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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
October 18, 2026
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 24th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$2,228; Loose \$462; Candles \$56; Cemetery \$15; World Mission Sunday \$20 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, October 24th, 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, October 25th, 9:00 a.m. - Helen Juenger

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Sandi Gerdes
Mary Anne Hopper & Jennifer Neff
Vic Klein & Diane Mueller
Volunteers
Noah Huffman

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Roman coins carried an image of the emperor and inscriptions dedicated to Roman gods. Many Jews considered these coins blasphemous and tried to avoid their use. Roman taxes, however, had to be paid in Roman coins, and the penalties for evasion included the selling of whole families into debt slavery. Thus, even pious Jews had to compromise with their conscience to protect their families from such a fate.

The use of Roman coins also had subtler corrosive effects. Imperial governors paid collaborators with Roman coins. As the Roman Empire assimilated Israel's economy, foreign landowners and employers moved in and paid wages in Roman coins. Coins were also propaganda. As people spent them, they subconsciously associated images of Roman gods and emperors with necessary goods like food, rent, and clothing. Even as they piously thanked God for their daily bread, they had to acknowledge that the meal was on the table because of coins bearing the emperor's face and prayers for foreign gods.

Israel had a long tradition of seeing past the pretensions and religious claims of foreign rulers. This Sunday's first reading and psalm both address Jesus' ancestors who lived under foreign rule. In each case, the Scriptures reminded God's people to look beyond appearances and recognize that all power and all material possessions are gifts from God for the benefit of humanity. These might come through foreigners, but they originate in heaven, and those who thank God for them and use them as God intends practice justice and righteousness. Jesus drew on this tradition. He does not forbid the use of Roman coins. He simply counsels his listeners to be at least as attentive to "what belongs to God" as to "what belongs to Caesar."

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, September – Chuck Mueller. 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 3 drawings.

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.

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful. This week: Grant Fender, Glennon College of Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119.

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 Sunday, October 25th. The baskets will be used for the basket raffle at the November 4th Pumpkin Party. You may put your raffle tickets in the offering basket marked "Pumpkin Party".

BLESSING OF THE HARVEST

All are invited to join Bishop Godfrey for the **Blessing of the Harvest** which will be held on Friday, October 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Mike & Julie Dietz Farm 9920 Reider Road, Lebanon, IL. Please feel free to bring seeds, farm animals, and farm equipment to be blessed. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Diocese of Belleville Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 pm at the St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville, Garden Reception to Follow.

CHRISTMAS WREATH

SPPCS PTO is offering Live Christmas Wreaths. Order online and pay with credit card at omt.sffwa.com/minisite/sppcspto.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to CCW (Judy Tate, Paula Glauber Farley, Joan Killebrew & Carol Reiter) for providing and serving delicious lunch for our Quilt A Rama on September 21, 23, 28 & 30. Thanks to Harry Meyer & Chuck Mueller for bringing all the chairs over to the hall on September 20th and thanks to Linda Meyer, Clara Gregson, Sheila Campe, Diane Ruhmann and Janice Holdener for getting all of the quilts in the frames on September 20th. On September 30th thanks to Rich Kreher, Harry Meyer, Janet Kreher and some of our amazing St. Michael's quilters for getting the chairs back and quilts carried over to our quilting room. Thanks to anyone I missed for your help by returning items back and anyone who provided the delicious desserts.

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 and cheese, spaghetti and meat sauce, coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix, cans &/or jars of fruit juice, vegetables) - Thank you!

St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – Wurstmart TODAY 11 am – 3 pm
St. John's, Smithton – Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 8th, Doors open at 10:30 bingo begins at 1:00

