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 September 20, 2020  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – No Communion Service  
 Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – Annie Roth  
 Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. – For The Parish  
 Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Larry Muskopf

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

**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$1,163.50; Loose \$370.20; Candles \$35; Mtce. \$10; Cemetery \$15; Retired Bell. Priest \$175; Picnic \$231 - Thank you

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector:**

Teresa Braunseis

Pat Vogel

Sandy Gerdes

**Gift Bearers:**

**Minister: Body of Christ:**

**Ministers: Blood of Christ:**

**Servers:**

**Crossbearer:**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9** – These verses from Isaiah are proclaimed as part of the fifth Old Testament reading at the Easter Vigil. See the Lord is Isaiah’s invitation. Even the scoundrel and wicked the prophet invites to turn to the Lord because Isaiah knows in the Lord is forgiveness so generous and so abundant that one will never turn back to one’s old way of life. The Lord’s thoughts as so infinitely high, like the heavens that we find our hope for mercy in the Lord. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a** – Paul established the first Christian community and Philippi and he now writes to them from prison. He understands the core of his faith to be life in Christ. Whether he lives or dies, he knows that he glorifies Christ in his body. His dilemma is that if he went on living, he could still serve the Philippians and continue the work of spreading the Gospel. If Paul were to die, he would be with Christ. In the midst of his own suffering, he exhorts the Philippians to behavior befitting those who proclaim the Gospel of Christ. **Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a** – We move ahead from the conclusion in Matthew 18 and Jesus’ teaching on forgiveness to the beginning of chapter 20, where Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the landowner and his workers. The landowner hires workers at varying times during the day, but pays them each the customary daily wage. Those laborers who worked more hours understandably exhibit frustration. The landowner’s generosity turns the workers’ worldview upside down. Such is the way it will be in the Kingdom of heaven, where the last will be first and the first, last. This is God’s new paradigm.

Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr. Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director, are inviting young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood to participate in a St. Andrew Dinner. Young men, ages 14 thru 25, are invited to attend; parents are also welcome. The first St. Andrew Dinner will be Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at Gibault Catholic High School beginning at 4:00 pm. The afternoon includes supper and input from a recently ordained priest, Fr. Nick Fleming, followed by Q&A about the life of a Catholic Priest. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Nick Junker at 618-722-5035 or e-mail [njunker@diobelle.org](mailto:njunker@diobelle.org). Additional St. Andrew dinners will be offered in October and November.

**DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese reports directly to the Bishop. (“It is for the finance officer to administer the goods of the Diocese under the authority of the Bishop...” Cf. CCL, Canon 494, #3.) The CFO has the primary responsibility for the work of the Diocesan Finance Council. He or she provides accurate, meaningful financial statements and information to the Bishop, who is the administrator of the temporal goods of the Diocese, and to the various boards which assist the Bishop in the operation of the Diocese. For more information please see the bulletin board in the entrance of church. St. Mary Catholic School in Centralia is seeking an Elementary School Principal. See bulletin board for more information. The Diocese is in search of a Diocesan School Nurse for the Office of Education. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

**How Things Work in the Kingdom of Heaven**

This parable about kingdom living may rile us up. God is as generous to the late-comers to kingdom work as to those who labored longer and, perhaps, harder. Really? It is true. God is so generous, so loving, so good – with ways above our ways and thoughts above our thoughts (reread Isaiah).

- What work will I do to help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven?
- How will I pour myself into Christian living without grumbling?
- How can I be generous to a fault like God this week?

**CCW NEWS**

We are sad to inform everyone that due to the Covid 19 Pandemic; we are **cancelling** our annual Pumpkin Party this year. Hope to see everyone next year. St. James, Millstadt CCW has cancelled their rescheduled April Noon Luncheon. They will still have their Quilt Raffle and blank raffle tickets are in the entrance of church. Please send completed tickets and money to: Madonna Stapf, 7145 State Road 163, Millstadt, IL 62260. Drawing will be on October 18, 2020.

**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 CHICKEN DINNER**

St. Michael’s will be hosting a chicken dinner today, Sunday, September 20, 2020. Serving from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Carry outs/Drive thru only. Meal includes ½ chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans for \$11.00

**St. Vincent DePaul Virtual “Friends of the Poor” Walk**  
 During these unusual times of required social distancing, re-creating, and re-imagining everyday activities help us stay connected to the world around us. In this spirit of re-creating, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Belleville Council St. Vincent DePaul “Friends of the Poor Walk” will be our very first “virtual walk” to Help the Hungry, the week of September 26 – October 4. A VIRTUAL WALK is an event that allows you to decide where to walk, how far to walk, and when and what time to walk. Advance registration is required. Register on our website at [www.svdpsouthil.org](http://www.svdpsouthil.org) (click events tab) by phone @ 618-394-0126, or by email to [pat.hogrebe@gmail.com](mailto:pat.hogrebe@gmail.com). Ask friends and family to support your event with a donation!

“Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ” – In the Second Reading from a Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:27a), Paul is writing from prison where the possibility of his death prompts these introspective writings. Paul’s trust in Christ is unshakable, he is ready to live or die in His name. He realizes though, that it is better for those who live in the city of Philippi if he continues to live and preach the Gospel of Life as the example to follow. He is subtly reminding them not to only follow the laws of the Greek city, but to follow the laws of Christ that will lead to heaven. The Gospel is their standard of life.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael’s September collection; Shaving cream, razors, tampons and maxi-pads – Thank you!

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes? Re-morse code.