



St. Michael Catholic Church, Paderborn
 4576 Buss Branch Road
 Waterloo, IL 62298
 Ph: 618-473-2798



St. Michael, Paderborn
 Rev. Jim Voelker, Administrator
 E-mail jav6769@aol.com
 Fr. Jim & Parish Office 618-473-2798
 E-mail StMichaels4@aol.com
 Website: stmichaelspaderborn.org
 Rev. Stan Konieczny, Pastor
 Mass: Saturday 4pm – Sunday 9am
 E-mail skonieczny@stjohnsschool.us
 Phone: 618-234-2068
 December 22, 2024
 4th Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 4:00 p.m. – Cletus Mueth, Tony Holdener, Virgil Massey & John Poetker
 Saturday, Dec. 28th, 4:00 p.m. – For the Parish
 Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish
 Sunday, Dec. 29th, 9:00 a.m. – Garland Whitworth

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before Mass

STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelopes \$1,763.75; Loose \$398; Candles \$76; Advent Candles \$106; Mtce \$100; Ret. Religious \$800, Memorials \$1,030; 2025 Quilt Raffle \$1,000 – Thank You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Judy Mueth
Minister: Body of Christ Barb Jany & Joan Killebrew
Minister: Blood of Christ David Mueth & Jennifer Neff
Servers: Kinzley Kurtz & Carson Parker
Crossbearer: Anna Gerdes
Lector: **Saturday, Dec. 28th, 4:00 p.m.**
Lector: Pat Vogel
Minister: Body of Christ Pat Tinoco & Barb Jany
Minister: Blood of Christ Rosemary Yaekel & Susan Halt
Servers:
Crossbearer:

Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 9:00 a.m.
 Pat Vogel
 Volunteers
 Volunteers
 Volunteers
 Volunteer
Sunday, Dec. 29th, 9:00 a.m.
 Sandi Gerdes
 Vic Klein & Diane Ruhmann
 Diane Mueller & Mary Anne Hopper
 Riley Neff & Audrey Friederich
 Lydia Huffman



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah speaks God’s Word about a ruler who is both shepherd and a majestic name, bringing peace and greatness. The catch is that he will come forth from tiny Bethlehem, unexpected in every way. The guiding hand of God, the psalmist proclaims, is always at work for the good of creation, often despite human plans. The New Testament readings further articulate God’s will to work in the world, often beyond the ken of human expectation. The passage from Hebrews puts forth the atoning sacrifice of Jesus’ body in just this manner. Keeping a ritual is not enough if it is empty of heartfelt desire for change and authenticity. This is as true today as it was in the first century. God’s gift of Jesus, Christ and Son, to the world in his person and ministry, as well as his atoning sacrifice, was far beyond what the people expected but was precisely what the world so desperately needed. Luke’s Gospel presents the encounter between two faithful women who show themselves open to God working both in the world and in their lives in just such profoundly unexpected ways. As they come together in support of one another, they realize the depth and breadth of God’s plan and how they are called beyond both their comfort and society’s role for them.

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.

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.

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 29. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

THANK YOU to everyone who donated gifts from our Giving Tree for the two local families so that they would have a Christmas.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Lou Dori and Geralyn Cortner for cleaning up and disposing of the leaves on the church grounds.

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.

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.

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

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!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!