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 December 8, 2024
 2nd Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Saturday, Dec. 14th, 4:00 p.m. – Howard Boller

Sunday, Dec. 15th, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,613.50; Loose \$234; Candles \$49; Advent Candles \$161; Mtce \$20 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, Dec. 14th, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Carol Reiter
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ Karen Mueller & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Sunday, Dec. 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Michelle Walls
 Mary Anne Hopper & Diane Mueller
 David Mueth & Vic Klein
 Audrey Friederich & Kinzley Kurtz
 Jaxon Shoemaker

Second Sunday of Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent, Luke’s account of the Gospel introduces the adult John and his mission (in the words of the prophet Isaiah) to “prepare the way of the Lord” (3:4). His is the voice crying out in the desert, and he is the one who baptizes those coming to him in repentance and moving toward a new direction. A way of preparing for the coming of the Messiah when all “shall see the salvation of God” (3:6) is presented to those who are attentive and courageous enough to reflect on their lives and their way of proceeding, in relationship both with God and with other people. The reading from Paul encompasses his thanksgiving, a component he typically adds to the conventional Greco-Roman letter. Paul expresses his joy with the Philippians at their lived manifestation of the Good News. The timeless summons of his prayer is for everyone to strive for the good of all. Seeking to find and be our best selves includes discerning what is truly of value. This is the hard work also bidden by the psalmist and envisioned by Baruch. The restoration of God’s people after the exile is described as tears that lead to joy. The mercy and justice of God guide those in covenant with him to be accountable in what they believe and do. This is the path to authentic satisfaction.

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.

ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

If you haven’t turned in your gifts for the Adopted Families, please do so by tomorrow. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Walsh.

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.

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.

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

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.

CCW NEWS

Ladies Christmas Party is this 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you haven’t already done so, please pick up your 2025 Offering envelopes that are located in the entrance of church. If you give online, you will not have a box on envelopes.

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.

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.

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