

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618/939-8680

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 4-2 5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson and Catherine Mechler

Sun. 4-3 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Fri. 4-8 8:00 am – Wally & Mike Amann, Virgil Gregson
& Betty Summers

Sat. 4-9 5:00 pm – Clarence & Emma Sandidge and Jeanne Huss

Sun. 4-10 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
DURING LENT...**

**Every Tuesday evening at 7:00
pm and every Friday following
the 8:00 am Mass.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 3-27-22

Sunday Envelopes (43) - \$1,842.00

Loose – \$141.00

Youth -- \$9.00

Scholarship Fund - \$2,487.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2021)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

For Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday, April 9th; 5pm

Set Up: Joan Powell

Lector/Narrator: Ruth Wittenauer

Voice: Sr. Angela Laquet

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Camera: Joan Powell

Sunday, April 10th; 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector/Narrator: Donna Rheinecker

Voice: Betty Schreder

Servers: Arnie & Aaron Eckart

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Camera:

Looking for volunteers to do the following:

Servers on Saturday/Palm Sunday Weekend (April 9th); Camera Operator for Palm Sunday 8:30 am Mass; Camera Operator for Good Friday, April 15th; and Servers: 1 for Holy Thursday, 2 for Good Friday; 3 for Holy Saturday; and 2 for Easter Sunday. If you would be able to volunteer for one or more of these dates, that would be much appreciated!

Please call the Parish Office 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net as soon as possible!!!!

I have received 12 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday...thank you to those who have graciously volunteered!!!!

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Penny Hofstetter, Michelle Knefelkamp, Walter Krysnoski, Zach Wheat, Bruce Vierheller, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Gary Wittenauer, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann and John Link.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, Coast Guard and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corp.

Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



THANK YOU...

A big thank you to Father Linus, Father Evaristus, Father Von Deeke and to Sister Joan and the choir for the beautiful Funeral Mass for our mom. We would also like to thank the ladies who stood honor guard and the men & women who served the luncheon.

Signed: The Family of Esther Eckart

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery before Jesus for judgment and Jesus says, "Let anyone who is without sin cast the first stone at her." There is a sudden silence. But then all at once a small stone comes flying from the back of the crowd aimed at the head of the woman, and Jesus promptly catches it. Looking at the lady standing in the crowd it was His mother. Jesus said, "Mother! Really! I was trying to make a point, here." Son, I understand, but I am was also making a point that I am without sin.

In the previous Sundays during this Lenten journey, we have been introduced to different images of God, the last one being divine graciousness. This weekend we reflect on love and the compassion of God that exceeds the authority of the law. God's love and compassion precede and provoke new things in our lives. Here we appreciate that Lent is not merely about mortification and penance as it is about a new life. It is always difficult to leave behind what we know so well or what we have grown used to, even when we feel trapped. Have you ever felt addicted to alcohol, candy, sex or soda? The doctor may recommend that you need to change your lifestyle: watch your diet or avoid the couch. The typical reaction is to feel deprived of your comfort. It is one thing to want to be free from addiction but another thing to make the first step.

The first step away from the comfort zone is both frightening and demanding. So many questions haunt us: what if...? What if I lose everything, or it does not work? What if it is one of those empty talks? St. Paul was proud to say that he is not satisfied with the blessing of the past. He considered his one-time gift "insignificant" compared to knowing and being united with Christ.

Life in Christ transforms us from people who glory in sin and addiction to men and women who enjoy the gracious forgiveness of God. Only God creates something new, and that begins in the experience of forgiveness. The process of coming to this experience of newness may be painful and discouraging, but God is not willing to give up on any of us. Therefore, Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, "neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:11 NAB).

Bishop Reintroduces Obligation to Participate at Mass

On April 10, Palm Sunday, Bishop Michael McGovern will lift the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all the faithful in the Diocese of Belleville. This means that the faithful, unless ill or having a good reason for omitting participating at Mass, will attend Mass in person. The faithful who are sick, homebound or gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times. If someone is homebound, sick or concerned about their health, they are encouraged to participate in the Sunday Eucharist through a Mass that is broadcast over television or radio or livestreamed.



Attendance at Mass in person is an important part of practicing our Catholic faith. Recently our safety protocols were updated so that the faithful will feel secure in being in church for the celebration of the Eucharist. Individual parishes may continue live streaming as a means of supporting the spiritual needs of those who cannot attend in person. Though we should take the obligation to attend Mass seriously, no one is morally obligated to attend Mass when doing so presents a grave risk to their health or the health of others.

When our Lord Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, he said to his apostles: “Do this in memory of me.” Through the centuries, the Church has fulfilled the Lord’s command with the gathering of the faithful for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The celebration of the Mass is preeminent and central in our spiritual lives; the obligation to participate at the Sunday Eucharist flows from this.

Bishop Michael McGovern encourages our faithful, for whom it is possible, to return to the celebration of Mass on Sunday April 10. How fitting that we should be renewed in our commitment as a Catholic, Eucharistic and sacramental people as we enter into Holy Week.

