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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, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm.

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

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THEME FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Through the blood of Jesus, we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at his right hand forever.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 4-22 | 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 4-23 | 8:30am – Donald, David & Dale Braun |
| Fri. 4-28 | 8:00 am –Norbert Wittenauer, Urban Wittenauer, and Dave Bruss |
| Sat. 4-29 | 5:00 pm – Esther Eckart, Charlie Kreher, Joseph & Virginia Parker |
| Sun. 4-30 | 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-16-2023

Easter Year to Date- \$1,600.00

Envelopes from 4-9-23 (60) -\$1,760.00

Envelopes (47)- \$2112.00

Loose – \$109.00

Youth- \$10.00

Scholarship- \$40.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$2155.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 29th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister of Wine:

Camera:

Sunday, April 30th 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector: Betty Schreder

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister of Wine: John Kaiser

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) Firnkas, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Flyers, if available, are located in 3-ring binder at front entrance to church if you are looking for additional details)

- Finance Committee Meeting, Thurs., April 27th, 7pm, Parish Center
- Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, May 4th @ 7pm, Parish Center
- Sunday, May 21st 11am-? Hecker Volunteer Fire Dept BBQ, HCC Park

REMINDERS

- Please turn-in Quilt slips by April 30th, 2023!!
- Please turn-in Graduate form Information by MAY 14th!!

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Third Sunday of Easter: A

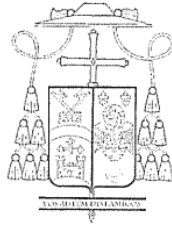
Twin seven-year-old boys were always getting into trouble. Their parents knew if any mischief was reported in town, the twins were probably involved. Their mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. The mother sent one boy in the morning, with the other boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So, the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?!" The boy screamed, ran directly home, and hid in his closet. When his twin brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" His brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

The Easter story is more astonishing than the nativity story. It is easier to proclaim that Jesus was born of a woman than to say he rose from the grave. Even Jesus' disciples, the ones who were closest to him and spent the most time with him had difficulty in understanding the resurrection. When the women first brought the message to them, they did not jump up to sing alleluia. They dismissed the women's testimony as idle talk.

In the Gospel narrative this weekend, we are presented with the report of the encounter between the risen Lord and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. This narrative depicts the unfolding character of revelation and the revelatory nature of the Eucharist—the breaking of bread. The two disciples were probably returning home from the celebration of the Passover. Emmaus was seven miles from Jerusalem; a distance one could cover by foot ordinarily.

But from another perspective, the story seems to tell of two people going the wrong way. In Luke's Gospel, Jerusalem is the spiritual center: it is the location of the Last Supper, the cross, the resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is the location where everything begins and ends. So, in walking away from Jerusalem to Emmaus (7 miles), these two individuals identified as disciples of Jesus are going against the grain. These disciples were walking away from their Promise! However, this is where Jesus met them. He simply met them where they were and began the revelatory interpretation of what had happened. Finally, it is at the breaking of bread that their eyes are opened, and they recognized him for who he was. Luke provides a way of understanding **divine presence as seeming absence**. Christ vanished out of their sight. But they recognized his presence. Perhaps, visible apprehension does not always sustain enduring faith.

Who does not feel disappointed in times of distress, sickness or broken dreams? But sometimes our wounded heart can blind us from recognizing how God comes to walk with us in our distress. Our misery can make us myopic that we see nothing but a dark tunnel. Nevertheless, when we recognize God standing by us, he takes our minds away from our fate and directs us to our destiny.



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

April 6, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, a national collection, will be held here in our diocese on April 29-30. A diocese may be considered a mission diocese if it has a modest Catholic population dispersed over a vast territory, has limited resources (financial or personnel) and has areas of concentrated poverty. Our Belleville Diocese has been designated a mission diocese and for many years has received generous grant funding from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

The following eight diocesan ministries and programs receive Catholic Home Missions funding:

Seminarians and Vocation Office
Youth Ministry/Faith Formation
Newman Catholic Student Center
Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School
Permanent Diaconate
Offices of Worship
Hispanic Ministry
Education

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in southern Illinois as well as in mission dioceses throughout the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGovern".

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

Congratulations to the following students of Red Bud Elementary who were nominated for Spotlight Student for this month!!

Emeryson Hess, Hadalyne Howell, **Blake Koester**, Addison Ruebusch, Claire Deterding, Hailey Voss, Emma Guebert, Gabi Hess, Claire McClellan, Vicky Li, Corbyn Legendre, Jaxson Casey, Alison Koester, Lilly Burke, Amelia Wallace, Jack Chartrand, Michael Hudson, Kaliegh Bearden, and Khloe Mullholland.





HNS Summer Lunch 2023

Help HNS provide lunch for children in Monroe County this summer! Our summer lunch program was possible last year with financial and food donations provided by YOU! We are preparing early this year as we are gravely concerned about rising costs and availability of food items. The 2022 program cost over \$30,000 last year not including your generous food donations. If you wish to help, please check out our list below or if you would like to provide financial support, \$50.00 will sponsor a family with three

children for a week or \$200.00 will cover a month. Just to remind you we cover lunches for a total of 12 weeks during the summer. We are being specific with the sizes of some of our food items as the bags we use easily can accommodate them. Any donation can be dropped off at 217 West Mill Street, Waterloo or mailed to the same address. If you have questions, please call our office at 939-8900. You can also visit our website and donate online. Be sure to indicate "summer lunch program". www.MonroeCountyHNS.org

Thank you for helping us provide food security for our children this summer! We are so very blessed to partner with you!

