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 Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
 March 15, 2026
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 21st, 4:00 p.m. – Cletus Mueth

Sunday, March 22nd, 9:00 a.m. – Christy Klein Lehr

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,484.75; Loose \$458; Candles \$53; Mtce. \$100; 2026 Quilt Raffle \$200 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, March 21st, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Judy Mueth
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Susan Halt & Joan Killebrew
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, March 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

Sandi Gerdes
 Vic Klein & Jennifer Neff
 Rich Kreher & Diane Mueller
 Riley Neff & Kinzley Kurtz
 Anna Gerdes

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The text this Sunday are about seeing and not seeing, about the light and the darkness, about blindness and eyes being opened. In the first reading, Samuel sees the sons of Jesse but can't see them rightly, because he looks only at their outward appearance. The Lord looks instead "into the heart" (1 Sm 16:7). God's chosen one is not even there at the selection; as the youngest son, nobody looked at him and saw a king. When the young David arrives, the narrator observes that he is, in fact, handsome. But that's not the point. Perhaps God sees something of his own character in this young shepherd. After all, David himself describes God as his shepherd in Psalm 23. God is a good shepherd who gives rest and refreshes and guides, who guards and protects and gives courage. Even though David walks through the darkest valleys (unable to see what is in front of him), he does not fear with God at his side. In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of a man blind from birth. The Pharisees assume that his blindness results from his sin, or from the sin of his parents, a notion that Jesus sternly rejects. When Jesus tells the blind man that he has seen the Son of Man, this is a literal claim and a spiritual one: the blind man now sees Jesus physically with his own eyes, but he also sees the deeper spiritual truth of who Jesus really is. In that sense, it is the Pharisees who are blind, unable to see.

2026 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Mary Muskopf, February – Pat Ramsey. 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 10 drawings.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

God First Loved Us – Retreats Starting September 12, 2025 through May 1, 2026. Retreat begins on Friday at 4:00 pm through Sunday's at 1:00 pm - \$250 per person (includes lodging and meals)
Spring Quiet Retreats – Men's Quiet Retreats: May -1-3
 Directed One Retreat – May 11-18
 Directed Two Retreat – June 15-22
 Call 618-397-0584 for more information
 Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May
Church History Series: A History of Heaven and Hell – Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, 2026 from 10 am to 12 pm Cost 15 per session/\$45 for the series
Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God – a 4-week spring video study Tuesday's April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 2026 10 am – Noon Cost \$20 for series; \$5 per session. Call 618-397-0584 for more information

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS COATS!

Cold winter weather has arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages- toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested.** Items can be placed in the entrance of church. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.

CCW NEWS

The Ladies CCW Meeting will be on Monday, April 11th at noon in the parish hall. A light lunch will be served. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

HAS YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED? DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? ARE YOU NOT ON OUR PARISH MAILING LIST & NEED TO REGISTER?
We need to update our census. If you are not getting parish emails please drop a note in the collection basket with your name, email address, and phone number or you may email stmichaels4@aol.com or call Sue Walsh 314-974-2516. Thank you!

THE MESSENGER

Easter Tributes – The messenger will once again be printing Easter Tributes to honor your Loved One. Forms are in the entrance of church. Cost is \$20 per name (checks need to be made out to: The Messenger). Deadline in March 20, 2026. Any questions please call 618-722-5047.

ST. JAMES CCW

Take me out to the Ballgame Noon Luncheon on Thursday, April 9th. General Admission is \$15 per person. Doors open at 10 am Lunch at Noon. Reservation Forms and Raffle Tickets are in the entrance of church.

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

On behalf of Fr. Godfrey Mullen, Diocesan Administrator, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – **in any amount** – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 27 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH

Join the Belleville Diocese as we pray for the vulnerable and stand up for the dignity of all human life! March 19, 2026, Springfield, IL. 10:00 am; Holy Mass, Exposition Hall, IL State Fairgrounds, 1:00 pm Rally and March, IL State Capitol Complex. Drive yourself, or take our bus (Adults \$25/Student \$10) T-Shirts available for \$10 each. More information on the bulletin board.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

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 sisters, 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.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, April 8th with Fr. Joseph Oganda, Pastor of St. Teresa & St. Luke Parishes, Topic: "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made". Gruv Bistro & Wine Bar, 223 E. Main St., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social 7:00 – 8:30 Event. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's March collection; Toilet Paper - Thank you!