

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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**House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618/939-8680**

**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 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:** On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Easter Vigil/Sat. 4-3 7:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's**

**Easter Sunday 4-4 8:30 am – Don Bruss; Bonnie Casey; and  
Donnie Braun**

Sat. 4-10 5:00 pm – Clyde Kreher, Cletus Kreher & Verena Kreher

Sun. 4-11 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net)  
THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES.  
THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

**PARISH COUNT: 88**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 3-28-21**

Sunday Envelopes (43) - \$1,745.00

Loose – \$15.00 Youth (2) - \$7.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$770.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)*

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>; 5pm**

**Set Up:** Donna Rheinecker

**Ushers:** Stephen O'Brien

**Greeters:** Cindy Grohmann

**Lector:** Donna Rheinecker

**Sanitizers:** Lori Amann & Mary Schaltenbrand

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>; 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Elaine Rader

**Ushers:** Dale & Kay Haudrich

**Greeters:** Dale & Kay Haudrich

**Lector:** Elaine Rader

**Sanitizers:** Grohmanns

### **Please pray for the following:**

Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Cheryl Zanders, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Carol Grohmann, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Lisa Davenport, Penny Hofstetter, Dylane & Julie Doerr, Dorothy Vogler, and Ruth Wittenauer.

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



**Each week on Thursday afternoons, I will put the bulletins inside the mailboxes & at the beginning of the month the Word Among Us will also be available.**

**St. Augustine's will be live streaming Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays. See St. Augustine's Facebook Page.**



**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.

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.**

**Reflection for Easter Sunday**

Once again, Easter is here. Happy Easter!!

One question I always like to reflect on during Easter is: Christmas and Easter, which is more important to Christianity? The answer is debatable, depending on what makes sense to us. However, the two celebrations are part of a grand narrative: the redemption story. Christ's incarnation is the beginning of God's loving action, which came to its peak on the Cross and the fullness of grace and redemption realized on the resurrection day.

The resurrection of Christ reveals to us that light is more potent than darkness, love is greater than hate, and that God's mercy endures over judgment. When we sit at the bedside of a dying loved one, the Cross and the resurrection story reminds us that the sufferings, pains, and difficulties of this life are transient, though painful, for sure. They do not have the last word and cannot represent the final experience.

Easter means "the feast of fresh flowers." How possible is it to see and smell fresh flowers within this global experience of the COVID-19 pandemic? For almost a year and some months now, we have lived with some uncertainty and awkwardness. Some of us have altered our travel plans and big family or Church gatherings. Others are still afraid to come too close to their loved ones for fellowship. I imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus got arrested and executed. They were confused and frightened. But the resurrection story changed everything. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith.

There is a story of two women who stood before Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, "Why can't we build structures like this anymore?" Her friend answered, "The people who built this had faith. But today, people are divided between political lines, and so opinions and conspiracy theories abound. You can't build a cathedral with opinions and conspiracy theories. Faith in the resurrection moves people do extra ordinary things for God and to see God present in our world. This faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1).

Let us then join in the victory song of St. John Chrysostom. "O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are abolished. Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever." What a victory!



**Flower Donations during Easter were made  
in memory of the following:**

Cyril & Emmie Haudrich; Wally Amann & Michael Amann; Deceased of Kreher & Eckart Families; Virgil Gregson; Dale Griffin; Gene & Teresa Triller and Kenny Grohmann; **Don** Haudrich & the Leo Toenjes Family; Dennis Holle; David Lovelace & Joseph Wittenauer; Gilbert & Heddy Birkner, Frank Gregson, & Craig Range; Clem Orlet; Deceased Members Powell & Huss Families; Eugene & Flora Reno; Orville, Myrtle & Greg Rist; Deceased Members of Schaefer & Wiegard Families; Roscow & Stellhorn Families; Deceased of Kern-Neary-Wittenauer Families.

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021**

***Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12***

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2021 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](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 16 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 goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$5,630.00.***

**Pledges to Date: 18**

**\$3,500.00**

**62% of our goal**

**Easter Blessings**

We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus.

**Ministries and Agencies Funded by  
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
Catholic Diocese of Belleville**



*Save the Date*

**DIOCESAN SPRING FARM BLESSING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM  
DALE & KAY HAUDRICH FARM  
7903 State Route 156  
Waterloo, IL (just west of Hecker)  
Bishop Michael McGovern**

**Details to follow!**



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**“To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him, will receive forgiveness of sins through His name,”** In the First Reading from Acts of the Apostles 10:37-43, know that if you believe in Jesus, your sins will be forgiven. We seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an important part of Project Rachel Ministry. The tragedy of an abortion causes a woman to bury it deep within their soul. Many are in denial until too many triggers in their lives force them to come to grips with the loss of their unborn son or daughter. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-We must always speak with a compassionate heart to anyone who has suffered a loss, such as a loss of a child through abortion. A calm demeanor and a gentle smile convey to those who are hurting that you are there to walk with them on their journey of hope, healing and forgiveness. Let them know that they are not alone. Christ is here and hope in His love can begin now. Project Rachel Ministry Diocese of Belleville (618) 722-5068.

## DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! While we have been home under our stay at home orders, Planned Parenthood has continued 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>.





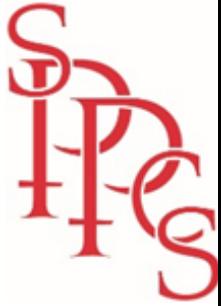
**Hallelujah!!** He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! We need to share this Redemption story with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We need to witness to this fact through our daily lives – talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.