Canned soups and chili

Canned pasta

Mac and cheese

Dry pasta

Canned pasta sauce

Sloppy Joe mix

Peanut butter - 18 oz. jar

Jelly - 30 oz. jar

Granola bars

Crackers

Fruit and pudding cups

Canned chicken

Canned vegetables

Boxes of cereal 15 oz. to 24 oz.

Cake, brownie and cookie mixes

Jiffy Corn Muffin mix

Canned pork and beans

Hamburger Helper regular size



Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm

Wednesday, April 26th, 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!



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.

Upcoming 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION...

April 29th & 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Fontebella Maternity Home

In April, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2nd Collection at Masses next weekend, April 29th and 30th. This collection will benefit **St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Fontebella Maternity 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!



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Respect For Life Events for April:

Thursday, April 27th, "How Did Illinois Become an Abortion Destination?"
6pm, St. Clare Church, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon

Saturday, April 29th, March on the Arch
Rally at 11am, March at 12pm, Starting at Aloe Plaza and finishing at the Arch grounds, register at
STLMarch.com

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>.



APRIL
Is Child Abuse
Prevention Month



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

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

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which generously supports ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese each year. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

Pledges to Date: 24

\$4,915.00.00

77% of our goal



“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.”



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 pray for vocations & 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. Our club meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a Mass at 11:45am; lunch, a brief meeting & a prominent speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!** We have a new webpage: serrastclair.org

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Enrollment News

It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Shadow visits for 7th-8th 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

Poker Run

The Gibault Women's Club invites you to be part of their Poker Run on April 23.

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. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com

Spring Band Concert & Senior Art Show

All are invited to join us on May 7 at 7 p.m. for this celebration of the fine arts.

Jr. High Contests

Gibault is hosting a Math Contest and Poetry Contest for Grade 6-8. Full entry information at <https://gibaulthawks.com/learn-more-about-our-junior-high-contests/>

Summer Camps

Register your student for our summer camps! Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, and Girls' Volleyball camp registration forms are available at <https://gibaulthawks.com/summer-camps-2023/>

Grade School Night

Grade school students! Our Boys' Volleyball team invites YOU to join them at Grade School Night on May 4! Grade school students will receive free admission. JV game begins at 4:30 p.m., with Varsity to follow.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and generous donation to our senior service mission trip. With your donation we were able to help so many in the Santiago community in the Dominican Republic.

With Love, Anne Alvarez, Trey Fabie, Abby Grohmann, Charles Matthews, Hadley Schneider, Jack Wightman, Ryan & Dawn Grohmann.

We're #gibaultproud of: our April Artist of the Month, **Isabella Purcell (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)**

2023 GOLD RUSH

\$25,000 in Total Cash Given Away

9 Chances to Win \$1,000 or More

2 - \$1,000 Drawings on June 10, 2023 (Parish Picnic)

\$1,000 Drawing on July 15, 2023

\$1,000 Drawing on August 15, 2023

\$1,000 Drawing on September 15, 2023

Final Drawings on October 15, 2023

1st Prize - \$10,000

2nd Prize - \$5,000

3rd Prize - \$3,000

4th Prize - \$2,000

Additional Prize - \$1,000 (if we sell more than 550 tickets)

\$100 Per Ticket – No More Than 600 Tickets Will Be Sold

**BONUS: If you buy 6 tickets, you will receive a \$50 discount – so \$550.
If you buy 9 tickets, you will get one ticket free – so \$900 for 10 tickets!**

Tickets can be purchased individually or in partnerships.

Each winning ticket is re-entered for all remaining drawings.

Use this link to purchase tickets: <https://GoldRush2023.givesmart.com>

or leave your check/cash at the Raffle Stand at the picnic on Friday night (anytime)
or Saturday night (before 6pm). Your ticket will be entered online.

A receipt will be sent via email, which ensures you are entered into the 2 drawings
on Saturday night.

*****Proceeds split evenly between SS Peter & Paul Parish and SS Peter & Paul
Catholic Grade School*****

Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Mothers Day

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Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

**Menu: Chicken Ranch Pasta Casserole, Jello Salad,
Roll & Butter, Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water**

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Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes
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**Bring canned goods
for the Food Pantry**



In case of bad weather, an post will be made on the parish website.



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NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S BINGO!

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Doors Open at 6pm, Bingo at 7pm

*St. Mary's Parish Hall
101 S. Meyer Ave
Valmeyer, IL 62295*

\$25 in Advance / \$30 at the Door

Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games, glow hat & dabber
(\$5 per additional 6 bingo cards)

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:

Lisa Mormann (618) 444-5544

Or GLO-BINGO.COM

(Includes \$2.00 Non-Refundable Fee)

OVER \$1000 IN CASH PRIZES!

CASH BAR • BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS • 50/50 • BASKET RAFFLE
MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture, there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope? Victims of crime, their families, and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and that there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

Did you know...The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law went into effect. Other documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children include Vos estis lux mundi (recently updated) and Vademecum. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their actions or inaction with regard to the processing of a case. Of significant importance is the attention given to the care of victim-survivors and all who have been harmed.

Bishops in the US lead the way for these changes with the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People over 20 years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care, and seeking restorative justice.

**-Diocese of Belleville
Office of Child Protection Services**