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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 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY: As Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus, so too were many brought to faith through the various signs and wonders wrought by the apostles. They proclaimed as Lord “the stone rejected by the builders”, “the First and the Last of the One who lives”.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 4-27 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 4-28 8:30 am – Charlie Kreher
Tues. 4-30 8:00 am – Deceased Priests or Religious from or Assigned to St. Augustine's Parish

Wed. 5-1 8:00 am – In Thanksgiving
Thurs. 5-2 8:00 am – Deceased Holy Name Members
Fri. 5-3 8:00 am – Dennis Holle
Sat. 5-4 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

**FIRST COMMUNION Sun. 5-5 8:30 am – For All Sodality Members Living & Deceased
And for Our First Communicant**



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: Holy Thursday 89; Good Friday 80; Holy Sat. 36; Easter Sunday 231
OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-21-19

Sunday Envelopes (55) - \$2,055.00
Youth (1) - \$10.00
Easter Envelopes to Date - \$1,547.50
Easter Loose – \$221.00

Scholarship Fund - \$2,868.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2018)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 4th; 5pm

Ushers: John Kuehn & Mel Parker

Greeters: Donna Rheinecker

Servers: Ryan & Olivia Biffar

Lector: Eric Schreder

Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Rheinecker,
Ruth Wittenauer and Alice Kuehn

Sunday, May 5th, 8:30am

Ushers: Walter & Alice Krysnoski

Greeters: Walter & Alice Krysnoski

Servers: Donius

Lector: Emelia & Danielle Doerr

Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Rader,
May Stellhorn and Edward Stellhorn

OFFERTORY FAMILIES

Sat. 5/4 -- Carrie Koester Family

Sat. 5/11 – Sue Hepp

Sat. 5/18 – Annie Lovelace & Arline Wittenauer

Sat. 5/25 – Mary Kujawski

Sat. 6/1 -- Clinton Mudd Family

Sat. 6/8 -- Dennis Biffar Family

Sun. 5/5 – Doerr Family

Sat. 5/12 – M/M Josh Heck

Sun. 5/19 – M/M Dwight Kern

Sun. 5/26 – Darren Mehrmann Family

Sun. 6/2 – Bernadette Gregson & Margie Holle

Sun. 6/9 – Mike Murphy Family

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Edith Boling, Dave Bruss, Aaron & Dorothy Vogler, Janet Hayes, Maxine Linnertz, Kathy Lynn Kromat, Ray Mavers, Rita Helfrich, Robert & Alice Mueller, Bob Dennler, Bob Reed, Pam Wilderman Woodward, Shirley Wittenauer, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Ranetta Adams, Nancy Grohmann, Sheila Zubrzycki, Lowell Powell, Renee Krebel, Kristen Christ, Bonnie Casey, John Joseph Materniak, Beverly Moskop, and Ruth Cortner.

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.



PRAY FOR Linda Braun, sister-in-law of Mel Parker (Barb), who died and was buried last week. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, May 3rd, from 8:30 to 9:30 am.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Building a Domestic Church: Give great care to the preparation of engaged couples and be close to the young married couples, so that they will be for their children and the whole community an eloquent testimony of God's love." (*Saint John Paul II, 2001*) **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Inquire when your parish is hosting a Pre Cana and offer to assist the Pre Cana Team. It might be offering to help with set-up or by providing some type of refreshment or hospitality. Reach out to these young couples and let them know they have the support of their parish family. Pray today for volunteers who guide couples through marriage preparation or marriage enrichment programs.

ANNUAL SPRING BLESSING OF THE FARM

All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm**, which will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 1:00 P.M. at Frey Farms. Frey Farms is located at 22251 County Rd. 700 E; Dahlgren, Illinois 62828. Frey Farms can be arrived at by traveling on Interstate 64, taking exit 100 south (toward McLeansboro) onto IL-242 going 3 miles to turn right onto Belle Prairie Rd. (or travel north of McLeansboro on IL-242 to turn left onto Belle Prairie Rd. 3 miles south of I-64). Turning west onto Belle Prairie Rd. travel exactly 1 mile. Just past some gravel piles, veer right turning onto Grubb Memorial Drive heading north traveling for ½ mile. Next, veer left turning onto County Road 2200 N. heading west for 1 mile. Then turn right onto County Road 700 E. heading north for ½ mile. Farm will be on your left with a two-story white home. "Farm Blessing" signs will also lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area. Please join us for food and fellowship following the Blessing!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitor Center

The Call to Everyday Holiness - A Day of Reflection; Sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries

Presenter: Fr. Salvador Gonzalez, OMI; Saturday, May 4, 9:15 a.m. – 6 p.m.

