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 December 1, 2024
 1st Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, Dec. 7th, 4:00 p.m. – Emily Cortner
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
 Envelopes \$2,732; Loose \$286; Candles \$67; Mass Stipend \$10 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish

Saturday, Dec. 7th, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Rosemary Yaekel & Pat Tinoco
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:00 a.m.

Rich Kreher
 Vic Klein & Sandi Gerdes
 Jennifer Neff & Mary Anne Hopper
 Noak Huffman & Riley Neff
 Lydia Huffman

First Sunday of Advent

In a time of suffering for the people of Judah, Jeremiah looks forward with hope to God’s fulfilling of the promise of the Davidic covenant. The time is coming, says he, for God to raise up his Anointed One from the line of David to redeem Israel and return justice to the land and its people. The psalmist follows, developing the essence of the covenantal relationship by petitioning God to continue teaching his ways and remember his fidelity, righteousness, and mercy. The hope is for an abiding, life giving relationship, made manifest in the coming gift of the Christ.
 The New Testament readings spring from the lived reality of this relationship in history. Paul pleads for help for God’s people to abound in love, manifesting that of God the Father in the gift of Jesus the Son through loving care for creation and one another. How we choose to act and interact with one another should reflect this relationship. The hope now is for the time to come, as Jesus expounds in Luke’s Gospel. Jesus calls disciples of all time to stand strong in the face of fear and distraction. Life in covenant relationship with the One who created us and the One who redeemed us is the longer, possibly harder road, but the journey is worth the effort in hope for a destination in union.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2025 Offering envelopes are in the entrance of church. If you give online, you will not have a box on envelopes.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A tradition at St. Michael is the *Book of Remembrance & Candles*. From this Sunday until Sunday, December 15th the book will be placed in the entrance of the church. Anyone who wishes to have a 7-day vigil candle lit in memory of a departed loved one or family on Christmas Eve may list their name/names. Also, if you wish to have a candle lit for someone who can’t be with you/your family this Christmas, for example serving our country in some distant place, or just unable to make it home, and you would like a candle lit for him/her please list the name. Candles will be prepared with the individual/family name and will be placed in the windowsills of the church on Christmas Eve. If you wish to take the candle home after Christmas Eve Mass you may do so, or it may be left in church. The suggested donation is \$3.

2024 QUILT RAFFLE

Our winner of the January quilt was Jan Mueller, February – Angi Klohr, March – Esther Keefe, April – Kathy Gass, May – Barb Jany, June – Pat Walsh, July – Rhonda Niemeier, August – Emily Loehr, September – Chuck Muelle, October – John Heilig, November – Laura Jones. You have 1 more chance to win

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for St. Michael’s Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 1st. For reservations, please call Barb Jany at 618-920-5384.

ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

As a Parish we have adopted 2 local families for Christmas this year. Please consider taking one or two ornaments off the “Giving Tree” and purchasing a gift for the family. All gifts will need to be returned to church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, November 8th. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Walsh.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

An Advent Day of Prayer – The Three Comings of Christ – Saturday, December 7, 2024 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The day will consist of 3 conferences with time for quiet reflection after each – Cost \$50 which includes lunch. For information call 618-397-0584.
A Desperate Seeking - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals). For information call 618-397-0584.
 From November 22 through December 31, 2024, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
The Way of Lights Display using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. No charge for display, donations accepted.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, December 4th with Fr. Patrick McDevitt – Topic-Hope: It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35 at Gruv Bistro and Wine Bar, 223 East Main St., Belleville, 6:30 – 7:00 Social & 7:00 – 8:30 Event.

MEMOIRAL MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP KELEHER

The Diocese of Belleville will host a Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus James P Keleher who died on November 9. Archbishop Keleher served as the sixth Bishop of Belleville (1984-1993). Bishop McGovern will offer Mass at 12:10 pm on Wednesday, December 11, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville. Everyone is invited to pray together for the repose of Archbishop Keleher’s soul.

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.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
 Serve the Lord with gladness

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven’t already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

CCW NEWS

Ladies Christmas Party is Monday, December 9th at the Bull Pen. Doors open at 5:30 pm and Dinner served at 6:00 pm. In place of a gift exchange, please bring 5 nonperishable food items or personal care items for your name to be entered into a drawing for prizes. Sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Pork Loin with Dressing & Gravy, Green Beans, Grape Salad, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please bring a canned item for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s December collection; Mittens, Gloves, Winter Hats and Scarves, Boots – Thank you!
SS Peter & Paul 30th Annual Cookie Walk – Saturday, December 14th, 8 am – Noon