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 January 7, 2024
 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 13th, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m. – Betty Beckerle

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$4,607.75; Loose \$178.23; Candles \$40; Christmas \$265; Needy \$50; Solemnity of Mary \$10; 2024 Quilt Raffle \$880 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, January 13th, 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m.

Morgan Gauch
 Margie Bahan & Mary Anne Hopper
 Jennifer Neff & Vic Klein
 Riley Neff & Lennox Kibbon
 Lydia Huffman

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today’s solemnity continues the celebration of the astonishing mystery of God’s manifestation to the very ends of the earth. The visitors from the East symbolize the extend of God’s salvation as it unfolds for peoples of every land. As they offer gifts, as would be fitting for a king, they announce to the world that an astonishing event has taken place; all peoples will know the glory of God. The first two chapters of Matthew’s Gospel account are commonly referred to as the infancy narrative, and this material is often divided into several sections. Today’s verses are frequently identified as “the adoration of the Magi.” Another element may be important to note. The word Bethlehem, the place of Jesus’ birth, appears four times in these twelve verses. Might we consider this town, this earthly place, a specific location at a given time in human history, where Jesus, son of David and Son of God, is made manifest in human flesh? It is because of this mystery of the incarnation that the author of the Letter to the Ephesians could write of the Spirit “that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord
 The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women, and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing, and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

Kings House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Upcoming Men’s retreats
 Friday, January 12, 4:00 pm through Sunday, January 14, 2:00 pm
 Friday, January 19, 4:00 pm through Sunday, January 21, 2:00 pm
 Cost is \$200 per person (includes lodging and meals)
 Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/> or call 618-397-0584.

CRS FARMER TO FARMER

Join us for lunch and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally will tell how to get involved with their programs. Friday, January 12, noon – 2 pm Monroe County Extension Office (The Annex) 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo. Please RSVP to Cheryl Sommer at 618-624-2838. There will also be fair trade products available as another way of connecting to farmers around the world.

2023 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Jim & Jodi Probst, February – Gloria Sollee, March – Christine Hopper, April – Emily Cortner, May – Carol Quirin, June – Betty Bolt, July – Marty Assmann, August – Barb Jany, Sept. – Rosemary Yaekel, October – Jeremy Neff, November – Mary Ann Becherer, December – Amanda Thomas. If you haven’t turned in your tickets for the 2024 Quilt Raffle please turn them in so that you will be entered in all 12 drawings.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for the staff and clients and, if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items: Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pastas in a cup, bottled water, and other individual-serve drinks. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply. Items may be left in the entrance 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.

St. Michael’s Annual “Trivia Night”

Have you reserved your table yet for Saturday, February 3rd St. Michael’s “Trivia Night”? The doors open at 6 pm and trivia starts at 7:00 pm. \$120 per table includes ‘Survivor’ round and two other special games; Mulligans available; 8 people maximum per table. Questions & answers presented in PowerPoint! Cash prizes. Silent Auction, wine pull & 50/50. Bring your own snacks & drinks. Please call for reservations: Barb Jany 618-920-5384 email: bzapem@aol.com. **Please Note: Once again, the Trivia Committee are asking parishioners to donate items for the Silent Auction and also bottles of wine are needed for the “Wine Pull”. Items may be left in the entrance of church until February 1st.**

ST. PETER & PAUL WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT

All women over the age of 18 are invited to join us for our women’s ACTS retreat to be held February 8-11, 2024, at the King’s House at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen you faith and build lasting relationships with women in our surrounding parishes. You may register for the retreat at <https://www.sspccc.org/acts>. The cost of the retreat is \$295 and includes all lodging, transportation, and meals. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney at 314-922-8459 or Tara at 618-340-2138.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 w. Harrison Street, Belleville. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages of 33 to 56 by September 2025. Men older than 56 may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop. The formation process is a five-year commitment including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon’s role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s January collection; Towels and washcloths (for bath and kitchen) – Thank you!
St. James Quilt-A-Rama – tickets are on the bulletin board
Our Lady of Good Council – Quilt Raffle – tickets in the entrance of church