

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

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THEME FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Jesus is the “cornerstone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone”. He is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us. Through his paschal mystery we have become children of God.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 4-21 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 4-22 8:30 am – Clem Orlet
Tues. 4-24 8:00 am – Willie Stratmann
Wed. 4-25 8:00 am – Edward Harbaugh
Thurs. 4-26 8:00 am – Frank Gregson
Fri. 4-27 8:00 am – Elaine Marquardt
Sat. 4-28 5:00 pm – For Our First Communicants
Sun. 4-29 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



ORGANIZATIONS

BLESSED VIRGIN ALTAR SODALITY – The ladies meet the first Tuesday In September, November, January & March at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Details regarding the annual Christmas Party and Spring Breakfast are shared in the bulletins closer to those dates.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Any changes or special activities are given elsewhere in the bulletin.

QUILTING – ladies meet to quilt each Tuesday in the Parish Center from 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. except during the summer. Any questions call Margie Holle at 473-2944 or Alice Kuehn 473-2817.

PARISH COUNT: 141

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-15-18

Sunday Envelopes (43) - \$921.00

Loose – \$132.00

Youth (1) - \$2.00

Scholarship Fund - \$923.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2017)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 28th; 5pm

Ushers: Charlie Kreher & Kevin Kreher

Greeters:

Servers: Days & Ashley Murphy

Lector: First Communion Class

Extraordinary Ministers: May Stellhorn,
Gary Wittenauer and

Sunday, April 29th; 8:30am

Ushers: Walter & Alice Krysnoski

Greeters: Walter & Alice Krysnoski

Servers: Brooke & Brady Biffar

Lector: Vicki Biffar

Extraordinary Ministers: Roger Cortner,
Ruth Cortner and Elaine Rader

OFFERTORY FAMILIES

Sat. 4/21 – M/M Dwight Kern

Sat. 4/28 – First Communicants

Sat. 5/5 -- Michael Kern Family

Sat. 5/12 – Carrie Koester Family

Sat. 5/19 – Mary Kujawski

Sun. 4/22 – John Kaiser

Sun. 4/29 – Matthew Kern Family

Sun. 5/6 – Margie Holle

Sun. 5/13 – M/M Walter Krysnoski

Sun. 5/20 – M/M John Link

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Ranetta Adams, Edith Boling, Dave Bruss, Dorothy Vogler, Michelle Lester and baby Scarlett, Janet Hayes, Maxine Linnertz, Kathy Lynn Kromat, Ray Mavers, Pat Row, Rita Helfrich, Robert & Alice Mueller, Hank & Judy Bauer, Sherry Duffy, Bob Dennler, Bob Reed, Bernice Stroud, Pam Wilderman Woodward, Clyde Kreher, Angela Liefer, Jeannette James, and Justin Simpson.

Submitted names will remain on the prayer list for one month's time. Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.

In April, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2nd Collection at Masses the weekend of, April 28th and 29th. This collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) and The Fontebella Home. We appreciate your generosity during these 5th 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 5th Sunday Collection. Thank you!



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.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Easter Sunday and the six weeks that follow, including Pentecost Sunday, constitute Easter Time in the Church Year. This is an important time for Christians to reflect on and enjoy the reminder that victory over death is possible – possible only because of, and through, Christ. We live in a society that glorifies death in the practices of abortion and the death penalty, but perhaps even more dangerously glorifies spiritual death. With so much to distract us from God, we clearly face an uphill battle in building a culture that respects life - life in Christ. We face challenges in promoting a respect for life. Because of Christ's conquering death on that first Easter Sunday, we have tremendous hope that a culture of life is possible. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Research the Virtue of Hope. How can families, parishes, neighborhoods, etc. live a life of hope? What is one hopeful change that could be made? Interact with another family or group and make a change that displays HOPE. Pray for the ability to live a life of hope.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on June 1-3, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details

Bishop's Mass for Wedding Anniversaries June 3, 2018

On Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 1:30 PM Bishop Edward K. Braxton will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter honoring the sacrament of Matrimony. All couples celebrating their Twenty-Fifth, Thirtieth, Fortieth, Fiftieth, as well as, all years from 60 on up, Wedding Anniversaries will be recognized.

The Bishop asks **all Jubilarians WHO ARE CELEBRATING 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 AND MORE YEARS OF MARRIAGE** and/or their family members to **send the names and addresses of those celebrating their Jubilee Wedding Anniversary to the Parish Office as soon as possible.** If your personal invitation does not arrive, or if you do not send the parish your names, you are still most welcome to attend. Family members and guests are welcome as well. The Cathedral is handicap accessible.



QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Korte Annex.

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, April 30th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

If you are unable to attend, please call or email Joan at the Parish Office to let her know.

ST. JAMES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SPRING NOON LUNCHEON

“Country Western Hoedown” at St. James Parish Center, Millstadt, Wednesday, April 25th. Cost is \$12 per person. For advance tickets, please call Christy Lehr at 618/476-1874.

COMING AREA EVENTS

FLYERS WILL NOW BE LOCATED IN A 3-RING BINDER AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO CHURCH. FEEL FREE TO CHECK OUT THE BINDER IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFO ABOUT AN EVENT.

April 28th – Benefit for Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School; St. Luke's Parish; Opens 6; \$15 per person, bring your own food, call Patti O'Sullivan Bond for info; 618/363-4816.

April 29th – Quilt/Cash Bingo; Newman Auxiliary hosting; to be held at St. John's Red Bud; Doors Open 11am; Lunch at 11am; Bingo starts at 1pm; Bring daubers-paper bingo cards. Proceeds to Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.

April 29th – Quarter Auction; Holy Family Gym Cahokia; 1-5pm Opens 12 noon.

May 1st – Noon Luncheon; St. Luke's Belleville; \$8 includes lunch, cards & bingo; Chicken Pasta casserole

May 5th – Mouse Derby & Silent Auction; Opens 6pm; Begins 7pm; Immaculate Conception Gym, Columbia; Presented by Columbia Rotary Club; Derby Hat Contest; Drinks & food available for purchase.

May 20th – Strawberry Festival; St. Patrick's Ruma; Fried Chicken Dinners 11a-4:30p; Strawberries & ice cream; Quilt/Cash Bingo 12 noon; magic shows, silent auction & raffle; picnic attractions.

June 15th & 16th – Picnic & Chicken Dinner; St. John's Red Bud; See flyer for details. Polka Mass 4pm Sat.

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO on Monday nights at CKL of I in Swansea. Bingo (no machines) begins at 7pm and proceeds benefit Althoff Catholic High School. Food and drinks are available

Euchre -- Every Thursday afternoon starting at 1:00; St. Michael's Paderborn

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Currently there are two positions available in the Diocesan Officers. The positions are: Director of Education and Director of Faith Formation. There are details regarding applicant requirements in flyers posted on the bulletin boards, as well as, on the website at <http://www.diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities>
Application deadline is May 11, 2018.



GRADUATION INFORMATION

If you have a graduate in your family, please return the completed graduation information form -- as soon as possible -- extra forms are available in the literature rack. Or you may call the Parish Office at 473-2217 on Mondays & Thursdays and submit the information over the phone.

This information will be included in a special bulletin insert and all graduates will be recognized during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 27th, 2018.

NEWS FROM GIBAULT



The Little Mermaid – Gibault's spring musical is April 26 – 28 at 7PM and April 29 at 2PM. Our cast of amazing high school students join with over 25 grade school students (our School of Fish) to bring you this presentation! Hope to see you "under the sea...."

SAVE THE DATE! The Gibault Catholic High School Spring Concert & Senior Art Show will be held Sunday, May 6th at 7 pm in the Hustedde Gymnasium. Come celebrate the arts with us!

NEWS FROM SPPCS...

Summer Splash will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. based upon need and will begin on May 23rd. **NEW THIS YEAR...** *we are excited to announce that we will also be including preschool-age children who are 3 years of age and potty-trained.* (Please note: our preschool children will not participate in the field trips and will, therefore, have a \$25 activity fee, rather than the \$95 activity fee for the K-8th grade students. To get more information or to enroll your child/children in our Summer Splash program, please visit our website at www.sppswaterloo.com. We urge you to do so as soon as possible so that we can provide adequate staffing.



METRO-EAST VICARIATE (MEV) SPRING DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Thursday, April 26th, 2018

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fairview Heights

8:30 am Registration – concluding at 2pm

\$10.00 cost

The morning begins with Mass at 9:30 am followed by a presentation by speaker Scott Biggers which will center on the Shroud of Turin. Lunch will be served at noon, and a short MEV meeting will follow. Reservations are due by April 19th. Contact Rhonda Farrell at 618/416-4499.

Catholic Sisters Exhibit

Parishioners and friends of the Belleville Diocese are invited to visit an exciting exhibit that celebrates Catholic Sisters – including the Adorers of the Blood of Christ – in the greater St. Louis area.

“Catholic Sisters: The Spirit of St. Louis” will be on display March 3 through April 28 in the third-floor Carnegie Room of the St. Louis Public Library, Central Branch, 1301 Olive Street in downtown St. Louis.

