

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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**Parish Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.**

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**THEME FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat. 4-17 5:00 pm – John Rheinecker; Don Braun; and Denny Karban

Sun. 4-18 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sat. 4-24 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 4-25 8:30 am – Wylma Wachtel; Charlie Kreher; and  
Eleanor Parker



**DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES. THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**PARISH COUNT: 83**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-11-21**

Sunday Envelopes (58) - \$2,490.00

Loose – \$43.00

Youth (2) - \$7.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$875.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)*

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

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>; 5pm**

**Set Up:** Cindy Grohmann

**Ushers:** Scott Gregson

**Greeters:** Cindy Grohmann

**Lector:** Cindy Grohmann

**Sanitizers:** Cindy Grohmann & Volunteer

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>; 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Margie Holle

**Ushers:** Kay & Dale Haudrich

**Greeters:** Kay & Dale Haudrich

**Lector:** Jonella Donius

**Sanitizers:** Donius Family



### **Please pray for the following:**

Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Cheryl Zanders, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Carol Grohmann, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Lisa Davenport, Penny Hofstetter, Dylane & Julie Doerr, Ruth Wittenauer, and Arline Wittenauer.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, Coast Guard

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

**Each week on Thursday afternoons, I will put the bulletins inside the mailboxes & at the beginning of the month the Word Among Us will also be available.**

**St. Augustine's will be live streaming Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays. See St. Augustine's Facebook Page.**



**REMINDER** – please make sure that all flowers at the St. Augustine Cemetery are attached to the monuments or are in vases attached during the upcoming mowing season (April to October). Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

# FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR...

**FR. EVARISTUS AKABUEZE, C.M.**

**Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter**

“Peace be with you”

John Quincy Adams, at 85 years of age, was shuffling along outside his home one day, when a neighbor greeted him with the question, “And how is Mr. John Quincy Adams this morning?” the old man replied, “John Quincy Adams himself is very well, thank you. But the home he lives in is sadly dilapidated. It is tottering on its foundations. The walls are badly shaken, the roof is worn. The building trembles and shivers with every wind, and I’m afraid John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it, move on, and change residence and address before long. But he himself is very well.”

On this third Sunday of Easter, we reflect on the post Resurrection greeting, “peace be with you.” This greeting came to revive the hopes of the Apostles. The death of Jesus devastated them. The empty tomb created confusion in them. Jesus understands how we struggle with the experience of death in a family. He came to the Apostles to calm them. He reassured them that he is alive, and he is with them. He’s very well. He only moved out of the world, moved on, and changed residence and address.

Once again Jesus demonstrated his compassion for his Apostles. He opened their minds to the mystery of his Resurrection. And he commissioned them to be witnesses of his Resurrection. This was a very powerful encounter for the Apostles. They became convinced that Jesus was alive in them. Thus, they began to act in Jesus’ name. Their courage for Christian charity grew. And they witnessed that Jesus is alive in their lives.

This Sunday we celebrate Jesus our peace. We are his witnesses. May we proclaim his peace always. Do not be afraid to act in his name.

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021**  
***Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12***

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 16 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always. ***Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$5,630.00.***

**Pledges to Date: 21**

**\$3,680.00**

**65% of our goal**

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**  
**Not All Factual – But All True: The Story of the Old Testament**  
**Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.**

**Tuesdays, April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon**

When reading the Old Testament the most important questions isn't “Did it really happen?” The most important question is “When and why was it written?” In this series we will search for the context and meanings of the stories that helped shape our faith.

Cost: \$40 for series; \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/scripture-study-mark-etling/>

**St. Patrick Parish**  
**Ruma, IL**  
**Drive Thru Chicken Dinner**  
**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**11:00 am - ??**

All dinners include: ½ Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll with strawberry jam. No special orders or substitutes, please.

Drive Thru is One Way Only! Vehicles should enter at 2 Pioneer Lane (Adorers of the Blood of Christ entrance) and Exit at 1 Pioneer Lane.

**DIOCESAN SPRING FARM BLESSING**  
**By Bishop Michael McGovern**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM**  
**DALE & KAY HAUDRICH FARM**  
**7903 State Route 156**  
**Waterloo, IL (just west of Hecker)**

**All are invited to attend the farm blessing.  
Those attending are invited to bring seed  
and soil in marked containers along with  
animals and farm machinery to be blessed.**

**Parking will be in the field on the south side of the  
highway across from the house; watch for signs!**

**Food will also be collected for  
the needy of the area.**

***Pandemic health & safety protocols  
will be in place.***

If anyone has a larger side by side/ATV to assist with shuttling visitors from the parking area to the farm, please give Dale Haudrich a call at 473-2613.



