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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, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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

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THEME FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah.

Through his wounds we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen to his voice and follow him.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Fri. 5-5 8:00 am – Bob Volpert, Bonnie Casey, and Ruth Cortner

Sat. 5-6 5:00 pm – Denny Karban, Joe Jung & Deceased Members of the
Weiler Family

Sun. 5-7 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-23-2023

Sunday Envelopes (27) -\$977.00

Loose – \$266.00

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

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 6th 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Lector: Elaine Rader

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister of Wine:

Sunday, May 7th 8:30am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart

Lector: Jonella Donius

Servers: Tim Donius & Doerrs

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister of Wine: John Kaiser

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysoski, 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.

****Anointing of the sick will be next weekend after both Masses.****

thank you for giving!

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION...APRIL 30TH 2023

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 this 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!

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Whispering firmly, the priest said to a dying man, "Denounce the devil! Let him know how little you think of his evil!" The man said nothing, so the priest repeated his order. Still the dying man said nothing. The priest asked, "Why do you refuse to denounce the devil and his evil?" The dying man said, "Until I know where I'm headed, I don't think I ought to aggravate anybody.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as the "Good Shepherd Sunday." That is because, in all three cycles of the Liturgical Year, the Gospel presents us with an image of Jesus the shepherd whose voice we should hear.

Our conversation this weekend would begin with a question about who we listen to in our life. We all desire to have leaders who would lead us. Sometimes we follow someone who has the attribute that we lack or those we admire. Some people are attracted by those who would inspire, encourage, and affirm them. Still, others follow someone who would challenge them to go beyond the confines of their feelings and circumstances to strive after things they would like to achieve. We call these people heroes or models. What is familiar about them is that they inspire, encourage, and are visionaries.

Jesus uses the image of a good shepherd to talk about his leadership qualities: "The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his sheep by name and leads them out" (John 10:2-3 NRSV). The true shepherd wins the confidence of the sheep because he is ready to forgo his needs and to deny his interest in the benefit of the sheep.

But there is also another person who poses as a shepherd. "He comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Here Jesus warns his disciples not to be confused. The impostors come to use the sheep or steal and to destroy. In the history of Christianity, we learn of false prophets, bad popes, bishop, and priests. We also have wicked kings and queens, dictators and oppressive emperors. There are also abusive parents, relatives, friends, and teachers. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). Frequently, people who kill the life in us are so close to our eyes. Only we cannot see them because we get blinded by their empty promises. We are not faithful disciples when we accept the manipulations of our world, the imperfections of our government, the flaws of our culture. We are not following the Gospel when we take abuse in our workplace or our home, imagining that such acts of violence are acceptable. Jesus is the good shepherd. He knows his sheep and the sheep know him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- 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!!
- Sodality Meeting May 2nd @ 7pm
- Please turn-in Graduate form Information by MAY 14th!!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Taryn Gregson and Ian Huebner for being selected as the April WHS Students of the Month!!!





Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your prayers, concerns, and support while my husband has been deployed...I'm super happy to report he is home safe and sound after 10 long months!! Chris is looking forward to meeting my new "St. Augustine" family!!

Here are some pictures from the surprises we were able to do at my kid's schools!

*Sincerely,
Lori Rozhon*



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.



May Procession

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m., for our annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. The procession will form in front of Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church. Participants will pray the Rosary as we proceed to the historic grotto on the Rosary Walk. The traditional May Crowning and prayer service will be a part of this tribute to Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket as there is limited seating at the grotto. For any questions, please call 573-547-8343, or visit our website www.amm.org.





DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

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

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today.

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

Pledges to Date: 24

\$4,915.00.00

77% of our goal



“People often say, “I could never handle a child with a disability.” But the beauty of parenting is that you aren’t given *a* child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to ‘handle’ a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Perfect Gift”

respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift



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

There's still time to become a Gibault Hawk! We are accepting students for the Class of 2027 as well as transfer students for Fall 2023. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>. Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

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@gibalthawks.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://gibalthawks.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://gibalthawks.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.

We're #gibaultproud of: our Academic Challenge Team for their 2nd place finish at State and **Brady Moore (Immaculate Conception Parish)** and **Drew Schmoll (Immaculate Conception Parish)** who were State Champions in their individual subjects.



Picnic Chairperson Openings:
We have three stands that still need your help!

- **Soda Stand Chairperson – Friday and Saturday Evening**
- **Burger Stand Chairperson – Friday and Saturday Evening**
- **Chicken Dinner Chairperson – Saturday Afternoon / Evening**

If you are interested in any of these openings or want more information, please call Emily at the Parish Office 618-939-6426 ext. 20 or contact Andrew Kiebeling, Picnic Chair, at AndrewRiebeling@gmail.com

SSPPCC Church Picnic:
June 9 and 10



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





COME & SEE

A VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT
with the DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

FOR WOMEN AGES 18-30

Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, silent retreat day, conferences by the Sisters, experience of the Pauline apostolate, community time and recreation, and more!

MAY 26-28

ST. LOUIS, MO

REGISTER:

CONNECT.PAULINE.ORG/VOCATION-EVENTS



St. Patrick's Church, Ruma Annual Strawberry Festival

Rt. 3 South, Turn Right
at the "Y" in Ruma, IL

**Sunday, May 21,
2023**

11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Sunday Mass—8:00 a.m.

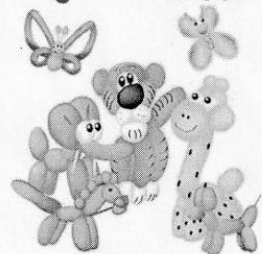


Dinner Includes Fried
Chicken & all the Fixins'
plus Homemade
Dressing...
and
Strawberries & Ice Cream!

**Carry Outs Available
No Drive Thru**

- Large Country Store/Crafts
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Soda Stand

Featuring the Balloonatic!



Music by "Terry Meyer"

12 noon—2:00 p.m.



DID YOU KNOW...

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Military child month, also known as the Month of the Military Child, is an annual observance in **April** to honor and celebrate the children and youth of service members and veterans for their service, commitment, and sacrifice. It was established by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986 and is sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy. Military children face unique challenges such as frequent moves, parent combat injuries, deployments, and separations from their parents. The observance aims to recognize and support their resilience and quality of life.

WEAR PURPLE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF MILITARY CHILDREN EVERYWHERE!!

THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE MILITARY CHILD IS THE DANDELION. WHY?

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the Army..... planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient. They have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.

They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter of their life opens up to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.

