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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 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 4-1 5:00 pm – Bonnie Casey; Donald Braun & Don Bruss

Sun. 4-2 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Holy Thursday 4-6

7:00 pm – Clarence & Emma Sandidge

Good Friday 4-7

7:00 pm – Good Friday Service

Holy Sat/Easter Vigil 4-8

7:00 pm – John & Phillip Rheinecker, Wally & Mike Amann

Easter Sunday 4-9

8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 3-26-2023

Sunday Envelopes (58) - \$1,927.00

Loose – \$249.00

Youth- \$0

Scholarship- \$2.00

Scholarship Fund - \$1,635.50

(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, April 6th; 7pm
Set Up: Joan Powell
Servers: Koesters, Doerr, Biffar
Lector: Jonella Donius
Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr
Camera: Andrew Donius

Good Friday, April 7th, 7pm
Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Koesters, Mehrmanns
Lector: Ryan Grohmann
Narrator: Elaine Rader
Extraordinary Minister: Grohmann
Camera & Voice: Dawn Grohmann

Easter Vigil/Saturday, April 8th, 7pm
Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Janella Neary, Patrick Murphy
Lectors: Elaine Rader, Eric S.
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
Camera:

Easter Sunday, April 9th, 8:30am
Set Up: Margie Holle
Servers: I. Gregson, E Doerr
Lector: Betty Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle
EM for Choir: Alice Kuehn
Camera: Andrew Donius

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.



**PLEASE RETURN RICE
BOWL COLLECTION
BOXES...THANK YOU!!**



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Why do we veil crucifixes and sacred images during the last two weeks of the season of Lent?

There was a parish that had many attendees and the pastor of the parish used to give out miniature palm crosses that he made by hand. One Sunday, he announced that he would be giving them out to all parishioners. The congregation in the church that day reacted with excitement. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching." When the parishioners were leaving the church, a woman walked up to the priest, shook his hand and said, "I'll take five." As we walk into the church this weekend, we notice that the images and crosses in our church are covered with purple cloth. According to the Roman Missal which organizes the format for the different celebration in our Church, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church may be observed from the fifth Sunday until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. The question is why do we veil these images during this time?

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different. It is startling at first, but it calls our attention to the imminence of the Holy Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. As the veils are hard to miss, they serve as a reminder to get ready! Consequently, the practice of veiling the crosses and images is first meant to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. Additionally, it directs our attention more to the words being said at Mass. For instance, when we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter the scene. We know too well that the Catholic Church often employs physical signs to convey invisible realities. Also, we sometimes temporarily withdraw something as a way of arresting our attention and heightening our awareness of what is missing. For example, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing. Likewise, that we do not celebrate Mass on Good Friday is meant to draw us in an inverted way to the sacrifice of the cross. Finally, we know that the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. Thus, the unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through salvation that the veil is lifted, and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



Holy Week

IMPORTANT INFORMATION...PLEASE NOTE & SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

SERVERS -- IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR ANY MASS/SERVICE BEGINNING WITH PALM SUNDAY MASSES, PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START. YOU WILL BE GIVEN ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AT THAT TIME.

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross Wednesday, April 5th, 7:00pm**
- ❖ **Holy Thursday Mass – Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 pm**
 - There will be **NO** collection taken.
 - Adoration will follow the conclusion of Mass; church will remain open until 10:00pm.
- ❖ **Good Friday Stations of the Cross & Service – Friday, April 7th; 7:00 pm**
 - There will be **NO** 8:00 am Mass.
 - Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm; followed by the Good Friday Service.
 - There will be collection taken that day; there is a separate envelope in your boxes for The Holy Land/Good Friday if you wish to use.
 - **USHERS:** There will be a collection **BUT** there is **NO OFFERTORY**. Please take the collection bag up to the altar following the completion of the Intercessions.
- ❖ **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass – Saturday, April 8th; 7:00 pm**
 - There will be **NO** votive candles lit in the stand.

First Communion at St. Augustine's is on April 16th; at the 8:30 am Mass. First Communicants are: Sylvia Doerr, Olivia Hughes, Anne Karban, and Bentley Ogilvie.



Sylvia will be making her First Communion here at St. Augustine's while Anne will make hers at Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo; and Olivia & Bentley will be making theirs at St. Joseph, Freeburg.

Please continue to keep Sylvia, Olivia, Anne & Bentley in your prayers as they continue their preparations to make their First Holy Communion.



