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 September 1, 2024
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 7th, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass
STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:
 Envelopes \$2,438.25; Loose \$661; Candles \$47 – Thank You
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, September 7th, 5:00 p.m.
Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Pat Tinoco
Minister: Blood of Christ Susan Halt & Joan Killebrew
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, September 8th, 9:00 a.m. – Cletus Mueth

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 Judy Mueth
 Sandi Gerdes & David Mueth
 Vic Klein & Mary Anne Hopper
 Carson Parker & Chloe Parker
 Anna Gerdes

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

All of today’s readings illuminate God’s call to wholehearted obedience. Deuteronomy 4 names two purposes of God’s holy law: one purpose faces inward, intended for the flourishing of Israel: one purpose faces outward, intended for witness to the world. For Israel, God gave the law ‘that you may live.’ As the psalmist writes, whoever follows the law will live well: in peace, without disturbance. The law is not to restrict followers but to set them free for a life of true abundance. As for the world, the law was given to Israel so that they could bear witness that their God’s wisdom and kindness surpass all other nations’ gods. The law illuminated the Israelites so that they might shine brightly, drawing other nations to Israel’s God. James picks up on the theme of fruitful obedience and applies it to Christians. He uses three metaphors to show how intertwined our lives are with God’s “word of truth” (that is, the Scripture, or God’s law): we are the infant children of the Word: we are like the first figs blossoming on the Word’s tree; and we are the soil in which the Word is planted. Our lives are bound up with God’s Word in such a way that to hear the Word without living it out would be to turn away from our parent, to wither on the tree, or to dry up and crack as desert soil. Finally, Mark’s Gospel warns that obedience to the law must be deeper than mere observance. Our obedience should be inward, coming from hearts turned toward God. Mark warns, rather literally, against paying “lip service” to the law without loving God with the heart. The purpose of God’s holy law is inner transformation leading to abundant life.

ST. LUKE NOON LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

St. Luke’s Noon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at Noon, St. Luke’s Parish Hall, 226 N. Church St., Belleville. The cost is \$10 for Beef Frank on Bun, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Cake, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please bring a canned item for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
 Suicide Prevention Training and “WE Remember You”
 Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide**

Wednesday, September 11th. Suicide Prevention Training 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Visitors Center and Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine’s Lourdes Grotto
A Desperate Seeking - September 13, 2024, through May 2, 2025 – weekend retreats start on Friday at 4:00 pm through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$235 per person (includes lodging and meals. For information call 618-397-0584.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jim & Nick Elbe for cleaning the gutters on the rectory.

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.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
 FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE**

The Diocese of Belleville is sponsoring a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died by suicide, on Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 pm, at St. Mary Church, 1706 W Main Street, Belleville. Bishop McGovern will preside and preach. Family members and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend this Mass and bring a photograph of the person you wish to pray for to be placed in the Sanctuary during Mass.
 The week of September 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week. At this time, let us remember those who have died by suicide and recommit ourselves to providing hope and healing for those who mourn their passing. For more information, call July Hoffmann at 618-722-5003.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Diocese of Belleville Young Adults Presents: Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, September 11th with Fr. Nick Junker. This is for young adults ages 21 – 35 at Eckert’s Cider Shed Outdoor Pavilion 6:30 – 7:00 Social & 7:00 – 8:30 Event.

THE MESSENGER

Every fall The Messenger celebrates Priesthood Sunday and our diocesan priests with a special Priest Appreciation Issue. The Messenger invites parishioners to comment on how priests’ pastoral ministries affect their spiritual and personal lives or the parish community. Please send brief comments to: messenger@diobelle.org by 5 pm on Tuesday, September 3rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM: St. Michael’s September collection; shaving cream and razors, tampons and maxi-pads, etc. – Thank you!
St. Mary’s, Chester – Parish Picnic September 7th
Queen of Peace – Parish Picnic September 7th
St. James Millstadt – Quilt & Cash Bingo September 8th Doors open at 10:30, Bingo starts at 1:00 pm

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. If you haven’t turned in your tickets for the 2024 Quilt Raffle, please turn them in so that you will be entered in the remaining 4 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, individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/pudding etc., new T-Shirts (white) to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be placed in the back church for drop off at St. Vincent DePaul.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PRIESTS

The Final Celebration of Southern Illinois Association of Priests Honoring supporters and friends
 September 29, 2024 @ Corpus Christi Parish, Shiloh
 Liturgy at 2 pm followed by a gathering, dinner and program
 Contact Tom: ksftom10@gmail.com for information and to make reservations. Deadline for reservations is September 6, 2024.

LADIES CCW

The ladies CCW is looking for Gallon Size Plastic Ice Cream Containers. If you any, they may be left in the entrance of church.
Monday, September 9th there will be a Light Noon Luncheon to discuss the Pumpkin Party.
Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 9th

PSR NEWS

The first day will be Sunday, September 15th. Registration Forms were mailed out last week.

