakes, pork sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit salad, juice, coffee, milk. Adults \$14 Children 5 -12 \$6 – Carryout available