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Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 31st, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
Envelopes \$1,208.50; Loose \$551; Candles \$59; Quilt of the Month \$1440 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Saturday, January 31st, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Pat Tinoco & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, February 1st, 9:00 a.m.
Rich Kreher
Vic Klein & Diane Mueller
Jennifer Neff & Sandi Gerdes
Kinzley Kurtz & Riley Neff
Anna Gerdes

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“The LORD is my light,” sings the psalmist (Ps 27:1). As a metaphor, light represents many things: spiritual enlightenment, understanding, salvation. It reveals secrets kept hidden and signals the life and joy of spring after the silence and death of winter. The prophet Isaiah used light as a metaphor to signify God’s redemption of Israel after their defeat by Assyria (Zebulun and Naphtali were regions defeated by Assyria). Isaiah’s words likely celebrated the coronation of Hezekiah, the king who protected Jerusalem from Assyrian invasion; in their deeper meaning, they point forward to a king and a salvation of another kind. In Jesus’ teaching, preaching, and healing (Mt 4:23), Jesus ushers in God’s kingdom in all its radiance; its hope and joy after a long winter of foreign occupation and a high priesthood that bowed to Rome. Matthew points out that Jesus starts his ministry in the very territory once captured by Assyria. The heavy yoke of foreign rule that once burdened the people (see Is 8:4) will now be the light, easy yoke offered by Jesus’ way (Mt 11:29-30).

2026 QUILT RAFFLE

If you haven’t turned in your 2026 Quilt Raffle Tickets, please do so before the January 25th drawing to be entered in all 12 drawings.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
God First Loved Us – Retreats Starting September 12, 2025 through May 1, 2026. Retreat begins on Friday at 4:00 pm through Sunday’s at 1:00 pm - \$250 per person (includes lodging and meals)
Spring Quiet Retreats – Men’s Quiet Retreats: May -1-3
Women’s Quite Retreats: March-April
Days of Reflection & Spiritual Cinema: February-May
From the Tower of Babel to Pentecost: Embracing our Differences, Praising in Unity – Monday, February 16, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm. Cost \$60 (lunch included). For information call 618-397-0584.
Lenten Day of Reflection: On the Lenten Journey – Thursday, March 5th from 10 am – 3 pm. Cost \$60.00 (Lunch included). For information call 618-397-0584.

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.

GIBAULT

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR LIDS THIS WEEK SO THAT THEY CAN BE DELIVERED TO GIBAULT BY THE 30th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS COATS!

Cold winter weather has arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages- toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested.** Items can be placed in the entrance of church. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.

GAUDEAMUS SEMINARIAN GALA

The Gaudemus Seminarian Gala, Answering the Call, Supporting the Journey. Will be on Saturday, April 11th at Holy Trinity Church, Fairview Heights, Mass at 4:00 pm, Cocktail Hour at 5:00 pm and Dinner and Auction at 6:00 pm. Information is in the entrance of church. This Seminarian Gala will benefit the five (5) current seminarians and the four (4) who have applied to begin in the fall.

THANK YOU

I thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations.

St. Michael’s Annual “Trivia Night”

Have you reserved your table yet for Saturday, February 7th St. Michael’s “Trivia Night” The doors open at 6 pm and play starts at 7:00 pm. \$120 per table includes “Survivor” round and two other special games; Mulligans available, 8 people maximum per table. Questions & answers presented in PowerPoint! Cash prizes. Silent Auction, wine pull & 50/50. Bring your own snacks & drinks. For reservations, please call Barb Jany at 618-920-5384.
Please Note: Once again, the Trivia Committee are asking parishioners to donate items for the Silent Auction and also bottles of wine are needed for the “Wine Pull”. Items may be left in the entrance of church.

ST. MICHAEL MEN’S EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Euchre Tournament sponsored by the Men’s Club will be Saturday, February 28, at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. All you can drink beer and soda; all you can eat fried chicken (at the end on the last round). Call Rich Kreher 314-341-4904 with any questions.

Ss. PETER & PAUL

Ss. Peter & Paul will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to support their 8th Grade class trip to Kansas City on **TODAY** January 25th from 9 am – 12 pm in the SPPCS Gym. Adult \$10 Child \$5.00, 3 and under Free.
Also, Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 11:15 am – 1:15 pm.

2026 ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL AND MASS

The 2026 St. Louis Metropolitan Youth Choral Festival & Mass will be held on Saturday, February 28th, 10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 3rd at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Chicken a la King over Biscuit, Tossed Salad, Chunky Applesauce, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water.

THE MESSENGER

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 7 & 8. 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 at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2025 Contribution Statements were mailed this past week. If you don’t receive your statement please let Sue Walsh know and she will print you a new statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s January collection; Towels and Washcloths (for bath and kitchen)– Thank you!
St. Peter & Paul – Annual Euchre Tournament on Friday, January 30th. Doors open at 6:30 Tournament starts at 7:00 pm
St. Augustine, Hecker – Quilt/Cash Bingo, Sunday, February 8th, Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates 10 am – 1 pm Bingo begins at 1:30 pm