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Confessions: heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Holy Thursday, 3/28 7:00pm- Lois Papenberg

Easter Vigil Sat, 3/30 7:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Easter Sunday, 3/31 8:00am- A Special Intention and John & Philip Rheinecker

Friday, 4/5 8:00am- Jerry Mollet and Clarence & Emma Sandidge

Sat, 4/6 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun, 4/7 8:00am- Roy Schreder and Mary Rettinghouse



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 3/24/2024:

Envelopes (30)- \$1,583.00

Loose-\$203.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,000.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-**\$2,700.00**

***Scholarship Fund - \$2579.00 (Total
Donated since 8/1/2023)***

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Saturday, April 6th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lectors: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker

Camera:

Sunday, April 7th, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers:

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson

Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Shirley Wittenauer, Annette Lovelace, Mel Parker, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, A Special Intention, and Delbert Wittenauer.



For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, United States Coast Guard, Austin Grohmann, United States Marine Corps, and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corps.

Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Spring Farm Blessing**, which will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. **From the West:** One heads East on Rt 15 for approximately 3.3 miles (past Green Mount Road intersection) keeping in left lane. Once reaching Tractor Supply (on the right), turn LEFT onto Turkey Hill Lane – frontage road to Maple Hill Subdivision. Keep straight on Turkey Hill Lane for 0.6 miles and veer right to enter the Orchard. **From the North:** One heads South on N. Green Mount Road until you reach the intersection of Rt 15. Turn left onto Rt 15, heading East, keeping in left lane. Once reaching Tractor Supply (on the right), turn LEFT onto Turkey Hill Lane – frontage road to Maple Hill Subdivision. Keep straight on Turkey Hill Lane for 0.6 miles and veer right to enter the Orchard

“Farm Blessing” signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed.

You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for Easter Sunday

Once again, Easter is here. Happy Easter!!

One question I always like to reflect on during Easter is: Christmas and Easter, which is more important to Christianity? The answer is debatable, depending on what makes sense to you. However, the two celebrations are part of a grand narrative: the redemption story. Christ's incarnation is the beginning of God's loving action, which came to its peak on the Cross and the fullness of grace and redemption realized on the resurrection day.

The resurrection of Christ reveals to us that light is more potent than darkness, love is greater than hate, and that God's mercy endures over judgment. When we sit at the bedside of a dying loved one, the Cross and the resurrection story reminds us that the sufferings, pains, and difficulties of this life are transient, though painful, for sure; they do not have the last word and cannot represent the final experience.

Easter means "the feast of fresh flowers." How possible is it to see and smell fresh flowers within in difficult times? The joy of Easter is connected to sorrow, suffering, loss, and death. Easter joy is operative when we seem to lose control. When our life falls apart, when our friends leave us, when our health fails, Easter gives us hope that resurrection is possible. I imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus got arrested and executed. They were confused and frightened. But the resurrection story changed everything. Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith.

There is a story of two women who stood before Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, "Why can't we build structures like this anymore?" Her friend answered, "The people who built this had faith. But today, people are divided between political lines, and so opinions and conspiracy theories abound. You can't build a cathedral with opinions and conspiracy theories. Faith in the resurrection moves people do extra ordinary things for God and to see God present in our world.

Let us then join in the victory song of St. John Chrysostom. "O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are abolished. Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever." What a victory?



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS IN Memory of...

Cyril and Emmie Haudrich; Amann and Voellinger Families; Bill and Jeannie Happel, the Happel, Eckart, Biffar & Brueggemann Families; David Bruss; Gilbert E. Birkner, Hedwig Birkner, Evelyn Wittenbrink, and Frank Gregson;

Marvin Eckart, Jeannie & Bill Happel, Edmund & Esther Eckart, Dale Griffin, and Georgia Eckart; Judy Fizer and Toby Reaka; Virgil Gregson; Dale Griffin; Edmund and Esther Eckart; Gene & Teresa Triller and Kenny Grohmann; Don Haudrich & the Leo Toenjes Family; Dennis Holle; Theresa & Lawrence Schaltenbrand, Robert, Edward, & James Schaltenbrand, Mildred & Charles Kennedy, and Janis Naumann & Charles M & Jeffrey Kennedy; Living and Deceased Members of John & Alice Kuehn Families; Jerry Mollet; Clem Orlet; Lois Papenberg, Edward & Helen Kohler, Victor & Elizabeth Papenberg, and Fern Papenberg; Deceased Members of Powell & Huss Families; Rheinecker Family and Kollme Family; Deceased Members Schaefer and Wiegard Families; Eckart Family; and Roy Schreder.

St. Augustine's Announcements:

**-200th Year Committee Meeting,
Thursday, April 4th @7pm
Parish Center**

**-Choir Practice is Thursday,
April 11th @ 2pm**



First Communion at St. Augustine's is Saturday, April 13th, 5pm Mass. First Communicants are Elias Edwin, Oliver Karban, Blake Koester, Cruz Kern, Mallory Kern and Wade Mehrmann.