**Congrats to Grace Koester from our very own Parish...
Red Bud Elementary Volleyball is
SIJHSAA Class M State Champions!!**



QUEEN OF HEARTS

It's almost time for a new drawing!

Ticket sales will begin on April 1. The first drawing will be held on Tuesday, April 11. We will still be holding drawings at Outsider, contrary to much speculation. Tickets can be purchased from bartenders any day that the bar is open.

We will open up new registrations. This will stay open until we run out of registration cards.

We look forward to seeing you all on April 11!!

Benefits Ss. Peter & Paul School.



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.

CHICKEN & PASTA DINNER

Sunday, April 23rd 3-7 PM

Menu: All You Can Eat

Fried Chicken, Mostaccioli, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing,
Green Beans, Corn, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink



Raffle: \$5/Ticket or 3 for \$10

Raffle Prizes: \$500, Fitbit Versa 4, \$100 Peel Wood Fired Pizza
Restaurant & \$50 Gas Card

**\$15/PERSON
CHILDREN 10 & UNDER \$8**

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
205 RASP ST
SHILOH, IL 62269
618-632-7614**

Lunch & Card Party
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
St. Luke's Parish Center
226 North Church St., Belleville, IL

Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun and support St. Luke's Parish!
Menu: Pork Loin, Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans,
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods
for the Food Pantry

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



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.

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



State Championship Shirts

Gibault Catholic Basketball State Championship commemorative shirts are now available! All styles feature the state championship logo on the front and team roster on the back. Place your order online at: <https://gibaultbb23.itemorder.com/>. Store closes on April 2! Proceeds benefit Gibault's Post Prom.

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.

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

We're #gibaultproud of: Maria Biske (Immaculate Conception Parish) who was named our March Artist of the Month!



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 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
Proceeds to benefit Gibault Women's Club



Card swaps \$5 each!

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 3rd ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE: We will be giving away 40+1 beautiful hand quilted, queen-sized quilts! Tickets are \$50 each, with only 500 tickets sold. We will also have an **early bird drawing** for a quilt, so get your tickets early! Purchase your ticket prior to May 14, 2023 to have your name entered for the Early Bird drawing..To purchase your ticket, you can either place your check/cash in an envelope in the collection basket (please make sure to include your name and phone number with cash ticket purchases) or mail a check to: St. Boniface Parish, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245. Please include a valid phone number with your purchase. You can also purchase a ticket at Germantown Trust & Savings Bank, either at Germantown, Bartelso or Breese location. The tickets cannot leave the bank, so they will need to be purchased and filled out at the bank. The 40 winners will be drawn on Sunday, June 4th, 2023.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Respect For Life Events for April:

- Saturday, April 15th, Celebration of Life, Rosary and Mass
Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountain Pkwy, Fairview Heights
Bishop McGovern, Celebrant
- 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



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
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The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord
-Psalm 15

“Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable.” -Bishop Michael McGovern Please consider a gift to the appeal today.

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

Pledges to Date: 23 \$4,115.00.00 64% of our goal



Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to *every person.*”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



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

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**

We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

800-640-3044.

**Purchase SPPCS “Scrip Cards” for your shopping
and gift giving needs!**

**Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider
purchasing “scrip cards” to use in place of cash, checks or
credit cards for purchases you make.**

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family’s account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you.

St. Augustine’s contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern.

You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.

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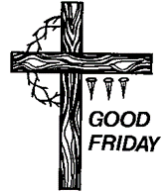
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DID YOU KNOW...

Reflections for Holy Thursday:

Proclaiming the Death of the Lord. One of the best ways to proclaim the death of the Lord Jesus Christ is to participate in Eucharist and share in Communion. When we do this, we have the strength to wash feet and do all manner of things that others need.

- ◆ What will I do and who will I serve this Easter?



Reflections for Good Friday:

Adoring the Holy Cross. We carry the cross in procession. We plant it in the midst of our assemblies. We place it on our walls. We sign ourselves with a cross, invoking the Trinity, to begin and end prayer. In adoring the cross, we place ourselves in the presence of the dead and risen One whose Paschal Mystery saves everything and everyone.

- ◆ How will my behaviors bring honor to the cross of Christ?

Reflections for Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass:

Seeking the Living One. In this holy night of Easter, we baptize, confirm, and bring to the table new Christians to join the growing band of believers.

- ◆ How will I support these washed, oiled, and fed new members of Christ's Church?



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