

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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**House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618/939-8680**

**Confessions:** are heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm and  
each Sunday from 8 to 8:20 am.

**Parish Office Hours:** Mondays and Thursdays, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm.

Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

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**THEME FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY):** Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, I we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Sat. 4-15 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's  
Sun. 4-16 8:30 am – For Our First Communicant
- Fri. 4-21 8:00 am – Deceased Members of the Walter & Irene  
Surgeon Family, Lawrence Biffar & Arline Klinkhardt
- Sat. 4-22 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's  
Sun. 4-23 8:30am – Donald, David & Dale Braun



Thank you for your  
donations...we were able  
to raise \$219.49 for  
Catholic Relief Services  
Rice Bowl!

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-9-2023**

*\*\*Easter and Envelope Information will be shared in  
next weekend's bulletin\*\**

Loose – \$464.00  
Scholarship- \$5.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,115.00  
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm**

**Set Up:** Donna Rheinecker

**Lector:** Donna Rheinecker

**Servers:** Mehrmanns

**Extraordinary Minister:** Alice Kuehn

**Camera:** Dana Mehrmann

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Sr. Joan Weiler

**Lector:** Ruth Wittenauer

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Bernadette Gregson

**Camera:**

### Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysnoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkes, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf., and Ethel Mae Kreher

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

*Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.*



# THANK YOU

A huge and sincere thank you to all who served above and beyond during Lent and especially during Holy Week...we want to thank the choir, servers, lectors, ushers, extraordinary ministers, and camera operators...thank you for serving with giving hearts!



We need your help! The Picnic Committee is searching for an Adult Basket Chair and Margarita Stand Chair...please call the Parish office or let Aaron Eckart (618-920-5258) know if you are interested!

## Quarterly Meetings

**\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES\***

**Finance Committee**  
Meeting IS NOW  
THURSDAY, April 27<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm

**Parish Council**  
Meeting IS NOW  
THURSDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup> at

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.**

## **Reflection for Second Sunday of Easter**

*A man was brought to Mercy Hospital for surgery. The operation went well. The nun waiting by his bed said to the man, "You're going to be just fine," and asked him, "We want to know how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?" He whispered, "No, I'm not." The nun asked, "Can you pay in cash?" He replied, "I'm afraid I can't, Sister." She continued, "Do you have any close relatives, then?" The patient replied, "Just my sister in New Mexico, but she's a spinster nun." The nun said, "Nuns are not spinsters, Mr. Smith. They are married to God." The man said with a smile, "Okay, then send the bill to my brother-in-law."*

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Divine Mercy. Both Catholics and some Anglicans observe this feast. The Divine Mercy devotion is based on Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun's encounters with Jesus. The Divine Mercy devotion is associated with the special promises made by Jesus to Faustina and through the indulgences granted by the Church. According to Faustina's vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Saint John Paul II established this new feast indicating that he was fulfilling the will of Christ. He believed that our Church needed to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of Divine Mercy that the Lord pours out on every one of us. Divine Mercy is part of the whole story of redemption. This comes out clearly when we read "for God so love the world, that he sent His only Son" (John 3:16). Jesus' mission was to make God's mercy visible, accessible, and comprehensible. The Blood and water from his side pierced by a spear (John 19:34) invoke the Divine Mercy that is given to the humanity from the cross of Jesus. Both symbolize the grace of sacraments: help and forgiveness (cf. Diary 299). This is also the meaning of the red and white ray in the Divine Mercy image.

Jesus said to His Apostles in today's gospel: "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The Holy Spirit will unveil God's salvation plan and the proclamation of his Divine Mercy by his Church. Jesus gave this authority to the Apostles on the night of the Resurrection. Thomas was not there that night. The next time Jesus visited; Thomas was there. The drama of his encounter with Jesus was graphic.

Jesus' let Thomas touch him and feel his wounds and humanness. The Divine mercy is about God revealing himself to us, forgiving us, and not condemning us even in our doubts.

As Pope Francis would say, the Divine Mercy leads us through Christ's wounds into the mystery of God's love. Also, we come to realize that mercy is not simply one of God's qualities among others, but the very beating of his heart. Therefore, the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and the special invitation to all Christians to face the world with confidence in divine benevolence.



## *Congratulations to Sylvia Doerr*

Congratulations to Sylvia and her family on this special day! Many blessings from your family at St. Augustine's!

Please continue to keep Anne Karban, Olivia Hughes, and Bentley Ogilvie who will also make their First Communion this month.





# DIOCESAN INFORMATION

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

### Respect For Life Events for April:

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, "How Did Illinois Become an Abortion  
Destination?"