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**“Now I know brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did.”** In Acts of the Apostles, First Reading, Peter is talking to a large group of Jewish people who gathered after he cured a disabled man in Christ’s name at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple of Jerusalem. In Solomon’s Portico, Peter talks of how they denied God’s Holy and Righteous One and put Him to death. In testifying to Christ’s Resurrection, Peter calls his listeners (and us) to repent.. When do we act, or don’t act, out of ignorance to the needs of others, including families?. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** Just as Mary suffered as she gazed at her son on the Cross, following Him until the end, many parents are forced to watch their sons and daughters struggle and suffer on our own city streets. Violence, addiction, poverty, gangs and sex trafficking rip too many young men and women from their families, trapping them in cycles of hopelessness and desperation that can be hard to break. We must go out and meet them where they are, as Mary set out to meet her son, Jesus, carrying the cross for us.

## DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! While we have been home under our stay at home orders, Planned Parenthood has continued 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>.





"I was 7 years old when I first thought about becoming a priest. But by the time I moved to the United States from Mexico at age 15, the priesthood was not in my plans. ..I pursued a career in criminal justice instead. God had other plans for me, though. The decision to enter seminary was not an easy one. I struggled with my own desires and with what other people thought would be best for me. Ultimately, I ran out of excuses and could no longer ignore the call that God had planted in my heart. If I had to do it all over again, I would answer the call without a doubt in mind."

*Fr. Francisco Javier Onate Vargas; Diocese of Charleston,  
S.C. Columbia Magazine September 2019*



**HAVE YOU HEARD OF 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. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244).  
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

## **VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA**

- St. Anthony, Lively Grove – August 2020 thru July 2021. \$40 per ticket; Contact Cheryl Hentges, [clhentges@yahoo.com](mailto:clhentges@yahoo.com) or 618/824-6637.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2021. \$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 2021. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius, St. Libory – March 2021 thru February 2022. \$40 per ticket. Contact Vicki Knepper 618/960-8420.

# PRAY FOR...

Please pray for our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

First Communion here at St. Augustine is on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>; at the 5:00 pm Mass. First Communicant is: Kenna Eckart

Those being confirmed this spring are: Ryan Biffar (Ss. Peter & Paul); Andrew Donius (Ss. Peter & Paul); Andrew Gregson (St. Michael's Paderborn); Aubrey Heck (St. Michael's Paderborn); Ashley Murphy (Ss. Peter & Paul); and Kristen Smith (St. Michael's Paderborn).

***Confirmation at St. Michael's Paderborn is on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.***

Ss. Peter & Paul  
**HOLY NAME**  
SOCIETY

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**  
**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Acorns Golf Links, Waterloo**  
**Contact Holy Name Society**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Church; Waterloo**

*A portion of this year's proceeds will go to Gibault's  
Golf Program in honor of the late Craig Range*



**Ss. Peter & Paul Women's ACTS Retreat**  
**April 29 – May 2, 2021**  
***The first ACTS retreat hosted***  
***by Ss. Peter & Paul Parish!***

Do you know a lady who needs a break from her busy life? Someone who is looking for a closer relationship with God? The ACTS weekend inspires, encourages, challenges and so much more. It is put on by lay women, for lay women, with the support of our parish priests. Through this weekend, you will get to know the women in our parish who are searching for the same things you are. Won't you join us on the journey? Registration forms can be found on the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish website: **[ssppcc.org/ACTS](http://ssppcc.org/ACTS)**

You can also contact Darlene Niebruegge, Director, at 618/304-6799 or Mary Kay Reinhold, Co-Director, 314/973-5238.

*Save  
the  
Date*

**Friday & Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic**  
**Featuring Music, Food, Raffles, Games & Bingo**  
**Watch for more information coming soon!!!**

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m**

## **The Life and Training of the Deacons and their Spouses**

This will be presented in the AFF House. If you are interested in attending in person, please register by April 18<sup>th</sup> with Patti Stirnaman. You can reach Patti at 618-939-6617 or at [stirnama@htc.net](mailto:stirnama@htc.net). The number allowed in the AFF House will be determined by the COVID restrictions at that time.