For more information, please see our diocesan website:
www.diobelle.org.



We will be accepting donations to benefit the people of Ukraine during this time of war and great need in their country. You may make a donation anytime during the month of April; and at the end of the month, we will forward the monies to the Diocese of Belleville for distribution.

Be sure to make your check payable to St. Augustine's and write in the memo line that it is for "UKRAINE" or if you are paying with cash, please attach a note or write on the envelope that it is for "UKRAINE".

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLANNING MEETING FOR THE 2022 KIRCHENFEST...
ALL STAND CHAIRMEN SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND!!!**

**Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 7:00 pm – we will meet at Hecker
Community Center**

Aaron Eckart has volunteered to be the Kirchenfest Chairman. We will be including community organizations in chairing some stands, as well as, providing volunteer workers for other stands. As you are aware, it takes a lot of volunteers to make the Kirchenfest such a success, and our available volunteers seem to decline each year.

If you have never worked at our picnic before, please don't hesitate to call Aaron at 618/920-5258 or Joan at the Parish Office, 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net -- we will be happy to find you a place to work!!!

PARISH SECRETARY

The position of Parish Secretary for St. Augustine's Parish is available due to the retirement of Joan Powell effective on or before December 31st, 2022. Anyone who might be interested in learning more about the position should contact the Parish Office at 618/473-2217 or via email to staug@htc.net. There would be extensive training required. If you or someone you know, might be interested in completing an application form, please contact the Parish Office.

2022 SCHEDULE FOR LENT, TRIDUIM, EASTER

- **TUESDAYS DURING LENT: St. Augustine**
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
- **FRIDAYS DURING LENT:**
St. Augustine - Mass at 8 am followed by
Stations of the Cross
Ss. Peter & Paul -- Stations of the Cross following the
8am Mass and at 6:30pm
- **MONDAY, APRIL 11TH - Reconciliation at 7:00 pm—Ss. Peter & Paul**
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH - Living Stations of the Cross**
8:00 pm -- Ss. Peter & Paul
- **Rice Bowls – We would ask that you return your filled Rice Bowls BEFORE Holy Thursday so that they might be included in the Offertory Procession.**
- **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14th**
7:00 PM MASS, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul - 7:00 pm Mass
- **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15th**
7:00 PM SERVICE, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul - 3pm Stations of the Cross and 7:00 pm Service
- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH**
7:00 PM MASS, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul -- 8:00 PM Mass
- **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17th**
8:30AM MASS, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul - 8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass



St. Augustine Pictorial Directory

May 19th-21st, 2022

We will have info available soon on how you can make your appointment online!

Two weekends only! Visit this Lenten Relic Display

The Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you to a very special Lenten experience in Perryville, Missouri, to venerate sacred relics that include: a piece of the True Cross, a fragment of the table at which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, and particles from Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, and Calvary. The relics will be on display at the historic **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on April 2, 3, 9, and 10.** Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279.

COMING EVENTS

April 5th – Noon Luncheon; St. Luke's Belleville; Play Cards/Board Games; \$10 Tally; See Flyer for Menu.
April 8th – Fish Dinner; St. George's New Baden; 4-7pm; \$12 adults \$6 Kids 6-10 & ages 5 & under free.

St. Louis Cardinals Giveaway; Valued over \$1,000! St. Stephen's Flora, IL is selling only 400 tickets at \$20 each or 6/\$100; Drawing July 1st, 2022. Winner receives 4 tickets to Cards vs Phillies on 7/9/22 on 3rd Base Line with a Parking Pass. 4 passes to tour the Cardinal Hall of Fame Museum, \$100 cash for the Ball Park; Autographed Game Model Yadier Molina Catcher's Helmet; Buy online at cardinalsraffle.com.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“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.”

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe; USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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>.

Calling all ladies in the Diocese! The Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women warmly welcomes you to our **Spring Day of Prayer on Thursday, April 28th at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights.** The doors open at 8:30am for registration, refreshments & a variety of informational booths from Diocesan organizations. The theme for the day is “*We are Called*”. Our primary speaker, Father Sal Gonzalez, will inspire & uplift us as he teaches us what being *called* truly means to us as followers of Christ. The program starts promptly at 9:10am & ends at 2pm. A multi-cultural lunch will be served! The day ends with a short business meeting that includes reports from parish presidents on the good works their council perform. \$10 covers the cost of the day & includes refreshments, lunch & informational materials. Attendance prizes & 50/50 will be awarded at 1:55pm. Bring a friend to receive a special gift! Come join the ladies of the St. Ann’s Council of Catholic women, our host for the day, & fellow sisters in Christ from across the vicariate for a joyful day as we celebrate our faith & learn how to truly live the life “*We are Called*” to live.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2022
Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

Our goal is 166 pledges for a total of \$6,580.