HAPPY EASTER!



As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowls on March 30 & 31 at the church entrances or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate. *Thanks so much!*

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness
-Psalm 100



Easter Blessings

We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus.

**Bishop Michael McGovern
and the**

**Ministries and Agencies Funded by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S
PLEDGES TO DATE: 19**
(\$4,670.00 Pledged)

71% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!
(\$6,569.00 Parish Goal)

News from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church



From the Deacon's Desk

The Diocese of Belleville will be hosting the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Delegation (aka Eucharistic Procession) on July 7th and 8th and tentative details are starting to trickle in. Bishop McGovern has declared these to be our Emmaus Days and that we will take full advantage of this unique and wonderful opportunity for revival in our Diocesan community. The delegation will be with us for twenty-two action-packed hours. Tentatively, on the afternoon of July 7 the Eucharistic Pilgrimage Delegation will arrive at St Augustine of Hippo in East St Louis for a brief procession and adoration. There will be concurrent afternoon activities at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for all ages. The Eucharistic Pilgrimage Delegation will then arrive at the Shrine that evening with a Solemn Eucharistic Procession through Stations of the Cross to the amphitheater where there will be Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Benediction and a candlelight procession with all night Adoration in Christ the King Chapel. On July 8, there will be Mass at Cathedral followed by short Eucharistic Procession and then Bishop McGovern and Bishop Paprocki will be at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville for the passing of the Blessed Sacrament to the Springfield Diocese. Please stay tuned for more details and spread the word about the pilgrimage. You can see an interactive map of this pilgrimage with this QR code or this link will take you to it <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-junipero-serra-route>

-Deacon Tom Helfrich

- **Queen of Hearts Drawing-** Benefitting Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School
Tuesdays, Outsiders in Waterloo, IL,
Ticket sales end @6:30pm, drawings are held @ 7pm
- **NEW! Queen of Hearts Drawing-**Benefitting Freeburg High School Athletics
Wednesdays, 6:30pm ticket sales, drawings held at 7pm
- **St. Barbara's Catholic Church- Parish Hall**
2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
305 N Front St, Okawville, IL 62271, Doors open @5pm, Bingo @ 6pm
Food, drinks, and desserts for purchase- All games pay out \$50.00
- **Thursday, April 11th, 2024- St. James Parish Center, 405 W. Madison, Millstadt, IL Presents Born in the USA (A Noon Luncheon Experience)** \$15/person, 12-2:30pm;
Menu: Pulled pork, vegetables, hash brown casserole, coleslaw, Jello salad, and apple pie; Featuring basket raffle, sweet shoppe, quilt/cash raffle, bingo, attendance prizes; Paid RSVP's are required in advance. Doors open at 10:00am; Call Jane Kuester @ 618-476-1395 to RSVP.



NEWS FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

7th Grade Shadow Program

There are only a few weeks left for your student to visit Gibault Catholic! Your 7th grader can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! 7th grade shadows are welcome to come back as 8th graders for another Shadow Visit, too!

Future Hawk Events

Join us at these fun events!

7th & 8th Grade Scavenger Hunt

7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in our Junior High Scavenger Hunt on April 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Gibault Catholic High School. Pizza and Drinks will be included.

Bring your own team or sign up individually, and we can create a team.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/gchshunt24>

5th & 6th Grade Future Hawk Hangout

5th and 6th graders are invited to hang out in the Gibault gym! Shoot hoops, bump volleyballs, play bags, and MORE. Drinks and Snacks included. Come HANGOUT and HAVE FUN! RSVP: <https://bit.ly/hawkhangout>

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate

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Cheer on the State Champion Hawks on May 1 at 4:30 p.m. More info to come!

Spring Rummage Sale

The Gibault Catholic Women's Club Rummage Sale is Sat. Apr. 13, from 8 a.m.— 2 p.m.

(1/2 price and bag sale after noon.) Donations can be dropped off April 8 & 9 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and April 10 & 11 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Summer Classic Golf Tournament

Tee up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com or visit our event

website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>



Join us for the fourth annual
**Gibault Catholic High School
Women's Club Poker Run
Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Take a scenic Sunday afternoon drive!

Stop by each bar and pull a poker card. Best hand wins. No skill necessary!

Jeeps, motorcycles, and cars are welcome!

Registration opens at 11:30 am at Hopskeller; ride starts at noon:

- Hopskeller Brewing Company, 116 East Third Street, Waterloo
- Ott's Tavern, 20 E. Washington, Millstadt
- Pete's Hard Stop, 2 South Main Street, Smithton
- Insider, 116 North Main Street, Marissa
- Karban's Knotty Pines, 4569 Buss Branch Road, Paderborn

Turn in hands by 5:30 at Karban's Knotty Pines

Designated Drivers get free soft drinks at each bar and entered in a special drawing!