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

## **VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA**

- St. Anthony, Lively Grove – August 2020 thru July 2021. \$40 per ticket; Contact Cheryl Hentges, [clhentges@yahoo.com](mailto:clhentges@yahoo.com) or 618/824-6637.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2021. \$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 2021. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius, St. Libory – March 2021 thru February 2022. \$40 per ticket. Contact Vicki Knepper 618/960-8420.



### **SPPCS Pre-Registration & Re-enrollment**

New Families/Students: You can now pre-register for the 2021-2022 school year. The links to enrolling for both our Early Learning Center and Kindergarten - 8th grade are on our website under Admissions. For current families please go to the Option C Family Portal and click the office tab and scroll down to Enrollment. Click yes by each student if they will be returning for the 2021-22 school year. If you are enrolling a new student, you will do that by clicking on the "add a new student for consideration, click or press here." Once this is complete we will have Registration materials available and a message will be sent via Option C email.



### **The Waterloo Knights of Columbus are holding a BBQ at Rural King, Waterloo**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Items include pork steaks, brats, pulled pork, ribs & sides. Please come out & support this fundraiser which helps the KC members continue to do good works in the community.



**MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!!!!**

## NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

**Rejoice! He has risen! Easter Blessings from all of us at Gibault Catholic High School.**  
**Plant Sale** -- Our FFA students have a greenhouse full of plants – annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and so much more! Their Spring Plant Sale begins April 6 and runs until all items are sold. Sale hours: Weekdays from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. Online ordering information available soon! Visit our Facebook page or our website [www.gibalthawks.com](http://www.gibalthawks.com) for updates on online ordering.

**Enrollment News** -- There's only a few weeks left in this year's shadow season! If you have a 7th or 8th grader or a student in another high school who is interested in learning more about Gibault, contact us to schedule their shadow visit. Shadow visits will resume next fall. We're still enrolling the Class of 2025! For more information, contact Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibalthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibalthawks.com).

**Spring Sports** -- Spring Sports seasons are underway for boys' soccer and girls' volleyball. Visit <https://gibalthawks.com/events/category/sports/> for up-to-date schedules! Go Hawks!

**2021 Gibault Summer Golf Classic** -- We hope you will be part of our 2021 Gibault Summer Classic! This year's event will be held on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. For sponsorship information or player registration, visit [www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com](http://www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com)

**We're #gibaultproud of: Kunqi Guo (international student from China) for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight and Ande Grohmann (St. Augustine Parish) for serving 24 straight points in a recent Lady Hawks' volleyball game.**



The poster is titled "GIBAULT CATHOLIC FFA" at the top. Below that, in large red letters, is "SPRING PLANT SALE". To the left of the text is the FFA logo, and to the right is a circular inset photo of a greenhouse. The text lists items for sale: "Annuals and perennials", "hanging baskets", "fairy gardens", "succulents", "vegetables", "herbs", and "and much much more". Below this, the sale dates are listed: "SALE DATES: APRIL 6 UNTIL ALL ITEMS ARE SOLD", "PICK UP ONLY", "WEEKDAYS ARE 3:00 TO 5:00", and "SATURDAYS ARE 9:00 TO 12:00". At the bottom, it says "cash, check, credit cards, and Venmo QR are accepted". The poster is decorated with a floral border of pink and red flowers and green leaves. At the bottom center, there is a school crest with the year "1964" and a large letter "G".

**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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***Over the next few bulletins, we will be including portions of the recent  
Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis...***  
**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

*The characters of the story*

72. The parable begins with the robbers. Jesus chose to start when the robbery has already taken place, lest we dwell on the crime itself or the thieves who committed it. Yet we know them well. We have seen, descending on our world, the dark shadows of neglect and violence in the service of petty interests of power, gain and division. The real quest is this: will we abandon the injured man and run to take refuge from the violence, or will we pursue the thieves? Will the wounded man end up being the justification for our irreconcilable divisions, our cruel indifference, our intestine conflicts?

73. The parable then asks us to take a closer look at the passers-by. The nervous indifference that makes them pass to the other side of the road – whether innocently or not, whether the result of disdain or mere distraction – makes the priest and the Levite a sad reflection of the growing gulf between ourselves and the world around us. There are many ways to pass by at a safe distance: we can retreat inwards, ignore others, or be indifferent to their plight. Or simply look elsewhere, as in some countries, or certain sectors of them, where contempt is shown for the poor and their culture, and one looks the other way, as if a development plan imported from without could edge them out. This is how some justify their indifference: the poor, whose pleas for help might tough their hearts, simply do not exist. The poor are beyond the scope of their interest.

74. One detail about the passers-by does stand out: they were religious, devoted to the worship of God: a priest and a Levite. This detail should not be overlooked. It shows that belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God, on the other hand, is a way of practicing the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom expressed this pointedly when he challenged his Christian hearers: “Do you wish to honor the body of the Savior? Do not despise it when it is naked. Do not honor it in church with silk vestments while outside it is naked and numb with cold”.<sup>[58]</sup> Paradoxically, those who claim to be unbelievers can sometimes put God’s will into practice better than believers.

75. “Robbers” usually find secret allies in those who “pass by and look the other way”. There is a certain interplay between those who manipulate and cheat society, and those who, while claiming to be detached and impartial critics, live off that system and its benefits. There is a sad hypocrisy when impunity of crime, the use of institutions for personal or corporate gain, and other evils apparently impossible to eradicate, are accompanied by a relentless criticism of everything, a constant sowing of suspicion that results in distrust and confusion. The complaint that “everything is broken” is answered by the claim that “it can’t be fixed”, or “what can I do?” This feeds into disillusionment and despair, and hardly encourages of spirit of solidarity and generosity. Plunging people into despair closes a perfectly perverse circle: such is the agenda of the invisible dictatorship of hidden interests that have gained mastery over both resources and the possibility of thinking and expressing opinion.