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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
January 4, 2026  
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Jerry Quirin

#### STEWARSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,278.25; Loose \$5,131; Candles \$59; Christmas \$3,303; Needy \$240; Cath Ed \$50; Solemnity of Mary \$35; Quilt of the Month \$880 – Thank You

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lector:** Carol Reiter  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Susan Halt & David Mueth  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
Michelle Walls  
Sandi Gerdes & Vic Klein  
Jennifer Neff & Rich Kreher  
Carson Parker & Addison Parker  
Noah 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 extent 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. An echo of Isaiah's prophecy appears in Matthew 2 when Magi from the east (likely Persia) arrive in Jerusalem to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews. Magi were men of wisdom who studied the stars. They were not themselves kings; rather, they were often servants of kings. This adds another layer of irony to the quiet birth of this new king, who arrives not in the halls of power but in a humble stable in the company of farm animals. The kings should have come to pay tribute to him; instead, the ruling powers (Herod, Augustus Caesar) prove to be unaware or hostile, and the kings' servants come instead. They bear two of the gifts name in Isaiah (gold and frankincense) plus myrrh, a costly perfume sometimes used to anoint the dead.

The wisdom of the Magi reflects Paul's observation in Ephesians that the mystery of God's grace was made known by revelation. The Magi learn of the birth of Jesus through the stars, are guided to his cradle by a star (in the ancient world, stars can be angels), and are warned in a dream not to return to Herod. While the Magi may not have known which Spirit guided them, the apostle Paul does. The mystery of salvation is that these Magi from the east are not only heralds of God's grace but are themselves invited to be coheirs with the Jews, adopted into God's promises.

Again, an ancient tradition of the Church is to bless homes on the feast of the Epiphany. Simply take some chalk (or other implement) and trace **20+C+M+B+12** above or at the entrance to your home. Then the family prays together: Lord God of heaven and earth, You reveal Your son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our home and all who live here. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love of others may truly reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Remember, wise men and women still seek Him!

#### **2025 QUILT RAFFLE**

Our winner of the January quilt was Chuck Mueller, February – Kate Buettner, March – David & Janice Holdener, April – Jim & Jodie Probst, May – Michelle Walls, June – Janet Kreher, July – Phil Halt, August – Vern Moehrs, September – Sarah Birkner, October – Susan Kossina, November – Chris Zimmermann, December – Mary Ann Cadell.

**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: January 9-11, 16-18, May 1-3  
Women's Quiet Retreats: March-April  
Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May  
**2-part Scripture Series: The Gospel of Mary Magdalene and The Gospel of Judas** – Saturdays, January 10 and January 17, 2026 from 10 am to 12:00 noon. Cost \$15 per session. Register online [snows.org/gospelseries](http://snows.org/gospelseries) or call 618-394-6281.  
**From the Tower of Babel to Pentecost: Embracing our Differences, Praising in Unity** – Monday, February 16, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm. Cost \$60 (lunch included). For information call 618-397-0584.

**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.

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#### **GIBAULT**

Gibault Catholic School is collecting plastic lids. The lids may be left in the entrance of church. They will be collecting lids until January 30, 2026.



#### **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.

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

May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in our prayers.  
Ministries and Program Funded by  
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

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#### **St. Michael's Annual "Trivia Night"**

Have you reserved your table yet for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> St. Michael's "Trivia Night" The doors open at 6 pm and play 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. For reservations, please call Barb Jany at 618-920-5384.

**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.



#### **THANK YOU**

To the folks of St. Michael:  
Much **THANKS** for your many Christmas gifts. It is an honor to pray for and with you.  
Fr. Jim & Fr. Clyde

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#### **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> with Deacon Eugene Logusch, Administrator of St. Mary's Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Louis, Topic: Byzantine Catholicism. 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 January collection; Towels and Washcloths (for bath and kitchen) – Thank you!  
**St. Peter & Paul** – Annual Euchre Tournament on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 Tournament starts at 7:00 pm  
**St. Augustine, Belleville** – Trivia Night to benefit St. Augustine Food Pantry, Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Reservations or Questions contact Stacy Haas 618-920-9077

Let us come to God not with our feet but with our affections; let us come not by moving from one place to another, but by loving. When someone is transported by the heart, he or she changes affection by the movement of the heart.

