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 September 24, 2023
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 30th, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, October 1st, 9:00 a.m. – Doris Holdener

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,128; Loose \$146.23; Candles \$34; Mtce. \$25; Retired Diocesan Priest \$10 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, September 30th, 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Bary Jany & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Rosemary Yaekel & Joan Killebrew

Sunday, October 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher
 Vic Klein & Mary Anne Hopper
 Margie Bahan & Sandi Gerdes



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's parable from Matthew is notoriously difficult. Some have questioned the landowner's statement that he can do whatever he likes with his money, as it implies that he may be exploitative if he pleased. The parable seems to focus, however, on the landowner's generosity by juxtaposing two economies to make a statement about drastic change or complete reversal.

The economies on display are an exchange economy and a gift economy. An exchange economy is based on a tit-for-tat agreement: you know what you will get in exchange for what you give. This economy is generally to the advantage of the owner, centering on cost, price, and profit. Laborers, in exchange for their work, receive wages, but they will only receive what is rightfully earned and rarely more. An exchange economy can be described by the words debt and obligation: laborers owe owners service or toil, and owners are obligated to pay laborers money.

In contrast, a gift economy declines this tit-for-tat calculation to operate by another principle. It goes by unmerited favor or extravagant generosity. Instead of something negotiated or agreed on, it turns calculated exchange into ungrounded magnanimity or, in Christian terminology, grace.

God's generosity with us should model our interaction with each other. We see this in Paul's willingness to stop calculating what would benefit him and forego his personal preference, so he can imitate Christ and give to the Philippians.



GIBAULT NEWS

Shadow visits are now available on select Tuesdays and Fridays. Your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Get started at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Mark your calendars for October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest – "Havana Nights!" For full event information including ways to get involved, visit www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com.

For \$125, Hawk Fans can purchase a Family Pass that covers admission to most of our home games (some exclusions apply.) This pass is valid for volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, baseball, and select boys' soccer home games. Visit GCHSSportsPass.givesmart.com to purchase your pass!



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. You have 4 more chances to win.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to David Mueth for replacing the missing screws in the pews.
 Thank you to Vic Klein for applying the Water Sealant to the church.
 Thank you to Jeff Birkner for installing the baseboard trim in the Sacristy.
 Thank you to Joan Killebrew and Carol Reiter for helping put the Sacristy back together.



The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord
 The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national, and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!

During the intense heat of summer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and OverNite Center every day.

And...no matter what the weather...individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped in the back of the church.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE HARVEST

The annual Blessing of the Harvest will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Thole Farm, 8606 Tank Road, New Baden, IL. Those attending are urged to bring harvested grain, fruits and vegetables, and garden produce in marked containers, along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Food and fellowship following the blessing.



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

For more information call 618-394-6281 or <https://snows.org>.
Spiritual Cinema including Reflection and Discussion – Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Cost: Free will offering. Call 618-397-0584 for more information. Space Limited



MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Synod at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm. Pope Francis is convening clergy and laity from around the world for the Synod in October in Rome. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit's help for Pope Francis and all participating in the Synod. More details are available on the diocesan website at www.diobelle.org.



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.

PRO-LIFE CHAIN

St. James Church in Millstadt will be holding a Pro-Life Chain on Sunday, October 1st from 2-3 pm along Washington St. in Millstadt. If you are interested in participating, please contact Suzie Kidd at 618-985-3110.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's September collection; Shaving cream and razors, tampons and maxi-pads – Thank you!
St. James, Millstadt – Wine Tasting Experience September 30th at 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:30 pm. Any questions please call Michelle Hucke 618-781-7665 or Dawn Sheldon 618-223-9605

New Parishioners are always WELCOME at St. Michael's. If you wish to join the parish, please call the Parish Office 618-473-2798, or see Sue Walsh. Thank you!