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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
September 27, 2026
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 3rd, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish Sunday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.- Betty Beckerle

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes; Loose; Candles; Retired Diocesan Priest; Cemetery; Mtce. – Thank You Will be reported next week

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, October 3rd, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Karen Mueller
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.
Sandi Gerdes
Jennifer Neff & Mary Anne Hopper
Vic Klein & Rich Kreher
Volunteers
Anna Gerdes



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It can be a challenge to recognize God at work in our and others’ lives. In the first reading, Ezekiel pleads with Israel to recognize that it was not God but they who caused the invasion and social collapse they faced. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reminds Israel’s priests and elders that, although they know how to draw near to God, they failed to recognize the desire of sinners to do the same. First-century Jews believed tax collectors and prostitutes benefited from Israel’s national humiliation. Tax collectors enriched themselves by plundering Jews on Rome’s behalf. Prostitutes earned much of their living from the Roman soldiers who occupied Israel. Both groups symbolized Israel’s oppression, and faithful Jews resented them thoroughly. Such attitudes kept the faithful from noticing that many tax collectors and prostitutes had a real desire for change. Many responded with eagerness to the mercy that John the Baptist and Jesus showed them. The Gospels contain many stories of the sudden and total conversion of tax collectors and prostitutes. Their desire for change was real, and as they transformed their lives, they gave evidence that God was at work among them. Resentments robbed many people of the humility that would have allowed them to see and join God’s work. Pride obscured the need for grace, and persecution led them to believe they earned God’s love through suffering. Such entitlement kept Israel’s chief priests and elders from recognizing their need for divine mercy. They were thus unable to identify the effects of divine mercy among sinners and they failed to join God’s effort. Such problems remain today. God’s kingdom includes all parts of a polarized world. Christ’s disciples must be able to recognize God’s work wherever they find it and be willing to join in the task. This is how we, as Paul exhorts, can have in us the same attitude that is in Christ.



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.



CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS 6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Catholic Urban Programs 6th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 2nd, 12 pm Registration & Lunch, 1 pm Shotgun start at the Orchards Golf Club, Belleville

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

YOU have the opportunity to support the eleven men that have answered “YES” to God’s call to serve the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office: your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in Southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

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. 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 6 drawings.



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.



WAY OF LIGHTS

Share your creative touch for a good cause by crafting a handmade wreath for our public silent auction, running November 20 – December 18, 2026.

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.

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. Pius V Catholic Church, Walsh, IL – Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm,
St. Teresa Polka Mass & German Dinner – Saturday, October 3rd, Mass at 5pm Dinner at 6:30, RSVP by Sept. 24th 618-233-3500