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# LENT

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 April 6, 2025  
 Fifth Sunday of Lent

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass  
**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$4,344.50; Loose \$357.25; Candles \$51; Blk & Indian Miss \$10; CRS \$50 – Thank You

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Judy Mueth  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Rosemary Yaekel & Pat Tinoco  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**

### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher  
 Jennifer Neff & Sandi Gerdes  
 Mary Anne Hopper & Vic Klein  
 Kinzley Kurtz & Audrey Friederich  
 Anna Gerdes

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah speaks of the power and sovereignty of God, who has a plan for creation and for each of us. The psalmist then promises that sadness will turn to joy and laughter if we stand strong. Paul, in his gentle Letter to the Philippians, further describes our faith lives as journeys pursuing maturity found in hope and satisfaction with God’s blessings in whatever form they take.

This teaching culminates in our Gospel: an encounter among Jesus, a woman caught in adultery, and those who test Jesus to her harm. This account is well known, but most early manuscripts do not include it. Remarkably, this powerful vignette was so loved that it nonetheless found a canonical home. Audiences of all time now experience this story or merciful wisdom and compassion.

Scribes and Pharisees bring a woman before Jesus as if to stand trial. They caught her in the very act of adultery, a crime punishable by stoning (Lv 20:10; Dt 22:22-24), and demand that Jesus render judgement—but John confirms that Jesus too is on trial. The disinterest in the woman’s partner shows that justice is of little concern. Jesus bends down and writes in the sand. He whose words have flowed freely now refuses to speak, perhaps indicating that they are asking the wrong question. Jesus then responds with his encouragement to the one among them without sin to throw the first stone, and then he returns to his writing. One by one, those gathered depart until even the young move away.

The woman stands alone before Jesus. He asserts her autonomy as one who makes her own decisions and has her own relationship with God, then he sends her away with the command to change her ways accordingly.

### 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](http://OurCatholicRadio.org), on your local Catholic radio station, 90.3 FM. Make this a Lent to remember.

### CCW NEWS

The Ladies CCW will have a meeting on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon. A light luncheon will be served. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

### DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 [cdbcemetaryassoc@gmail.com](mailto:cdbcemetaryassoc@gmail.com).

### 2025 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner, March – David & Janice Holdener. If you haven’t turned in your tickets for the 2025 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that your will be entered in the remaining 9 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 **DIABELLE TO 84576** to sign up today! You may also connect with the Diocese online at [diabelle.flocknote.com](http://diabelle.flocknote.com).

### The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

“Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable.” – Bishop Michael McGovern  
 Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

### ST. JOHN’S – SMITHTON

Join us on Friday, April 25, 2025 for Fun Family Game Night. \$100 for a full table (seats 8-10 adults & children) or \$10 per adult & \$5.00 per child for a ticket. Activities Include: Trivia & Dessert Bingo, Life Size Games, Carnival Games, Concessions. You may drop off your money for a ticket at the school.

### METRO EAST VICARIATE CCW 2025 SPRING DAY OF PRAYER/MEETING

The 2025 Metro East Vicariate CCW 2025 Spring Day of Prayer/Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 30. It will be held at St. Liborius Church in St. Libory. The presentation, Jesus in the Resurrection According to St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be given by Fr. David Kiblinger, SJ. Reservations are required by April 22. Call Madonna Stapf 618-791-3675 for more information.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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