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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
October 4, 2026
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 10th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish Sunday, October 11th, 9:00 a.m.- Robert Gutjahr

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,625.50; Loose \$761.17; Candles \$55; Retired Diocesan Priest \$100 – Thank You (9/20/26)
Envelopes \$1,582.50; Loose \$4,236; Candles \$48; Retired Diocesan Priest \$30; Catholic Ed. \$20; Mtce. \$10 – Thank You (9/28/26)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, October 10th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Joan Killebrew & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, October 11th, 9:00 a.m.
Michelle Walls
Jennifer Neff & Sandi Gerdes
Mary Anne Hopper & Vic Klein
Volunteers
Noah Huffman



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We become what we ponder. Consider the thoughts of the tenants in this Sunday’s Gospel reading. They knew the responsibilities of a tenant farmer, but their obsession led them to kill their landlord’s son to seize his inheritance. Jesus drew on the ancient prophecy from Isaiah that we hear in the first reading. In Isaiah’s image, God planted a vineyard, but it produced a poor crop. Isaiah knew that many Israelites had drifted into foreign worship or the violent pursuit of power and wealth. These same activities had already caused the collapse and exile of the northern half of Israel. Isaiah hoped to avoid the same result among the remnant who were still free. This prophecy was part of an attempt, ultimately successful, to call the nation and temple to reform. Centuries later, Jesus used the same imagery to tell a different story. In his parable, the crop is quite good. These are the average Israelites, whose deep faith is the harvest for which God had hoped. By contrast, Israel’s leaders—the chief priests and elders—are the problem. They are wicked tenants, who knew their responsibilities but resisted them. Jesus even accuses them of trying to “seize the inheritance.” The obedience they demand as rulers of Israel, he contends, is a poor substitute for true faith in God. Such wicked thoughts—fear, resentment, pride, obsession—result in disaster for those in any age who indulge them.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the upcoming retreat on October 16-18. SILK8 is a Catholic based retreat for St. James, St. Michael’s, St. John’s and surrounding parishes. It promises to be a wonderful experience filled with great food and fellowship, heartfelt talks, time for reflection, laughter and community to help us all to a deeper relationship with Christ. Contact Rich Kreher for more information at 618-504-0401.



LAITY INVITED TO STUDY THEOLOGY AT ST. MEINRAD

Seek God through prayer, study, and a tradition of Benedictine hospitality. The Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program invites you to learn about its MA and certificates in theology during an in-person Open House on Saturday, October 10. Discover how theological study can enrich your faith and your service to the Church. Learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.

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: Clinton Rauch, Saint Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN 47577. (I have made copies of all the seminarians and their addresses and placed in the entrance of church)



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Thousands of churches participate each year in this event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life. **TODAY**, Sunday, October 4th from 2 pm – 3 pm. You may pick up signs in St. James & Central Bank parking lots, stand along Washington St.

WAY OF LIGHTS

Do you want to give back this holiday season but you don’t know how? Please consider donating a wreath to the Way of Lights – viewed by over 180,000 people. Wreathes are due at the Visitors Center by November 16, 2026. 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. If interested call 618-394-6281.



ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Diocese of Belleville Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 pm at the St. Peter’s Cathedral, Belleville, Garden Reception to Follow. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, call or email Martina Skorch for a special certificate by October 16th. mskorch@diobelle.org or 618-722-5043.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s October collection; food (ravioli, tamales, soups, stews, rice, tuna, corned beef, peanut butter, chicken and dumplings, jello, pudding, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and meat sauce, coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix, cans &/or jars of fruit juice, vegetables) NOTE: Due to Health Dept regulations, DO NOT SEND HOME – CANNED GOODS - Thank you!
St. Charles Borromeo Church, DuBois, IL – Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, October 11th, doors open at 11 bingo begins at 1, Knights of Columbus Hall, DuBois, IL
St. Pius V Catholic Church, Walsh, IL – Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

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. 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 3 drawings.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Interfaith Program: Empowered by Faith: Hannah and Mary, Mother of Jesus – Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 10 – noon, Cost \$30 – Call 618-394-6281 to register



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council again this year needs donations of bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles), Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks, presweetened drink mixes, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc., Commercial rolls of tin foil, Salad dressing, pickle relish, mayonnaise BBQ sauce (gallon jars), and several other items. (List on the bulletin board). Items can be placed in the back 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.



ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 6th at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for Chicken Alfredo with Mushrooms, Winter Salad, Roll & Butter, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days For Life – September 23 – November 1, Outside Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, IL from 7 am to 7 pm daily. Contact fvh40days@yahoo.com for information.

