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February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – No Communion Service

Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. – For The Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass

**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$1,786.50; Loose \$211.21; Candles \$34; Cemetery \$15; Messenger \$25; Mtce. \$50 - Thank you

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY & NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Lector** Carol Reiter

**Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m.**  
Pat Vogel

**Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
Judy Mueth



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9:8-15** – The drama of the building of the ark, its loading and the rising of the waters can overshadow what should be the most powerful moment in the story of Noah: The establishment of God’s covenant with Noah and his descendants. This promise everlasting is the powerful covenant made with Abraham later in Genesis. The covenant is generated by God, who takes responsibility for its fulfilment, offering a sign of affirmation to humankind (the rainbow). Note the parallels between this account of God’s promise and the process of creation to Genesis1. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22** – The destructive power of water is not contrasted with the life-giving power of water in Peter’s letter. In Christ Jesus, suffering is not meaningless but ennobled. The passage includes a creedal element, outlining the Paschal Mystery and its promise. The gift of Baptism is one of liberation for all, not salvation for a few as in the story of Noah. **Gospel: Mark 1:12-15** – In Mark, the beginning of Jesus’ journey is his experience of forty days in the wilderness. His account is terser than that of Matthew and Luke, which also makes its message quite direct. Jesus has been tested, like the Israelite were tested by the forty years of wandering in the wilderness to the Promised Land and Noah was tested with forty days afloat in the flood waters. Under the protection of God’s angels, he has triumphed, proving his readiness for his earthly mission. The number forty appears in dozens of places in the Bible, usually signifying a test that has been administered and passed. As we enter the forty days of Lent, we can challenge ourselves to embrace the spiritual test we are facing, transforming them---and ourselves---as we journey to Easter.

**It's Okay to be Tempted**

True. But it is not okay to give in. Just as Jesus spent his forty days in the desert protected by the Spirit, let us have the same trust that God guides us on this Lenten retreat to right Kingdom thinking, speaking, and behaving. Let us sing with the Psalmist that God’s ways are love and truth, guiding the humble to justice.

- Since the Kingdom of God is at hand, how will I repent?
- What must I stop saying and doing to embrace more fully this Kingdom?
- How can I work for Justice?

**Gibault News**

Gibault invites 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and students from other high schools for a Shadow Visit. To schedule a Shadow Visit or Private Tour, contact Kelly Day at [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com) or 939-3883.

**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.

**St. Michael’s Cancellations**

Men’s Euchre Tournament is cancelled

**SPPCS**

You can now register for 2021-2022 School Year. Please go to SSPCS website and register under the Admission tab.  
**Drive-Through pork sausage dinner.** Pull into the alley between the church and school February 28<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 3 pm. Dinners are \$10

**St. John the Baptist – Smithton**

St. John’s Dinner Auction will be virtual this year. The auction website is [stjgameon.givesmart.com](http://stjgameon.givesmart.com) and will go live on February 26<sup>th</sup> and end on March 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be different items auctioned at different times so see the bulletin board for more information. Raffle tickets and Dinner Order Forms are in the entrance of church.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** in providing essentials to the poor they serve. With cold weather just around the corner, there is a desperate need for **gently-used coats and blue jeans** – men’s, women’s, and children’s (all sizes) and **blankets**. Also, SVDP’s Night-Time Drop-In Center needs lunch items (individually packaged) cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water; luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches is also appreciated.

**QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLE**

St. Michael’s will be hosting a Quilt of the Month Raffle for 2021. Tickets are in the entrance of church along with a colored picture of the quilts. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be returned to the office via mail or you may put them in the collection basket. If you have any questions please contact Sue Walsh in the office. Our winner of the January quilt was parishioner Barbara Olack. You still have 11 more chances to win!



**SERRA CLUB**

The Serra Club of St. Clair County is an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to inform our community of the need for all vocations. We honor our religious with an annual Nuns Luncheon, a Deacon Dinner, a Priest Picnic and a new Priest Dinner. We pray for our seminarians and help them celebrate their birthdays. Our club meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a mass at 11:45 am, lunch, a brief meeting and guest speaker. For more information contact Mel Lucash 618-531-4244.

**MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**

It’s not too late to renew or subscribe to The Messenger Newspaper. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.com](http://www.bellevillemessenger.com). Please make checks payable to the Messenger. The cost is still only \$25 for print or digital and \$30 for both!

**Millstadt Knights of Columbus Wurstmarkt**

Millstadt Knights of Columbus Council 4741 will hold a Pre-Paid Carryout Only Wurstmarkt on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from Noon till 5:00 p.m. Orders may be picked up in the St. James Church parking lot. Order forms are in the entrance of church.

**HUNGER IN OUR WORLD**

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger-it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**CAMP ONDESSONK VIRTUAL HOMECOMING GALA**

Mark your calendar for Camp Ondessonk’s Virtual Homecoming Gala, Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm. Visit [Ondessonk.com/gala](http://Ondessonk.com/gala) for more information

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s February collection; Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash and floss – Thank you!