6pm, St. Clare Church, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, March on the Arch

Rally at 11am, March at 12pm, Starting at Aloe Plaza and finishing  
at the Arch grounds, register at [STLMarch.com](http://STLMarch.com)

## VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2023. \$20 per ticket; Call 618/458-7710; Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Michael, Paderborn – January thru December 2023. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Patrick's Ruma – January thru December 2023; \$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 2023. Tickets are \$25.00 each. See your Parish Office for tickets or contact St. James, 618/476-3513.

## **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



### **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm**

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Farm of Paul and Jan Blankenberger  
Corner of US Hwy 45 & County Hwy 1850N  
Enfield, Illinois 62835

Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food for the needy of the area will be collected. We look forward to having you join us!

**The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord -***  
***Psalms 15***

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,500 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2023 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

***Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$6,403.00***

**Pledges to Date: 24**

**\$4,915.00.00**

**77% of our goal**



If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

[www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

**Upcoming 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION...**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Fontebella Maternity Home**

In April, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Masses the weekend of, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This collection will benefit **St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Fontebella Maternity Home**. We appreciate your generosity during these 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collections. Once again, if you wish to have your donation listed on your annual financial statement, please indicate on your check memo line or put cash in an envelope with the designation of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection. Thank you!

## NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



### **Rummage Sale**

The Gibault Women's Club Rummage Sale is April 22 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Gibault Auditorium. (Half price and bag sale after noon.)

Donation drop-off at the front entrance:

Mon. April 17: 3-8 p.m.

Tues. April 18: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wed. April 19: 3-8 p.m.

Thurs. April 20: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Clean items only; large furniture, exercise equipment, tvs, and computers will be accepted at our discretion.

### **Junior High Mixer – New Date!**

Glow Crazy at our Glow Volleyball night on April 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Gibault gym!

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to play or watch. Reserve your space

at: <https://bit.ly/gchsglow>

### **Enrollment News**

It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Shadow visits for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and transfer students are open through the end of April, so contact us to get on the calendar! Get

started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Still enrolling for the Class of 2027! Visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

### **Post Prom Raffle**

Take a chance on this "Family Adventure Ready" Raffle and support Gibault's Post Prom. Prize pack includes a Blackstone Tabletop Griddle, a Tundra Wheeled Yeti, and a \$100 Kenrick's Meats & Catering Gift Card. All proceeds support Gibault Catholic High School's safe and substance-free Post Prom activities! Winner drawn on April 28. (Need not be present to win.) Stop by the Gibault office for tickets during school hours. For electronic entry, venmo Angie Kesler, @Angie-Kesler

### **Spring Musical**

The Gibault Theatre Department presents *Freaky Friday!* Performances April 13-15 at 7 p.m. and April 16 at 2 p.m. \$13 reserved seats

### **Summer Golf Classic**

Save the date for our Summer Golf Classic on June 16. Register your team or learn about sponsorship opportunities online at [www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic](http://www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic). You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or [dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com).

**We're #gibaultproud of:** our recent Hawk Spotlight students **Kaden Augustine (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish), Kameron Hanvey (Holy Trinity Parish), Owen Mechler (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish), and Emma Schmidt (Immaculate Conception Parish).**





Join us for the third annual

## **Gibault Catholic High School Women's Club Poker Run Sunday, April 23, 2023**

Take a scenic afternoon drive on the back roads!

Stop by each bar and pull a poker card. Best hand wins. No skill necessary!  
Jeeps, motorcycles, and cars are welcome!

Registration opens at 11:00 am at Ott's, ride starts at noon:

- Ott's Tavern, 20 E. Washington, Millstadt
- Hank and Lilly's Fountain Inn, 1912 Fountain Road, Valmeyer
- Hank and Lilly's Creekside, 1026 Main Street, Maestown
- Ratzkeller, 1019 Veterans Street, Red Bud
- 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,  
buy five hands, get one free!**

**50/50<sup>0</sup> Silent auction**

***Prizes for three best hands!***

Starting April 4, 2023, purchase hands online at:  
<https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site>

For more info, call (618) 660-6703 or email [bcpapenberg@gmail.com](mailto:bcpapenberg@gmail.com)

Proceeds to benefit Gibault Women's Club



**Card swaps \$5 each!**

## *DID YOU KNOW...*

What is happening in the diocese to protect children?

- Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all.
- A designated Review Board Administrator and Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey.
- A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward.
- A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children.
- An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.

**APRIL**  
Is Child Abuse  
Prevention Month