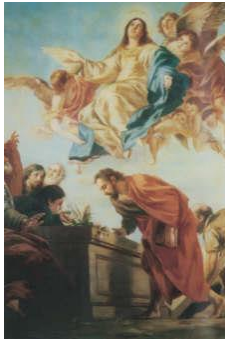
The exhibit will feature historic photos and artifacts from 15 congregations of women religious who have left their mark in education, health care, social services, spiritual guidance and other areas.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, and open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays.

6TH ANNUAL DERBY DASH - ST. AGATHA'S NEW ATHENS

Get your running/walking shows on! It's time for our 6th Annual Derby Dash on **Saturday, May 5th**. The 5k begins at 9am, the $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Fun Run will start at approximately 10am. There is a cash prize again this year! The top male and female finisher will get \$50 cash each! Extra bonus if a new course record is set! Entry Fee \$20 if received by April 9, \$25 if received after April 9th or on the day of the race. T-shirts are guaranteed to those who register by April 9. Toolen's Running Start will be timing the race this year. Since it's a Kentucky Derby theme, you are encouraged to wear a festive hat! Visit

https://www.athlinks//school.stagathaparish.com/images/Derby_Dash_Flyer_2018.pdf.



The Fourth Glorious Mystery

THE ASSUMPTION

- 1. After the apostles have dispersed, the Blessed Mother goes to live with John, the beloved disciple.**
- 2. Mary lives many years on earth after the death of Christ.**
- 3. She is a source of comfort, consolation and strength to the apostles.**
- 4. As she had nourished the infant Jesus, so she nourishes spiritually the infant Church.**
- 5. Mary dies, not of bodily infirmity, but is wholly overcome in a rapture of divine love.**
- 6. Her body as well as her soul is taken up into heaven.**
- 7. After her burial the apostles go to the tomb and find only fragrant lilies.**
- 8. Jesus does not permit the sinless body of His Mother to decay in the grave.**
- 9. Corruption of the body is an effect of original sin from which Mary is totally exempted.**
- 10. The bodies of all mankind, at the last judgment, will be brought back and united again with their souls.**

Spiritual Fruit: Offered for the St. Augustine First Holy Communion Class of 2018 – that this sacrament will increase their faith and commitment to a life of Catholic values and beliefs.

The 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Please Support The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!

A most **heartfelt thanks** to all those who have responded with a gift to The 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time. **One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed.** **Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months.** Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Our parish participation goal for the appeal is 58 households and our financial target is \$6,000.00. Please be as generous as you are able.

Pledges to Date: 27

\$4,525.00

75% of Total Goal



Today we acknowledge the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We implore our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, asking the Lord to grant us more men and women who answer the call to a religious vocation. To quote Pope Francis, "Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitor Center

He Explained to Them the Scriptures - A Day of Reflection

Sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries

Presenter: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

Saturday, May 5, 9:15 a.m. – 6 p.m.

As the disciples walked along the road to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13f) they were joined by a stranger who opened for them a completely new understanding of scriptures well-known to them. Fr. Mark Dean, OMI would like to share with you how, with the help of Fr. James Alison (a stranger, perhaps, to you at this time), he has come to see the Scriptures in a new light...a light whose source is the Risen Christ. Cost: \$70 lunch & dinner included. Info call 618.394.6281. Register online at snows.org/reflections

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH; 1:00 PM

Held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St. Mary's of the Barrens Church) in Perryville, MO. Join us as we walk from the Shrine Church to the grotto, honoring our Blessed Mother in song and prayer on the new Rosary Walk. The presentation of roses and petitions along with the crowning of Mary's statue make this a special afternoon.

For more info, call 1/800=264-6279 or email at ammfather@amm.org.



**INVITING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH
ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 6TH, 2018 FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM MASS
ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTER**

The Knights of Columbus will be making and serving breakfast to us this year; so in order to have enough for everyone, we would ask that you **call in your RSVP no later than Sunday, April 22nd**. You may call the Parish Office, 473-2217; Debbie Harbaugh, 618/971-8021; or Annette Schreder, 473-2925 or email the Parish Office at staug@htc.net.

Aaron Grohmann will be speaking about his recent mission trip to Peru!!!

Our friends from Ss. Peter and Paul Mary & Martha Society will be joining us again this year and plans are underway for a speaker.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office 473-2217.

INVITATION FROM SPPS MARY & MARTHA CLUB

SPPS Mary and Martha Club has invited St. Augustine's Altar Sodality to a Spring party. Pizza, salad and dessert will be served. A special game of M and M Bingo will be played for prizes!

