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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
December 28, 2025  
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Stella Mueth      Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish      Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Helen Juenger

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$2,124.33; Loose \$1,725; Candles \$52; Book of Remembrance Candles \$120; Christmas \$100; Mtce \$25; Quilt of the Month \$420 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

	Thursday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.	Saturday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.
Lector:	Pat Vogel	Pat Vogel	Michelle Walls
Minister: Body of Christ	Volunteer	Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew	Sandi Gerdes & Jennifer Neff
Minister: Blood of Christ	Volunteer	Karen Mueller & Pat Tinoco	Diane Mueller & Vic Klein
Servers:			Noah Huffman & Riley Neff
Crossbearer:			Anna Gerdes



**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God’s will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace.  
The Gospel offers a beautiful narrative that reflects the life of the Holy Family. The Son of God entered the human family as a helpless child, cared for by a loving family. Joseph and Mary immediately exercise their role as protectors of their child amid dire circumstances. They become refugees, escaping the tyranny of King Herod, who had ordered the death of their child. Just as the Joseph in the Old Testament went to Egypt to save his family from starvation, so Joseph in the New Testament takes his family to Egypt under God’s inspiration to save them. Once King Herod had died, God brings the Holy Family back from Egypt to safety in Nazareth. Joseph and Mary illustrate the primary role of every parent: to trust in God’s guidance as they care for and protect their child.

**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.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**  
A big “Thank You” to Joan Killebrew and crew for putting up the crèche and decorating the outside of the church, to Dave Mueth for putting up the wreaths and to everyone who brought everything over from the hall. Thank you to everyone who helped with all the Remembrance Candles. The church looks beautiful.

**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.

**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 Quite Retreats: March-April  
Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May  
**2-part Scripture Series: The Gospel of Mary Magdalen 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.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
If you haven’t already done so, please pick up your 2025 Offering envelopes that are located in the entrance of church. If you give online, you will not have a box of envelopes.

**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.

**THANK YOU!**  
Thank you to Paul Quirin, Jeremy & Jennifer Neff, the Choir and all the children who sang for Christmas Eve. The music and singing were beautiful and I received so many compliments. You all did a GREAT JOB!  
Also, Thank You to anyone who helped with Christmas Eve Mass in anyway. Thank you to the Lector, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, everyone who brought the chairs over and returned them and anyone that I forgot.

**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.

**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

John Newton was a slave trader. One night a storm blew up, threatening to sink his slave ship. John cried out to God, “Save us, and I’ll quit this business and become your slave forever.” The ship survived. John quit the trade and became a minister of the Gospel. To celebrate his conversion, he wrote these words of a famous song: “Amazing grace; how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found-Was blind, but now I see.”  
When did Jesus help me through a “stormy” situation in my life? Generally, do “storms” lead me closer to or further away from Christ? Why?  
(The disciples cried out in amazement) “What kind of man is this?... Even the winds and the waves obey Him!”  
Matthew 8:27

HAPPY NEW YEAR!