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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 31st, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish Sunday, November 1st, 9:00 a.m.- Helen Juenger

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$1,298.50; Loose \$468.80; Candles \$52; World Mission Sunday \$14 0 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Saturday, October 31st, 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, November 1st, 9:00 a.m.
Michelle Walls
Sandi Gerdes & Jennifer Neff
Mary Anne Hopper & Diane Mueller
Volunteers
Anna Gerdes

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How can love be commanded? In the modern mind, love is the product of long-term mutual understanding, like that found in the nuclear family or among close friends. True love – beyond affection or desire – requires that people know and understand each other well and be willing to sacrifice for each other’s benefit. Decades of memories invest such love with powerful feelings of affection and joy. In this way of thinking, love is not something one can command, but must grow of itself over a long period of time.
In the Bible, by contrast, love means loyalty. It is closer to love among members of a large extended family. Such love shows itself especially during times of hardship. For example, distant cousins might not know each other well, but if one needs a kidney, often relatives will line up to make a donation. In this same manner, Israel’s covenantal love sprang from feelings of protection and survival. People who might have never met each other but bore Israelite lineage felt a mutual loyalty, especially in matters of life or death.
It is of this love that this Sunday’s readings speak. God is loyal to Israel’s poor and expects every Israelite to love them as family. Similarly, the psalmist gives reasons to love God that include God’s role as “strength,” “fortress,” “deliverer,” “rock of refuge.” Like a powerful relative, God protects Israel in every hardship, and calls on Israel to be loyal in return.
Jesus commands biblical love because he knows that it reveals God’s kingdom. Loving God reminds us that we are God’s family. Loving neighbor reminds us that we are citizens of God’s kingdom. Every act of love thus turns our attention to the kingdom hidden in plain sight.

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.

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.

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: Mateo Leonelli, Conception Seminary College, 37174 State Hwy VV, P.O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433

NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Open House: Sunday, December 6th from 1-6 pm, Monday-Wednesday, December 7, 8, 9 from 9 am – 5 pm. Hincke Residence for Priest, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville. In honor of Jubilee Year of St. Francis and Missions of Blessed Fulton Sheen.

ETERNAL LIGHT CONCERT

The Diocese of Belleville and the Cathedral of Saint Peter cordially invite you to attend: Eternal Light Concert...Music of Remembrance and Hope, featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Faure`, Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Peter. Free Admission

CCW NEWS

The CCW Pumpkin Party is right around the corner and the ladies are asking parishioners to please support the Ladies CCW by taking a basket from the back of church and filling it with items worth \$25. Please leave filled baskets in the back of church by **TODAY** Sunday, October 25th. The baskets will be used for the basket raffle at the November 4th Pumpkin Party.
You may put your raffle tickets in the offering basket marked “Pumpkin Party”.
Workers are needed on Monday, November 2nd for deboning the turkeys, cutting the bread, and decorating from 9 am to?
(PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE KNIFE); on Tuesday, November 3rd from 9 am to? to make Pumpkin Bars and finish decorating. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Tate 314-894-0055 or Sue Walsh 314-974-2516. Thank you!
The Christmas Party will be at St. Michael’s Parish Hall on Monday, December 7th, Doors open at 5 pm eat at 6 pm. Remember to bring can good or personal hygiene donations for the food pantry.

ALTHOFF OPEN HOUSE

The Althoff Catholic Open House is happening this Sunday, October 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Come tour campus facilities, learn about our hands-on academics and fine arts, meet our supportive faculty, and experience our strong, faith-filled community firsthand. We look forward to welcoming you!

Ss. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

Ss. Peter & Paul Grade School has openings for a Principal and Junior High Math Teacher. Information on the bulletin board.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Respect Life Mass at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Belleville on October 28th at 6:15 pm. Reception follows.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Diocese of Belleville Anniversary Mass will be held on **TOFAY** Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 pm at the St. Peter’s Cathedral, Belleville, Garden Reception to Follow.

CHRISTMAS WREATH

SPPCS PTO is offering Live Christmas Wreaths. Order online and pay with credit card at omt.sffwa.com/minisite/sppcspto. Order by November 2nd.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 3rd at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Buttered Corn, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water

NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER FALL GALA

Newman Center Fall Gala will be held on Saturday, November 7th. Send an email to office@siucnewman.org to reserve your tickets. Information is on the bulletin board and Quilt Raffle Tickets are in the entrance of church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s November collection; Sheets, Blankets, Quilts - Thank you!
St. John’s, Smithton – Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 8th, Doors open at 10:30 bingo begins at 1:00
St. Boniface, Evansville – Quilt, Ham, Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 22nd, Food at 11 am – Bingo at 1:00 pm