The date is Wednesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm in the School cafeteria. Please RSVP by May 15 to Joan's office or by calling Debbie Harbaugh 618/971-8021.

This is an excellent opportunity to have fun and share good times with our Partner Parish! All ladies are invited. If you have kids or grandchildren that attend SPPS this is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the ladies that help to make the school great! If you attend Mass on occasion at SPPS, this is good time to socialize with the ladies! Join us!!!! Watch for details closer to the date about carpooling from Hecker.

2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS...

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Augustine's will be hosting a Holy Hour on TODAY, SUNDAY, April 22nd, 2018 at 3:00 pm. The purpose of this Holy Hour is to offer our heartfelt prayers for Vocations on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Many other parishes in our Diocese and around the world will be praying at the same time.

Please mark your calendar, plan to attend and to participate in the Holy Hour program.

ORDINATION: MAY 19TH, 2018

On Saturday morning, May 19th, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., Bishop Edward K. Braxton will ordain the following for the Diocese of Belleville, in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville:

The Sacred Order of Priesthood

The Reverend Mr. Steven M. Pautler

The Order of Deacon

Mr. Daniel Cozzi – Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish, Mascoutah

Mr. Steven Eischens – St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Salem

Mr. John Joseph Gomez – St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon

Mr. Mark Kabat – St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish, Mt.
Vernon

Mr. James Law – St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, Belleville

Mr. John Mote – St. Mary Parish, Trenton

Mr. Randall Riesenberger – St. Mary Parish, Belleville

Mr. Kevin Templin – St. Bernard Parish, Albers

All are invited and urged to attend; no tickets are required. Please pray for our new Priest and Deacons.

PRAY FOR...

Please continue to pray for our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

First Communion here at St. Augustine is on Saturday, April 28th, 5:00 pm Mass; First Communicants are: Jack Day, Cassidy Gregson and Patrick Murphy.

First Communion at St. Michael Paderborn is on Sunday, May 6th at 9:00 am; First Communicant is Luke Smith.



Please don't forget to return the postcard regarding your quilt or monetary donation for the Kirchenfest Bingo Quilts. Your early response sure helps the Committee in their planning for the Bingo!!!! Please return your postcards by way of the Collection Basket, Mail Slot on the front door of the Parish Office or by US Mail. Thank you!!!



The Choir will be singing at the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday from now until Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. One exception is the Choir will sing on Saturday, April 28th and not Sunday, April 29th, for First Communion.

**Ss. Peter & Paul
SPEAKER SERIES
Presents**

A Two-Part Series on The Dignity of Life

Part 1: Beginning of Life Issues Tuesday, April 27

Part 2: End of Life Issues, Tuesday, May 24

Catholic teaching in conversation with Medicine

Presenter: Dr. Mike Kirk

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Adult Faith Formation House

Parishioner and local physician, Dr. Mike Kirk, will present a two-part series on this important aspect of our Christian faith. Part 1, this Tuesday evening (April 27), will focus on Beginning of Life Issues - church teaching in conversation with the human body from a medical perspective. Topics to be discussed include such topics as abortion, birth control, sex selection and stem cell research, in vitro fertilization, and other questions you may have. Part 2, scheduled for next month (May 24), will include such topics as dying with dignity, ordinary vs. extraordinary means of keeping someone alive, assisted suicide, euthanasia, Living Wills and Advanced Directives. Join us for this unique opportunity to see how Catholic teaching and medical research support each other in these important issues of our time. No RSVP necessary!

Are You Proud To Be Pro-Life?

Monroe Co. Right to Life is again gathering names for their annual newspaper ad. Please support their work by having your name or business listed in the full page Pro-Life ad in the Republic-Times around Mothers' Day. Suggested donation is \$5 per line. Please print names clearly, and mail names and donations to: *Monroe Co. Right to Life, 521 S. Church St. Waterloo, IL. Deadline is May 1.*

A Family Support Group for those with a loved one struggling with MENTAL ILLNESS

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation House. For more information contact Jeff & Anita Toth 618-939-3533 or actoth94@gmail.com; Merl & Cheryl Doerr 618-719-1431 or mcdoerr4@htc.net.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 1st and 3rd Monday of each month 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Adult Faith Formation House

Cairo Work Day April 25



Members of the SVdP Society will be going to Cairo to help organize items for their thrift shop. We will meet in front of the Adult Faith Formation House at 7:45 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Please contact Barb Reinholz 618-578-8697 if you are interested in going. **Thank you to everyone who took time to make casseroles last month!**