What is holiness? Do you consider yourself to be holy? In his Apostolic Exhortation "Gaudete et Exsultate: The Call to Holiness in Today's World," Pope Francis wishes to once again bring the call to holiness to the forefront for people of our time. We will explore the key points of the Pope's insights and find practical ways to incorporate holiness in our daily lives. Fr. Salvador Gonzalez, OMI will explore this call to holiness with us.

Cost: \$70 lunch & dinner included; For more info call 618.394.6281. Register online at snows.org/reflections

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 – Sunday Funday; Immaculate Conception Columbia; 1-4pm; Board Games, Card Games, Attendance Prizes; Raffle, Envelope Lottery; snack & dessert bar; Email questions to cl605@aol.com.

April 28th – Quilt/Cash/Ham Bingo; Prairie du Rocher American Legion; 1pm; Lunch 11am; Paper Cards, Attendance Prizes; Lottery Ticket Raffle, Quilt Raffle; Hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault.

April 28th – Chicken & Pasta Buffet; Corpus Christi, Shiloh; 3-7pm; All can eat; raffles.

May 7th – Noon Luncheon & Card Party; St. Luke's Belleville; \$8; Cards, Games; Ham, German Potato Salad

May 19th – 60th Annual Strawberry Festival; St. Patrick's Ruma; Dinners 11a-4p; Bingo 12 noon; raffles etc.

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 (9/6/18-5/23/19)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 28TH, 2019

Will be celebrated at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 1411 Cross Street, Shiloh, IL from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Devotional Prayers, Sacrament of Reconciliation (1:30-2:50); Blessing of Divine Mercy Pictures (bring your picture); Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, Veneration of a 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina Kowalska.

Join others in praying the Divine Mercy Novena at St. Clare Parish starting on Good Friday, April 19th at 2:30pm and continuing the next 8 days at 3:00 pm.

7TH ANNUAL DERBY DASH – ST. AGATHA – NEW ATHENS

Get your running/walking shoes on! It's time for St. Agatha School's 7th Annual Derby Dash on Saturday, May 4! The 5K begins at 9am, the 1/2 Mile Fun Run will start at approximately 10am. There is a CASH PRIZE again this year! The top male & female finisher will get \$50 CASH EACH! Entry fee \$20 if received by April 8, \$25 if received after April 8 or on the day of the race. T-shirts are guaranteed to those who register by April 8. The 1/2 Mile Fun Run is a \$10 entry fee. Medals are guaranteed to those who register by April 8. Toolen's Running Start will be timing the race again this year!

Visit <http://www.athlinks.com/event/derby-dash-5k-168764> to sign up online or visit St. Agatha School's website to print the form:

<http://school.stagathaparish.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Derby-Dash-Entry-Form.pdf>

Pre-Mother's Day Public Rosary Program

The Immaculate Conception Church Council of Catholic Women invites you to join us in praying the Holy Rosary for peace in our nation on **Saturday, May 11, 2019, at noon** near the fountain in front of Columbia City Hall. All are welcome to attend this 30-minute public prayer! If inclement weather, we will hold the program in the gathering space of Immaculate Conception Church 411 Palmer Rd, Columbia IL. Call or text Carrie at 618/567-8757 if you have questions.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2019

...Blessed to receive, chosen to give

A most **heartfelt thanks** to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2019 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 (click on “Giving to the Diocese”).** Your generosity supports 15 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 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: 29

\$4,080.00

68% of Total Goal



“A priest of my diocese once told me that God speaks in whispers, not in loud clashes. From a young age, I heard a quiet whisper from God to consider becoming a priest. Throughout my years of discernment, that quiet whisper never disappeared. There are many young people in the world today searching for God. Do all you can to help them to listen to his quiet whisper, most especially through your prayers.” Fr. Alan M Guanella - *Columbia April 2017 issue*

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

Calling all juniors and seniors in high school: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends: June 8-10, 2019 at Mater Dei High School in Breese, IL, January 18-20, 2020 (location TBA), and February 16-18, 2020 at St. Mary's in Mt. Vernon, IL. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day Catholic retreat for the young adults of Southern Illinois. It's a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). To learn more and/or to apply visit: www.bellevilletec.org

NEWS FROM GIBAUT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Baccalaureate Mass -- Join the three diocesan high schools at the Cathedral of Saint Peter for a Baccalaureate Mass on May 2 at 9:30AM. We're #gibaultproud of the GCHS class of 2019!

