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December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, Dec. 21st, 4:00 p.m. – Rick Keefe
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish

Envelopes \$3,249; Loose \$347; Candles \$60; Advent Candles \$179; Mtce \$10; Ret. Religious \$10; Mass Stipend \$10 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, Dec. 21st, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Teresa Braunseis
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Rosemary Yaekel & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

Sandi Gerdes
Jennifer Neff & Vic Klein
Mary Anne Hopper & David Mueth
Noah Huffman & Riley Neff
Lydia Huffman

Third Sunday of Advent

Entering the third week of Advent, we remain in expectant preparation for the coming of the Messiah. Yet our focus shifts to joy. Indeed, this is Gaudete Sunday: the Sunday of joy! As John the Baptist continues his ministry of the good news in Luke’s Gospel, Paul expounds on his manifesto of rejoicing in the Lord in his letter to the Philippians, and the prophet Zephaniah exhorts all God’s people to shout for joy. Today’s readings exemplify how looking inside to God for guidance and outside to one another for our mission grounds us in authentic joy in this life.

Writing in the seventh century BC in Jerusalem during the reign of King Josiah, Zephaniah looks ahead to the day of the Lord and living in the kingdom of God. Once God’s people are purged of their wrongdoings and shortsighted turning away from God, they will be restored to right relationship with God, who will live in their midst as a mighty savior. Here we can find true joy, relieved of the burdens of this life, living in unmediated relationship with God. Writing to Christians in first-century Philippi, the apostle Paul reinforces that God’s peace is found in laying ourselves bare before our God in relationship with Christ Jesus. This is how we can live in the joy of our innermost selves.

The missionary activity of John the Baptist teaches us to turn this profoundly personal relationship to those we encounter in the world. Giving from our excess and holding ourselves to a strict integrity are required, even if others do not manifest this joy that radiates from our grounded center. Thus, we await in hope and, indeed, bring near the kingdom of God.

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

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

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.

Christmas Masses:

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Christmas Mass in the Night – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Spanish Mass – 12:00 pm

Way of the Lights Run – January 1, 2025, 5:00 pm Cost: Register by December 17 to receive a WOL Run T-shirt and the earlier you register, the better the price. Pricing starts at \$35 for the Run and \$25 for the Walk. Price increase starts on December 18th. For more information visit <https://snows.org/wolrun/> or call 618-397-6700.

MEN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Men’s Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 17th at the parish hall. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Hart 618-719-6827.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, December 27. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for deliver). If you or someone you know lives alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 16, 2024.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS COATS!

Cold winter weather has definitely 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 left in the entrance of church. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today? Thank you very much.

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

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity. Bishop Michael McGovern and Ministries and Programs Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Dave Holdener, Esther Keefe and Diane Ruhmann were elected to the Parish Council for a two (2) year term and Barb Jany was appointed for a 3-year term. Thank you to Judy Mueth for serving the Parish Council and Welcome to the New Members!

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 47th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2025 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s December collection; Mittens, Gloves, Winter Hats and Scarves, Boots – Thank you!

Annual Euchre Tournament – St. Peter & Paul on Friday, January 31st Doors open at 6:30 Play starts at 7 pm

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Today is the last day to list names in the book.