Pledges to Date: 19

\$3,330.00

51% of our goal



“I attended Catholic school in Guiana and the missionary priests there were my role models. Their authentic joy and unconditional love attracted me to religious life. As I continued my studies and began my career as a teacher, I made time to pray and attend daily Mass. Still, I ask myself “What next? What am I to do with my life now?” One day, I was meditating on the verse: “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jer 29:11). I began corresponding with the vocations director. Despite the long distance, I felt in inner peace and happiness.”

Sister Mary Pauline Tamakloe; Oblate Sisters of Providence; Columba Magazine January 2022



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 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 guest speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
***Religions in America* -- Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.**

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon

The saga of the religions of America is like a complicated and unfinished jigsaw puzzle. It includes many colorful, overlapping images – Puritans, conquistadores, revival preachers, Deists, utopians, immigrants, abolitionists, social reformers, Black churches, televangelists, “nones.” As we work to connect the pieces of the puzzle, we know that the religious influences of the past continue to shape our religious, political and social life today. In this series we will examine the major events, movements, ideas and persons who have helped to shape the religions of America.

Cost: \$50 for series; \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center – IN PERSON
Lazarus Come Forth: Our Path to a Better Future Couples Retreat
Presenters: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI, Karen & Scott Seaborn
Friday, April 29 – May 1 5 pm – 2 pm Sun

Come join us as a couple, to ponder, through the lens of the story of Lazarus, how Jesus once again steps into our world of loss and death and calls us to new life, while also entrusting us the continued task of unbinding and setting free...tasks which will lead us to a better future.

Cost: \$350 per couple (includes lodging and meals).

Register online at snows.org/programs, or call 618-394-6281 to register.

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2022. \$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 2022. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights – January thru December 2022. \$30 each or 4 for \$100. Limited tickets in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. \$40 each; Limited tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING
BENEFITTING SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC GRADE
SCHOOL
TUESDAYS AT OUTSIDERS IN WATERLOO
TICKET SALES END AT 6:30 PM
DRAWINGS HELD AT 7:00 PM**

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Enrolling for 2022-2023 -- There's still time to become a Hawk! We are accepting applications for incoming freshmen and transfer students. See how you can "Find your home at Gibault!" Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for more information!

Last Call for Shadow Visitors! Our Shadow Program runs until the end of April. If you have been meaning to schedule a Shadow Visit, now is the perfect time! Your 7th-8th grader or transfer student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for more information! Shadow Program will resume Fall of 2022.

Gibault's 50th Spring Musical -- It's our 50th Spring Musical! Join us for a fan favorite, "The Wizard of Oz." April 7-9 at 7 p.m.; and April 10 at 2 p.m. For advance performance tickets, visit <https://actorsattic.square.site>.

Poker Run -- The Gibault Women's Club's Poker Run is Sunday, April 24. Take a scenic afternoon drive through Monroe County, with stops along the route to draw cards. Best hand wins, no skill necessary! All vehicles are welcome. Designated drivers get free soft drinks and entered in a special drawing! Register online at <https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site> or stop by the Gibault office.

Post Prom -- Our parent volunteers are busy planning for this year's Post-Prom on Friday, May 6. This event provides a drug and alcohol-free, well-chaperoned event to keep our students and the community safe. The committee is looking for donations to help make this a great event for our students. Ideas include gift cards, dorm items, sports tickets, and cash donations. Donations may be dropped off at the Gibault office. Thank you for your generosity!

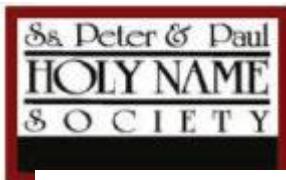
Host Families -- Gibault is seeking host families for our international students for the 2022-2023 school year. Current Gibault families receive a \$1,000 discount off their tuition for hosting. For more information on how you can help a student experience Gibault, contact Patty at plderousse.educatius@gmail.com

We're #gibaultproud of: our FFA Chapter for hosting a fun week of activities for our students!





FISH FRY - April 8th
SS. PETER & PAUL GYM
WATERLOO
4:30-7:30PM



14th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Saturday, April 23 2022!



ACORNS GOLF LINKS
3933 AHNE RD
WATERLOO, IL. 62298



ENTRY FEE

\$90.00

(PER PERSON)

\$360.00

(PER TEAM)

Entry fee includes:
GREEN FEE & CART,
LUNCH, DINNER & DRINKS

PRIZES AWARDED

First, Second, Third Place
 (multiple flights)
CLOSES TO THE PIN
 &
LONGEST DRIVE

CHECK IN: 12:00 PM

LUNCH: 12:30 PM

SHOT GUN START

1:00 PM

- MULLIGANS
- SKINS
- 50/50
- MOVE UP TO
FRONT TEE #1
(\$20 DONATION)
- WITHIN RANGE #9
DOUBLE YOUR MONEY IF YOU PLACE TEE
SHOT WITHIN CIRCLE
(SEE DALE)
- CIGARS on #9

CASH/CHECKS/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED DAY OF EVENT

Pre-Registration/Sponsorship payments can be made to:

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

and mail to

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Attn: Holy Name Golf

204 W. Mill St.

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
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- 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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Living the Faith
JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS:
BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.