Two hands for \$25, each additional hand \$5

Five hands for \$40, get 6th free!

50/50, cooler of booze raffle, silent auction!

Food available at every stop

Prizes for three best hands!

For more info, call Claudia at (618) 660-6703 or email
bcpapenberg@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit GCHS Women's Club



Card swaps \$5 each!



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

DIocese of Belleville -- PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! Planned Parenthood continues to see women (some report one woman every 20 minutes six days a week). It is so vital that we be there for these women to offer free and confidential help in their time of need. It is our hope to continue to foster a sense of compassion in our communities making them a safe place to welcome those who suffer after an abortion and encourage reconciliation and healing in Jesus Christ. Those in need of help and counseling can confidentially contact someone by phone or email. Here's a link to Project Rachel on the diocesan website with additional information: <https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>.

To stay informed of Pro-Life events in our Diocese, like and follow our FaceBook page, Respect Life Apostolate – Belleville



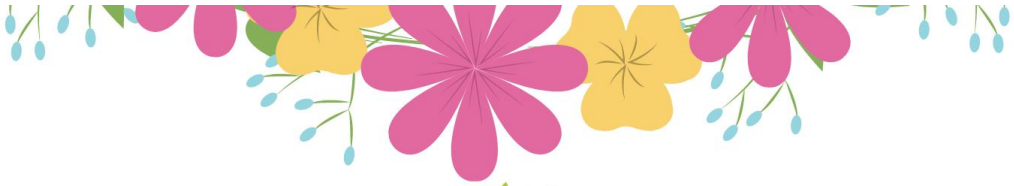
Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville
invite you to

Emmaus Days

Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life,
as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival.

Sunday, July 7 – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Monday, July 8 – Cathedral of St. Peter



One Year Anniversary Celebration

HOLY MASS

APRIL 11, 2024

11:00 AM

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

SIU-C NEWMAN CENTER


715 S. WASHINGTON ST. CARBONDALE, IL

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW





Hallelujah!! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! We need to share this Redemption story with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We need to witness to this fact through our daily lives – talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation – a Call to Holiness.



The Serra Club of St. 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 pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at Corpus Christi Parish Hall 206 Rasp St. Shiloh, IL 62269. We begin Mass at 11:00 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244 Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org

2024 VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- **St. Michael, Paderborn – January thru December 2024. \$20 per ticket. 12 Chances to win!! Picture of quilts available inside Parish office. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine’s.**
- **St. Patrick’s Ruma – January thru December 2024; \$20 per ticket; tickets available in the Parish Office at St. Augustine’s. Questions call Kathy Schmidt at 618/284-7274.**
- **St. James, Millstadt – Quilt-A-Rama, Tickets drawn the first Monday of every month during 2024. Tickets are \$25.00 each. See your Parish Office for tickets or contact St. James, 618/476-3513.**
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Renault Quilt of the Month! Tickets are \$25.00 each for the year of drawings. Winner goes back into the box for a chance to be drawn next month. Please call Phyllis at 618-458-6854 or text Lisa 618-444-5544 to purchase a ticket.**
- **Holy Trinity Catholic Church- St. Ann’s CCW, Quilt of the Month Raffle 2024 Tickets are \$25.00 each, drawings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month; Contact Carol Geluck for more info! 618-792-9439.**



Sharing the Gospel

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

Prayer

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

Something to Draw

Draw Mary, Peter, and John looking inside the empty tomb.

Mission for the Week

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Easter Sunday • John 20:1-9



King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

“How Women Further the Reign of God”

Presenter: Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA PhD

Friday, July 14, 2024, 4:00 pm through Sunday, July 21, 2024, at 10:00 am

Join Sr. Dianne for a week of inspiration with both Old and New Testament stories of women who were instrumental in furthering the establishment of the Reign of God, in our time. This retreat offers a great opportunity for women and men religious, priests, deacons and everyone who wants to delve deeper into Sacred Scripture.

Cost: Lodging for Single Occupancy - \$525, Double Occupancy/per person - \$475 or Commuter \$365

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or visit <https://kh.snows.org/events/>

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center- Directed Retreat from June 17 through June 24, 2024.

The 7-day summer Directed I Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Directed I Retreat is designed so you may adjust the length of your retreat according to your personal schedule. This year you also have the option to commute.

Cost: Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed-1-2024, or for more information, call 618-397-0584.

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).

Walking with
Moms in Need



APRIL 17, 2024

Springfield, Illinois
Capitol Building

#WhyWeMarch

#ILMarchForLife

SCHEDULE

RALLY: 12:00 PM

MARCH: 1:00 PM



For more information, visit: il.marchforlife.org