

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Confessions: Heard Saturdays from 4:30 to 4:50 pm (When priests are available)

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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:

Friday, 4/4	8:00am- Melvin Parker and Annabelle Hoffarth
Saturday, 4/5	5:00pm- Jerry & Duane Mollet, Emma & Clarence Sandridge, and Cletus & Agnes Gregson
Sunday, 4/6	8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Friday, 4/11	8:00am- Roy Schreder
Saturday, 4/12	5:00pm- Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, 4/13	8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's



**Anointing of
the Sick will
be held
following both
Masses THIS
weekend.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 3/30/2025:

Weekly Envelopes (-)
Loose-
Youth-

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$2,728.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, April 12th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Narrator/Lector: Kevin Schreder

Voice: Cindy Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker

Sunday, April 13th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Doerrs

Narrator/Lector: Ryan Grohmann

Voice: Kay Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich



Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Ricky Wittenauer, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Annette Lovelace, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen, Gary Wittenauer, Debbie Harbaugh, Jerry Castens, and Robin Booth.

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



Gathering to pray the Rosary will be THIS weekend before Sunday 8am Mass, April 6th, 2025 @ 7:40am. Contact Scott Gregson if you would like to volunteer. Scott can be reached at 618-581-3368.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for Fifth Sunday in Lent C

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 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).



King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Creating SABBATH SPACE in Our Lives –

5-week Spring Video Study featuring Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025

10:00 am – 12 Noon

Do we take the time to rest, to ponder, to reflect on what is important to us and gives us joy?

Allow Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI to lead us on a journey of refreshing our souls by creating “Sabbath Space.”

Cost: \$25 for series; \$5 per session

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/deanvideo-spring2025/>

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness.

-Psalm 100

“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!

PLEDGES TO DATE: 11 43% OF OUR GOAL MET

\$2,860.00 Pledged as of 4/4/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target



2025 SCHEDULE FOR LENT, TRIDUUM, EASTER
ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY- HECKER

- **WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT:**
St. Augustine Stations of the Cross held at 7:00pm
- **FRIDAYS DURING LENT:**
**St. Augustine - Mass at 8:00 am followed by
Stations of the Cross**
- **PALM SUNDAY, April 12th and April 13th, 2025**
Saturday Mass 5pm, Sunday Mass 8:00am
- **HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th, 2025**
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE
- **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th, 2025**
**6:30 PM STATION OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 7:00pm, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, April 19th, 2025**
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE
- **EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th, 2025**
8:00AM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025
FOR ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY- HECKER

- **PALM SUNDAY MASSES**
SATURDAY, APRIL 12th and SUNDAY, APRIL 13th, 2025
Saturday Mass 5pm, and Sunday Mass 8am
***Confessions heard Saturday from 4-4:45pm and
on Sunday from 7-7:45am***

- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th, 2025**
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00PM

- **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17th, 2025**
No collection tonight.
7:00 PM Mass
Adoration following Mass until 10PM

- **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18th, 2025**
There is NO 8am MASS on Good Friday
****6:30 PM STATION OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 7PM****

- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 19th, 2025**
7:00 PM Mass

- **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 2025**
8:00AM Mass



Holy Week

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE INFORMATION

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>.

To stay informed of Pro-Life events in our Diocese, like and follow our FaceBook page,
Respect Life Apostolate – Belleville

RESPECT FOR 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.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

“Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents’ example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions.” **Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024**





THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

March 31, 2025

Dear Friends,

Today our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed me as the sixth Archbishop of Omaha.

I am humbled by this appointment and the confidence the Holy Father has placed in me. Later this spring, I will be installed in the Cathedral of St. Cecilia in Omaha and become the shepherd of more than 230,000 Catholics in northeast Nebraska.

While my five years as Bishop of Belleville have gone quickly, I am grateful for the time we have shared. I have learned how to be a Catholic bishop here among you. God has given many graces to us as we worked together as servants on Christ's mission. I trust that many of the seeds God has planted will come to fruition in southern Illinois in the years to come.

My installation as Archbishop of Omaha will be Wednesday, May 7. In the meantime, I will serve as Administrator of the Belleville Diocese. More information about the transition will be shared at the end of this week. I believe that regular communication will be important during the transition. I will appreciate your patience, understanding and flexibility in the coming weeks as I administer the diocese and prepare to relocate.

Please know of my gratitude to all of you. Let us remember one another in prayer at this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville



6-8 GRADE GLOW GAME NIGHT



**APR
11**

6-8PM
IN GIBAULT'S CAFETERIA

**SIGN UP THROUGH THE
LINK IN THE CAPTION**



Local Parish Fish Fry Fridays!



- **Immaculate Conception, Columbia**

March 5 (Ash Wednesday): 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 7, March 21, April 4 and April 18; 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

411 Palmer Road

Columbia, IL 62236

- **St. Joseph Parish, Freeburg**

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11; 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

6 N. Alton Street

Freeburg, IL 62243

- **St. Mary Parish, Chester - Knights of Columbus**

February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11; 5:00 p.m.

209 Church St.

Chester, IL 62233

- **St. Mary Parish, Valmeyer**

March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11; 4:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

101 South Meyer Ave.

Valmeyer, IL 62295

- **St. Teresa Parish, Belleville**

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, and April 4 ; 4:00 p.m.

St. Teresa Parish Center

1108 Lebanon Ave.

Belleville, IL 62221