It will also be recorded on Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish FaceBook Live page. [www.facebook.com/ssppccwaterloo](http://www.facebook.com/ssppccwaterloo)

***Topic description: Have you ever wondered what it is like and what is involved when a married couple discerns a call to the vocation of the diaconate, then applies to and enters into the Deacon Formation program, and is then called to be ordained a Deacon and receive the highest Catechetical Certification that the diocese offers? Join us to learn more about this and whatever other questions you may have about the life and training of Deacons and their spouses.***

*Bio: Deacon Tom and his wife Dawn, originally from the St. Louis area, were married in 1987 and moved to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in 1988. After many years of involvement in various parish committees, councils, ministries, and leadership positions, Tom and Dawn entered the Deacon Formation program in 2008. Tom was ordained a permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Belleville on May 25, 2013, Dawn received the highest Catechetical Certification that the Diocese of Belleville offers. After ordination Tom was assigned to Sts. Peter & Paul, their home parish and home for 32 years. Deacon Tom and Dawn have 3 adult sons, all graduates of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School.*

*Dave and Michelle Miskell are 20 year parishioners at Saints Peter and Paul. They are currently enrolled in the Diaconate Formation for the Diocese of Belleville, which is facilitated by Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, and look forward with joyful anticipation to Dave's ordination to the Diaconate in the spring of 2023. Dave and Michelle will share their experience with discerning God's call to formation and give details on the Diocese of Belleville's Diaconate Formation Program.*

## NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

**Poker Run** -- Join us for our Women's Club Poker Run on Sunday, April 18! All types of vehicles welcome! Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. at Triple Lakes Tavern, with the ride beginning at noon. Silent Auction will be held at the last stop. Free soft drinks and a special drawing for designated drivers! For full event details, find [Gibault Catholic High School Women's Club](#) on Facebook.

**Prayer Garden Project** -- Gibault Junior **Jacob Durrer (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** is working on his Eagle Scout project, a Prayer Garden on the Gibault grounds. You can be part of this project by purchasing an engraved brick that will be placed in the cross-shaped patio he is constructing. There will be additional seating, as well as landscaping, to create an outdoor space that students can use for quiet reflection and mediation.

Visit <https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/gibaultchs/> for more information or to purchase a brick.

**Last Call for Shadow Visits** -- Our Shadow Program ends this month! If you have a 7th or 8th grader or a student in another high school who is interested in learning more about Gibault, contact us to schedule their shadow visit. Shadow visits will resume next fall.

We're still enrolling the Class of 2025! For more information, contact Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibalthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibalthawks.com).

**Spring Musical** -- The Gibault Theater Department presents their annual musical, *Little Women*, April 22 - 25. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Ticketing and streaming information will be available soon. Check the Gibault Facebook page for updates.

**2021 Gibault Summer Golf Classic** -- We hope you will be part of our 2021 Gibault Summer Classic! This year's event will be held on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. For sponsorship information or player registration, visit [www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com](http://www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com)

**We're #gibaultproud of: Brooke Biffar (St. Augustine Parish) for recognition in the Hawk Spotlight, Ande Grohmann (St. Augustine Parish) for being named *The Republic-Times*' Athlete of the Week, and our Lady Hawks' Volleyball Team for earning *The Republic-Times*' Team of the**



***Over the next few bulletins, we will be including portions of the recent  
Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis...***  
**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

*Neighbors without borders*

80. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question: Who is my neighbor? The word “neighbor”, in the society of Jesus’ time, usually meant those nearest us. It was felt that help should be given primarily to those of one’s own group and race. For some Jews of that time, Samaritans were looked down upon, considered impure. They were not among those to be helped. Jesus, himself a Jew, completely transforms this approach. He asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbor, but rather that we ourselves become neighbors to all.

81. Jesus asks us to be present to those in need of help, regardless of whether or not they belong to our social group. In this case, the Samaritan *became a neighbor* to the wounded Judean. By approaching and making himself present, he crossed all cultural and historical barriers. Jesus concludes the parable by saying: “Go and do likewise” (Lk10:37). In other words, he challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked. I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

82. The parable, though, is troubling, for Jesus says that the wounded man was a Judean, while the one who stopped and helped him as a Samaritan. This detail is quite significant for our reflection on a life that includes everyone. The Samaritans lived in a region where pagan rites were practiced. For the Jews, this made them impure, detestable, dangerous. In fact, one ancient Jewish text referring to nations that were hated, speaks of Samaria as “not even a people” (Sir 50:25); it also refers to “the foolish people that live in Schechem”(50:26).

83. This explains why a Samaritan woman, when asked by Jesus for a drink, answered curtly: “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jn4:9). The most offensive charge that those who sought to discredit Jesus could bring was that he was “possessed” and “a Samaritan” (Jn8:48). So this encounter of mercy between a Samaritan and a Jew is highly provocative; it leaves no room for ideological manipulation and challenges us to expand our frontiers. It gives a universal dimension to our call to love, one that transcends all prejudices, all historical and cultural barriers, all petty interests.

*The plea of the stranger*

84. Finally, I would note that in another passage of the Gospel Jesus says: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). Jesus could speak those words because he had an open heart, sensitive to the difficulties of others. Saint Paul urges us to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15). When our hearts do this, they are capable of identifying with others without worrying about where they were born or come from. In the process, we come to experience others as our "own flesh" (Is 58:7).