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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am  
July 12, 2026  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.- David Evansco

**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$1,802.50; Loose \$1,303.30; Candles \$75; Mass Stipend \$20; Mtce. \$35 – Thank You

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.**

**Lector:** Pat Vogel  
**Minister: Body of Christ** Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew  
**Minister: Blood of Christ** Pat Tinoco & Susan Halt  
**Servers:**  
**Crossbearer:**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

Michelle Walls  
Jennifer Neff & Vic Klein  
Mary Anne Hopper & Brittany Schoenherr  
Volunteers  
Volunteer

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Parables feature prominently in the Gospel readings of the next several Sundays. These short, concrete stories use images from daily life to help explain the deeper realities of the good news. This Sunday, Jesus compares God’s Word to seeds – tiny things that grow into something greater than themselves. Under the right conditions, a small beginning yields a rich harvest.

The first reading from Isaiah and the responsorial psalm both describe God’s Word as holding intrinsic power. Isaiah talks about God’s Word as if it were a living thing. It can move and act on its own: “My word shall not return to me void, / but shall do my will, / achieving the end for which I sent it.”

The psalm compares God’s Word to Israel’s wet season. With the yearly return of rain, scorched hills bloom, fields as hard as concrete soften to receive the plow, sluggish animals grow fat, and hungry people dream again of abundance. In the mind of the psalmist, every Word of God contains within it such transformative power.

Jesus likely considered these images when he offered his parable. He perhaps recognized that his Israelite ancestors had been too optimistic. God’s Word might have immediate and dramatic effect in many places, but in the human heart it can encounter resistance. Jesus saw the vast crowds and knew that many people had been transformed; many others, he knew, were not. In this parable, Jesus offers a reason. Individuals are free to receive God’s Word, but they must first prepare the “soil” of their hearts. For those whose hearts are ready, a great harvest follows.

For many Christians, this change has already begun. In the second reading, St. Paul calls this the “firstfruits of the Spirit.” A heart ready for God’s Word will quicken and flower like dry country after the rain. Such new life is but the beginning of eternal glory.

**DIOCESE OF NORWICH OUTREACH HAITI**

Thank you, parishioners of St. Michael for supporting the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Ministry. We serve God’s poorest, faith-filled community of Christ Roi (Christ the King) and 14 twinned sister parishes in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. In the vales of the Gospel, our mission provides: medical care, nutritional supplements and food, sponsors children’s education, small business and community development training. You can be a part of our ministry; the second collection is dedicated to Outreach to Haiti. Thank you for your generosity. Please pray for our Haitian brothers and sisters; their Sundays at Mass brings them Christ’s love, hope in the midst of unrest. For more information, please visit [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org).

**POST PICNIC**

First of all, A Big Thank You to all who donated or helped with set up, picnic day, or clean up. Unfortunately, Mother Nature wasn’t our friend and loss of power impacted our picnic significantly. We had to shut the picnic down around 5:15. We were able to serve 690 dinners, 400 less than last year. Needless to say, all the outside stands had to shut down around 4:30 when the extreme thunderstorm moved in. Bingo was unable to start. We attempted to sell all products we could not return i.e. chicken etc. Power was restored around 9:15. It will be several weeks before we have the final totals. Waiting on final bills and what has been accepted to be returned. We will be having an event in the future. Watch the bulletin for further information.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

**Scripture Series: Who Changed the New Testament? And Why?**  
Saturdays, June 20 and August 1, 2026 from 10 am – noon. Cost is \$15 per session/\$30 for the series. Register online at [snows.org/events/NT-Series](http://snows.org/events/NT-Series) or call 618-394-6281.

**83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows**  
– Tuesday, July 28 through Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7 pm nightly at Church of Our Lady of the Snows.

**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. 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.

**PICNIC RAFFLE WINNERS**

See attachment for the winners of the main raffle.

**FR. EVA INSTALLATION MASS**

Join us as we celebrate the Installation Mass of Fr. Eva as Pastor of St. James Catholic Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and St. Michael Catholic Church. The Mass will be held at St. James Catholic Church on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow at the St. James Parish Center. If anyone would like to help out with finger foods for the reception, please contact Sue Walsh at 314-974-2516 and let her know what you would like bring. All are welcome!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

St. Vincent De Paul is seeking either two part-time or one full-time Charity Coordinator for their facility in East St. Louis. See the bulletin board for more details.

**ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY**

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$12 for BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Homemade Cole Slaw, Chips, Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s July collection; School supplies: pencils, filler paper, pocket folders, glue, crayons, scissors, erasers, rulers - Thank you!

**St. Bruno, Pinckneyville** – Chicken Dinner on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 pm

**St. Charles Church, DuBois** – Summer Social, Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, In air-conditioned KC Hall. Prizes/Food/Fun, Bingo begins at 7 pm

**St Patrick Church – Tipton** – 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner – Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner 11 am – 3:30 pm, Auction begins at Noon, Quilts to sell approx. 2:30

**St. James, Millstadt** – Summer Festival on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 – 10 pm. Mass at 3 pm, Quilt & Cash Bingo 7-10 (Indoors)

**St. Francis, Aviston** – Quilt Show July 18 & 19, 11 am – 3 pm each day. Cost \$3

**St. Francis, Aviston** – Church picnic on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Chicken Dinner 3:30 – 6:30, Carry-Outs 3 – 7, Mass 4, Quilt Bingo 6:30