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 January 28, 2024
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 3rd, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, February 4th, 9:00 a.m. – Victor Klein Sr., Tony Holdener, Mary Lou Kochmann

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,009.55; Loose \$265.48; Candles \$27; Mtce. \$10; Mass Stipend \$30; 2024 Quilt Raffle \$140; Trivia Sponsor \$400 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, February 3rd, 5:00 p.m.
Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, February 4th, 9:00 a.m.
 Judy Mueth
 Vic Klein & Brian Lester
 Mary Ann Hopper & Margie Bahan
 Shane Traiteur & Nolan Traiteur
 Lydia Huffman

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, introduces us to the role and the responsibilities of a prophet. The commonly held opinion that prophets can predict the future is a naive understanding of the biblical prophet. The best way to perceive the prophets of the Bible may be a spokesperson, or messengers, of God. Exactly how God's "Word" came to each prophet is a complicated matter. Nevertheless, Scripture identifies a considerable number of both women, and men who served God as messengers of the divine Word. The key figure in the Book of Deuteronomy is Moses, whom tradition identifies as the prophet par excellence. This is because Moses is identified as having communed with God face to face. Today's text makes clear that the prophet is responsible for communicating God's Word, not the prophet's word, to the people. The text also speaks of a prophet to come (and there were many) who would also speak God's Word as commanded. In First Corinthians, we find Paul speaking about whether it is better to be married or single. It is important to grasp Paul's reason for recommending the single life over the married life. Paul was under the impression that the Lord would soon return to this earth. With that consideration, Paul thought that marriage, with its responsibilities to spouse and family, was a distraction from focusing on the impending return of the Lord Jesus. Mark's Gospel passage for today emphasizes the astonishing authority of Jesus' teaching. It was while teaching in the synagogue that a man with an unclean spirit presented himself to Jesus. With the simple words "Quiet! Come out of him!" the spirit left the man. The primary focus of this reading is not the exorcism but rather the awesome manifestation of Jesus' power.

St. Michael's Annual "Trivia Night"

Please put all trivia baskets, items and Wine in the entrance of church by February 1st.

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.

MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal is Feb 3-4. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. **Please make check payable to THE MESSENGER.**

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.

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 February 3, 2024, 10:00 am – noon, Shrine Visitors Center Cost \$10
Grace and Gratitude...in the Grief of Our Everyday Lives – March 18th from 9 am to 3 pm Lunch included Cost \$50. For more information, call 618-397-0584
The Power, Presence and Provision of Black Spirituality in a Time of Reflection and Discernment – Monday, February 26th from 9 am to 3 pm Lunch included Cost \$50 for more information, call 618-397-0584
I Want to See You – Men's Retreat Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3rd. For more information, call 618-397-0584.

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 pastas 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.

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. 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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School, Waterloo. Young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parent or guardians are also welcome to join us. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at 618-722-5003, or email to jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael's January collection; Towels and washcloths (for bath and kitchen) – Thank you!
Ss. Peter & Paul - Euchre Tournament Friday, February 2, 2024. Doors open at 6:30 Play begins at 7:00. Tickets are \$25.
St. Agatha – Purse Bingo on Sunday, March 3rd. Doors open at 11:30, bingo starts at 12:30. The cost is \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Drinks included – bring your own snacks.