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January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 20th, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, January 21st, 9:00 a.m. – Paul David Anerson & Jerry Fults

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,679.25; Loose \$139.24; Candles \$36; Catholic Ed. \$35; Mass Stipends \$175; Mtce. \$170; 2024 Quilt Raffle \$1,420 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, January 20th, 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Rosemary Yaekel
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, January 21st, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher
Brian Lester & Vic Klein
Mary Anne Hopper & Sandi Gerdes
Carson Parker & Addison Parker
Annastasia Gerdes

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The genre of today’s first reading is that of a “call narrative.” While many call narratives are in Scripture, the call of Samuel is unique. Other such narratives depict an individual hearing the voice of God and understanding who it is that is speaking (consider, for example, Abraham, Isaiah, and Jeremiah). Samuel does not grasp whose voice is calling him. The priest Eli, however, understands this call and instructs Samuel in how to respond, should he hear that voice again. Verses that are cut from today’s text are especially interesting since within them we learn that by responding faithfully to God’s call, Samuel has difficult words that he must deliver to his mentor, Eli. In the Gospel selection from John, we are presented with a remarkable story. Like the first reading for today, it can be described as a call narrative. The scene opens with John the Baptist standing with two of his disciples when Jesus walks by. When John refers to Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” John’s disciples immediately leave him to follow Jesus. It is as if John has fulfilled his responsibility to these two men. He has helped them to recognize Jesus. Andrew, one of John’s disciples who left John and followed Jesus, in turn “found his own brother Simon (Peter)” and “brought him the Jesus.” Seemingly evident in today’s selections from First Samuel and the Gospel of John is that people of faith are called to assist one another in recognizing the mystery and presence of God among them. Clearly, the priest Eli, John the Baptist, and Andrew were instruments of God.

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.

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 your faith and build lasting relationships with women in our surrounding parishes. You may register for the retreat at <https://www.sppcc.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.

2024 QUILT RAFFLE

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 pasta 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who stayed after church last Sunday and helped take down and put away all the Christmas decorations. Your help was very much appreciated.

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.**

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

The Mysterious Ways of God in the Books of Job, Jonah, and Ruth 3-part Scripture Series. Saturday’s January 13, 20 and February 3, 2024, 10:00 am – noon, Shrine Visitors Center Cost \$10 per session/\$30 for the series

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