GCHS Awards Ceremonies -- Celebrate the scholastic and athletic accomplishments of GCHS students!

- Afternoon Awards: May 16, 1PM, Hustedde gym
- Evening Awards: May 17, 7PM, Hustedde gym

Graduation -- The Gibault Catholic class of 2019 will turn their graduation tassels on May 20 at 7PM in Hustedde gymnasium. Public welcome.

We're #gibaultproud of: **Emille Dietz (Sts. Peter and Paul parish)** is April's Artist of the Month; The livestock judging team of **Ryan Kruse (Sts. Peter and Paul Parish)**, **Nick Chambers (St. Patrick-Ruma Parish)**, and **Josie Hooten (St. John- Red Bud Parish)** placed 9th in section 22 and 33rd in District 5; The 2018-2019 News-Democrat Class 1A-2A All-Area Boys and Girls Basketball Team was announced. **Karson Huels (Sts. Peter and Paul Parish)** made 1st team, **Ashlyn Wightman (Sts. Peter and Paul Parish)** made 3rd team, and **Maddie Davis (Sts. Peter and Paul Parish)** received honorable mention. **Brooke Biffar (St. Augustine Parish)** broke a school record and placed 2nd in the 800m at the Chester Invitational track meet.



The Youth Ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul which also includes the youth from St. Augustine's now has a new social platform...INSTAGRAM! The new Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry, Mrs. Catherine Burkart, has set up an Instagram Account which she will use to promote prayer and social opportunities. **Any youth interested can follow on [sspyouth_waterloo](https://www.instagram.com/sspyouth_waterloo).**

GroupMe. This is a new social media platform that the teens are using. It is a large group text option. Students can invite other teens to join or students can join by following the link below.

https://web.groupme.com/join_group/44062372/mlpvgk



Egg Hunt -- The SPPCS Faculty & Staff participated in an Easter Egg Hunt after school on the Wednesday before Easter break. There were candy and prizes hidden in the eggs as well as awards for best baskets!

A Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free book fair is coming to SPPCS! The BOGO is a great opportunity to stock up on books for summer reading. Visit www.scholastic.com/bf/sppcs for more information including volunteer sign up, shopping hours, and how to use the all new E-Wallet program. E-Wallet is a digital payment program that allows your child to shop the book fair without sending cash or checks to school. It is safe, secure, and easy to set up! As always All for Books donations will be accepted to help us buy books for our school. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase over 70 new books for our school library during our fall book fair. As an added bonus, Scholastic will match any money collected by donating books in our school's name to schools in need.

2019 - 2020 SPPCS Registration Please register online at www.sppcs.org. Once you have completed the online portion, you will receive your registration packet.

2019 - 2020 Preschool Registration for our Early Childhood Learning Center is still open and can be done online at <https://www.sppcs.org/early-learning-center-registration> or by calling the school office. Be sure to hold your spot for next year!

Donate Today with Empower Illinois -- Empower Illinois connects Tax Credit Scholarship Donations to Illinois students whose education opportunities may be limited by household income. By donating to Empower Illinois, you can help make a child's dreams come true and donate online at empowerillinois.org/donors/.



WATERLOO
Queen of Hearts
BENEFITS SPPCS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The SPPCS Queen of Hearts fundraiser is in full swing. \$1 tickets are on sale at the Stubborn German Brewing Company in downtown Waterloo during normal business hours. Drawing is at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday.



The Second Glorious Mystery

THE ASCENSION

1. Jesus remains on earth forty days after His Resurrection to prove He has truly risen from the dead.
2. He commissions the apostles to preach the gospel to every creature, and promises to be with them forever.
3. He will not leave them orphans, but will send the Holy Spirit to enlighten and strengthen them.
4. Jesus proceeds to Mt. Olivet accompanied by His Mother and the apostles and disciples.
5. Extending His pierced hands over all in a last blessing, He ascends into heaven.
6. As He ascends a cloud takes Him from their sight.
7. Jesus ascends to take His place at the right hand of the Father.
8. What jubilation there must be amid the angels of heaven at the triumphant entry of Jesus.
9. The wounds in His glorified body are an endless plea before the Father on our behalf.
10. The disciples leave Mt. Olivet and "return to Jerusalem with great joy."

Spiritual Fruit: Let us pray that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus will give hope and joy to Catholics and Christians around the world to unite and pray for an end to violence and oppression.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Mike & Angi Kern on the Baptism of their daughter, Ava Suzanne Kern, on Saturday, April 27th, 2018. Welcome Ava Suzanne Kern to the Parish Family and may God bless you and your family.

