

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 4/11	8:00am- Roy Schreder
Saturday, 4/12	5:00pm- Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, 4/13	8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Holy Thursday, 4/17	7:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Easter Vigil, 4/19	5:00pm- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Easter Sunday, 4/20	8:00am- Don Braun, Ronnie Kelley, and Michael Amann



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 4/6/2025:

Weekly Envelopes – \$3,536.00

Loose- \$307.00

Youth- \$3.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$2,728.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Holy Thursday, April 17th, 2025, 7:00 pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Doerrs, Mallory Kern, & Lucas Gregson
Lector: Cindy Grohmann
Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Shelly Fizer

Good Friday, April 18th, 2025, 6:30pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Mehrmanns
Lector: TBD
Narrator: TBD
Voice: Jonella Donius

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 19th, 2025, 7pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Doerrs, Lucas Gregson & Kevin Schreder
Lector: Jonella Donius
Lector: Kay Haudrich
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr
Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Servers: Lucas Gregson, Grohmanns
Lector: Ryan Grohmann
Extraordinary Min. for choir: Shelly Fizer
Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser
Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder



Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, 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, Annette Lovelace, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen, Gary Wittenauer, Debbie Harbaugh, Jerry Castens, and Robin Booth.

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



FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for Palm Sunday

The pastor (Fr. Smith) and the deacon (Deacon Bill) ended up in a heated argument over a seemingly minor liturgical detail. “I suggest we go home and pray to God to grant us peaceful hearts,” said Fr. Smith as Deacon Bill stormed past him into the sacristy. After Mass the next Sunday morning, Deacon Bill greeted Fr. Smith warmly. “I took your advice,” he said. “I went home and said a prayer.” “Great!” said Fr. Smith. “So did I! I prayed that God would grant us both peaceful hearts and a fresh start.” “That’s not what I prayed,” said Deacon Bill. “I asked God to help me put up with you.”

As we prepare to enter the holy week, it is essential to reflect on who Christ is in our life. The liturgy of Palm Sunday would be an excellent aid to our reflection.

What is the most striking aspect of the Palm Sunday celebration? Is it the blessing of the palms or the procession to the Church? What about the long passion narrative that recounts the story of Jesus' death? It could be any of these.

The drama of Palm Sunday portrays Jesus as the non-violent innocent victim of the unwarranted hatred and vicious desire of the political authorities of his time. Although He is welcome into Jerusalem with a hosanna song, He soon becomes the victim of conspiracy. Jesus willingly offered himself. He accepted death—even death on the cross. Why did God stoop so low? Why would He undergo death in such a cruel way? Perhaps all this happened because his death was expiatory.

Jesus' passion reveals something beyond his suffering. It unveils the injustice, cruelty, and violence in our society. It exposes the hypocrisy, the betrayal, the abuses, and the infidelities of our world.

To enter the holy week with him, we need to reflect on the meaning of the cross. How is Christ present with the broken, the humiliated, and the marginalized members of our community? Christ's suffering unveils the evil of our world where innocent people suffer abuses, and poor people are denied justice.

The cross is the sign of God's faithfulness. Consequently, If the cross is to assume the symbol of our faith, we must find Christ present in the place of suffering, and we must stand with Christ in transforming all sorts of oppression into freedom. It is when we unite our brokenness with Christ's passion that they become redemptive.

Announcements:

-Finance Committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 24th beginning at 6:30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting @ 7:30pm.

-If you have interest in assisting or participating in the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, please contact the Parish office ASAP.

-Last Stations of the Cross will be held next Wednesday at 7pm, and again on Good Friday @ 6:30pm.

-The Kirchenfest Committee is looking for a Tiki Trot Chairman- please reach out to Aaron Eckart if you are interested @ 618-920-5258.

Holy Land Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land where they are now less than 2% of the population. This collection will be held on Good Friday, April 18, but your offering can also be made this weekend. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in the Holy Land in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, to name only a few. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org. Please be generous!



