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November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, November 21st, 4:00 p.m. – Betty Beckerle

Sunday, November 22nd, 9:00 a.m.- For the Parish

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes $2,145.50; Loose $554; Candles $61; Catholic Ed $20; Cemetery $15; Mtce. $10 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

	Saturday, November 21st, 4:00 p.m.	**Sunday, November 22nd, 9:00 a.m.**
Lector:	Teresa Braunseis	Michelle Walls
Minister: Body of Christ	Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco	Mary Anne Hopper & Jennifer Neff
Minister: Blood of Christ	Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt	Rich Kreher & Sandi Gerdes
Servers:		Volunteers
Crossbearer:		Noah Huffman

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this Sunday's readings, the Church continues to reflect on Christ's final judgment. When Jesus did not return as soon as expected, early Christians developed practices to keep themselves ready for his arrival. Judaism already had a long tradition of patient waiting, and early Christians, many of them from Jewish families, brought the practice of patience to the reality of Christ's delay.

The first reading and the psalm both connect patience with faith. Women ran households in ancient Israel, and ones who did so patiently and according to God's instruction realized wealth, enough not just for their family but for the local poor as well. In the psalm, meanwhile, the man who conducts his affairs patiently and righteously will strengthen not just himself and his family, but the city and nation as well. In both cases, short-term realities and profits might be tempting, but faith directs the mind to long-term goals.

For Christians, the primary long-term goal is to recognize and welcome Christ when he returns. This is the essence of Paul's instruction in this Sunday's second reading, "Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober" (1 Thes 5:6). Matthew, meanwhile, knew that Christ's coming was delayed, so he emphasized the development of Christian life. The "talents" that the master left behind are the divine wisdom and example we have received in the Gospel. The enterprising servants are those disciples who use the time of Christ's delay to multiply the generosity, forgiveness, compassion, and mercy that they had received. The servant who buried the talent is the disciple who knows Christ's teachings but has done nothing to embody and share them with others. It is in magnifying the divine wisdom we have received that we prepare ourselves for our Lord's unexpected return.

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, October – Judy Mueth. 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 2 drawings.

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: Tyler Horstmann, Glennon College Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the Unted States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Open House: Sunday, December 6th from 1-6 pm, Monday-Wednesday, December 7, 8, 9 from 9 am – 5 pm. Hincke Residence for Priest, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville. In honor of Jubilee Year of St. Francis and Missions of Blessed Fulton Sheen.

CCW NEWS

CCW Christmas Party will be at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Monday, December 7th, Doors open at 5 pm, eat at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church. Remember to bring can goods or personal hygiene donations for the food pantry.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jeremy Neff for installing the new sound system in church.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Michael's will be at 9:00 a.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2027 Offering envelopes are in the entrance of church. If you give online, you will not have a box of envelopes.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be served at Former Notre Dame Academy, 200 South Second Street, Belleville on Thursday, November 26, 2026 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Call 618-722-5024 by November 20th to make Reservations. No Carry-Outs Available. A meal delivery (up to three) is available to the homebound.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Michael's Men's Club Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30in the Parish Hall. All men, 18 and older are invited. You do not have to be a member of the Men's Club to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of church. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Hart at 618-719-6827 or Pugsley53@gmail.com.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

St. Nicholas - A Visit from St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 6th from 6 – 8 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center

Quilt Raffle – Our much-anticipated Annual Quilt Raffle is back! Drop by the Gift Shop to get your tickets and enter for a chance to win our beautiful, handcrafted masterpiece.

Way of Lights 5K Run – Join us for our 5k or 1.5-mile Fun Walk on January 1, 2027. For more information call 618-397-6700

Way of Lights - Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' Visitors Center from November 20 through December 31.

ST. JOHN'S SMITHTON

Queen of Hearts – Every Tuesday Night at Pete's Hard Stop from 6:00 - 8:00 pm to support St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Drawing is at 8:00 pm sharp! Skip the line and purchase tickets online: https://tinyurl.com/STJBQofH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's November collection; Sheets, Blankets, Quilts - Thank you!

Holy Trinity Men's Club – All you can Eat Fried Chicken – Saturday, November 14th, 4 – 7 pm

St. Boniface, Evansville – Quilt, Ham, Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 22nd, Food at 11 am – Bingo at 1:00 pm