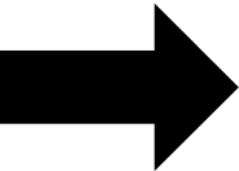


SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2019

- ✓ **ADULT BASKET STAND** – if you have baskets or decorative containers, if you have items to put in baskets, you are encouraged to bring early. Barb Bruss will put the baskets together for you!! Just drop off at the Parish Office on Mondays or Thursdays and leave at the front entrance to Church. A plastic bin will be there for your items. We will NOT be using the usual plastic bags this year so don't worry about those! You are welcome to drop off now rather than waiting til picnic week!!!!
- ✓ **QUILTS FOR BINGO** – Letters and postcards were mailed last week. Please return your postcard as soon as possible. You may drop in the collection basket or put in the office door mail slot.

As you are reviewing your finances for the year, please consider remembering St. Augustine's Parish in your estate plans...also remember that it is possible to have Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) or gifts of \$100,000 or less made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. This is only available to individuals aged 70 ½ or older...you should check with your tax or financial advisor to set this up.

Thank you for considering St. Augustine's!!!!



FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Joint Parish Council Meeting with Ss. Peter & Paul – Monday, April 29th, 7pm, at Ss. Peter & Paul's meeting room at the far west end of the school building.
- Quarterly Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Korte Annex
- Quarterly Parish Council Meeting, Monday, May 6th, 7pm in the Parish Center.



NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST AT 3:00 PM.

As always, new members are welcome!!!!



INVITING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH
ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 2019 FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM MASS
ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTER

It's that time again...for the ladies of our parish to come and enjoy a lovely breakfast. In order to have enough for everyone, we would ask that you **call in your RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 1st**. 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.

Coordinator of Respect Life Ministry

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part time (20 hours per week) Coordinator of Respect Life Ministry. The Coordinator works to promote the Catholic Church's position on life issues: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide, cloning, capital punishment, stem cell research, quality of life, social justice, human rights and dignity. This includes addressing issues about prison ministry, immigration, human trafficking, marriage preparation and natural family planning. The Coordinator works with parishes, schools, national organizations, ecumenical organizations, and legislators to emphasize a respect for life from conception, through every developmental stage, to natural end, and to affect positive change.

Essential qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree; professional knowledge, training or certification needed plus 1 – 3 years experience. Practicing Catholic required with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices and organizational structure.

To apply send cover letter with resume and preferred salary range to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org. **Application Deadline: May 1, 2019**

Bishop's Mass for Wedding Anniversaries June 2, 2019

On Sunday, June 2, 2019 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.

From the Catechism...Matrimony

Let's look at some paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church regarding **the goods and requirements of married love, and the unity and permanence of Marriage:**

1643 "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands *indissolubility* [permanence] and *faithfulness* in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to *fertility*. In a word it is a question of the normal characteristics of all natural conjugal love, but with a new significance which not only purifies and strengthens them, but raises them to the extent of making them the expression of specifically Christian values." (Pope Saint John Paul II, 1981)

1644 The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility [permanence] of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh." They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving." (Pope Saint John Paul II, 1981) This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together.

1645 "The unity of marriage, distinctly recognized by our Lord, is made clear in the equal personal dignity which must be accorded to man and wife in mutual and unreserved affection." (Vatican II, 1965)

So, we see that married couples are to continue to grow in their love for each other throughout their lives, and that this is made possible by the grace won by Jesus Christ and given in the Sacraments of Matrimony and Communion.

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 Sunday, May 5th, 8:30am Mass. First Communicant is: Emelia Doerr

Those being confirmed this spring are: Emma Day (Ss. Peter & Paul); Taryn Gregson (St. Michael, Paderborn); Abby Grohmann (Ss. Peter & Paul); Brady Heck (St. Michael, Paderborn); Lilly Heck (St. Michael, Paderborn); and Cailee Mudd (St. John, Red Bud).



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 26th, 2019.



MONDAY, MAY 27TH -- 10:00 A.M.

Our annual Memorial Day celebration will be held on Monday, May 27th beginning at 10:00 am at the St. Augustine Cemetery.

Be sure to bring your lawn chair.

In case of rain, the program will be held indoors at the Hecker Community Center.

If you are a veteran who has never submitted your name for the roll call, please call Roger Cortner 473-2850 & your name will be added.

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity

Here are some prayers we can pray, thanking God for his gifts of faith, hope, and charity, won for us by Jesus Christ, given to us initially in Baptism, and strengthened by the other Sacraments as well as by our prayer and our use of these gifts.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths that the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them; who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Act of Charity

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.