**Rice bowls are due back
on Holy Thursday**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025
FOR ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY- HECKER

- **PALM SUNDAY MASSES**
SATURDAY, APRIL 12th and SUNDAY, APRIL 13th, 2025
Saturday Mass 5pm, and Sunday Mass 8am
Confessions heard Saturday from 4-4:45pm and on Sunday from 7-7:45am

- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th, 2025**
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00PM

- **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17th, 2025**
No collection tonight.
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE
Adoration following Mass until 10PM

- **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18th, 2025**
***There is NO 8am MASS on Good Friday**
****6:30 PM STATION OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 7PM****

- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 19th, 2025**
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE

- **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 2025**
8:00AM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE





From the Deacons Desk

As you probably know by now, Bishop McGovern has been appointed archbishop of the archdiocese of Omaha Nebraska. He will be called as archbishop on May 7. He is now referred to as the archbishop elect and serves as the administrator of the Bill diocese.

Here's a link and QR to his letter to the people of the diocese of Belleville.

<https://www.diobelle.org/our-bishop/writings/2494-throughout-the-years>

This of course raises many questions for all of us, one of which is when will we get a new Bishop and how long will it take. The process begins in our diocese, and then goes to the archdiocese of Chicago, which is our province, then goes to the people Nio to the United States in Washington DC, then goes to the Deeke stripper bishops in Rome, Vatican, and finally to the pope for his approval, all of which Could take 6 to 8 months or longer. The following is a link And a QR code to a great article From the US Bishops with all the details of the process.

Post on FB & deacon desk

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/appointing-bishops>

-Deacon Tom

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE 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

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

“Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents’ example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions.” **Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024**



Special Presentation at the National Shrine

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal for a special presentation, “The Logic of Being Catholic,” by Dr. Ray Guarendi on Saturday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the National Shrine in Perryville, Missouri. Dr. Ray is a Catholic father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, “The Doctor Is In,” can be heard on over 440 stations and SiriusXM® channel 130. His EWTN television series, “Living Right With Dr. Ray,” is aired in 142 countries. He captivates audiences with his compelling, humor-laced presentations, providing practical advice and proven techniques.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *Serve the Lord with gladness.* *-Psalm 100*

“Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable.” -Bishop Michael McGovern

Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

PLEDGES TO DATE: 14 49% OF OUR GOAL MET

\$3,310.00.00 Pledged as of 4/11/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

Gibault Catholic High School News

The Freshman Class of 2029 is coming together nicely, but we are still accepting applications! The Lady Hawks Softball Team is looking for some bat girls/boys for their home games. We would love for your daughter or son to join the softball team at home games! Please remember to bring a helmet for your child, as they will need to wear it while retrieving bats for the team. They are also welcome to join the team for warm-ups before the game. The team will be on the field for warm-ups no later than 3:30 PM. If your child is unable to make it by 3:30, please ensure they arrive by 4:15 PM at the latest so they can be introduced with the starting lineup.

We look forward to seeing you!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/ghawk#/> Any questions, please reach out to Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker, at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

Corpus Christi
Church

CHICKEN & PASTA DINNER

Sunday, April 27th

3:00 - 6:30 pm



MENU: ALL YOU CAN EAT

Fried Chicken, Mostaccioli, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Stuffing, Green Beans, Corn, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink

\$15/PERSON
CHILDREN (5-10 YR) \$10
KIDS UNDER 5 FREE

Raffle: \$5/Ticket or 3 for \$10

Prizes: \$500, Shark Matrix Plus Self-Empty Robot Vacuum,
\$100 Restaurant Card, \$50 Gas Card

Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Ruppert Family Farm, 597 Tulip Road, Coulterville, IL 62237

Travel Directions:

FROM BELLEVILLE:

Take Rt 15 East going through Marissa - (55 min-41mi)

In Marissa: Turn LEFT onto E. Lyons St

In 4.2 miles turn LEFT onto IL-13 E (toward Tilden)

In 6.5 miles turn RIGHT onto County Line Rd

In 2.3 miles turn LEFT onto Tulip Rd

In 1.2 miles turn LEFT to arrive at the farm

(The farm will be on your left. Turn in the second driveway by the mailbox)

FROM PINCKNEYVILLE:

*In Pinckneyville: At the roundabout, take the first exit onto Kennedy Dr. - Route
13*

In 11 miles turn LEFT onto Snapdragon Rd

In 1.7 miles turn RIGHT onto Tulip Rd

In 1.0 miles turn RIGHT to arrive at the farm

(The farm will be on your right. Turn in the first driveway by the mailbox)

“Farm Blessing” signs will guide you along the way. 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.

*Bring marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed.
Non-perishable food items for the needy of the area will be collected. We look
forward to having you join us!*

