

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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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 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:**

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 4-8 7:00 pm – John & Phillip Rheinecker, Wally and Mike Amann  
Easter Sunday, 4-9 8:30am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Fri. 4-14 8:00 am – Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus and Verena Kreher

Sat. 4-15 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 4-16 8:30 am – For Our First Communicants



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-2-2023**

Sunday Envelopes (98) -\$5,311.00

Loose – \$247.00

Youth- \$10.00

Scholarship- \$475.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,110.50  
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm**

**Set Up: Elaine Rader**

**Lector: Elaine Rader**

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister: Tiffany Gregson**

**Camera:**

(First Communion)

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am**

**Set Up: Arnie Eckart**

**Lector: Alex Birkner**

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister: May Stellhorn**

**Camera:**

### **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.*

### **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS IN Memory of...**

Cyril & Emmie Haudrich; Edmund & Esther Eckart; Wally & Mike Amann, Bill & Jeannie Happel, Eckart, Biffar, & Brueggemann Families; David Bruss; Ervin Eckart; Virgil Gregson; Wallace & LouAnn Castens, Quentin & Veronica Gregson, Bill & Melda Happel; Dale Griffin; Patricia Mavers; Don Haudrich & the Leo Toenjes Family; Dennis Holle; Deceased Mollet & Wittenauer Family Members; Clem Orlet; Deceased Huss & Powell Family Members; Ed Stellhorn Family, Roscow & Gregson Families; Kern, Neary, and Wittenauer Families; Parker & Schreder Families; and for Eugene and Flora Reno.



# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

## **Reflection for Easter Sunday**

Happy Easter! Did you know that Easter is the greatest of all Sundays? It is the core mystery of our Christian faith.

*A man, his wife, and his cranky mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away.*

*The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150." The man thought about it for a while and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why.... why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only \$150?" The man said, "A man died here about 2000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead." "I just can't take that chance."*

Which is more important to Christians, Christmas or Easter? Depending on the hierarchy of Christian essentials, the answer is arguable. Nonetheless, the two celebrations are part of the redemption narrative. At Christmas, the incarnation of Christ begins the story of the loving action of God, which came to its peak on the Cross. Therefore, the wood of the Cross becomes the transitional symbol of hope and power. St. Paul would say, "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us, who are being saved, it is the power of God" (I Cor 1:18 NAB). This power of God is made manifest at the resurrection of Christ. If we reduce Easter to the metaphor of the spring event, we miss the meaning of the power of God. Easter reveals to us that life is stronger than death. It teaches us that love is more significant than hate or separation and that mercy overcomes judgment. When we gather at the bed of a dying loved one, the resurrection reminds us that this life's sufferings, pains, and difficulties are transient, though painful; for sure, they do not have the last word and cannot represent the final experience.

Easter is not just a celebration of the resurrection of Christ, which happened two thousand years ago. Rather, it celebrates our participation in Christ's resurrection through our baptism. Thus, Easter renews our faith in the resurrection of the dead and the new life to come. The empty tomb of Jesus challenges us and rallies our spirits. It points us to a living and presents God in every situation and every person. Therefore, our celebration of Easter renews our faith in God, who regularly breaks into our personal histories, challenge our assumptions and point us to something other than what we are familiar with. In other words, we see the triumph of God's power over our challenging experiences in the Easter story. Christ has risen, and the tomb remains empty.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of our diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly.

I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: "Happy Easter!" Like the first Christians who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem and encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God's children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts and fill all of us with his most incredible gift of peace. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

In the Risen Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern



*A special thank you to Raeleen Neary and the Clover Friends 4H group for all of their hard work on picking up branches and helping beautify the cemetery this past weekend!*

**First Communion at St. Augustine's is NEXT weekend 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.**

## **Quarterly Meetings**

Parish Council Meeting,  
Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm

Finance Committee  
Meeting,  
Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm

*Save  
the  
Date*

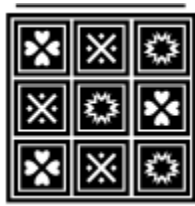
Because we know how busy everyone is these days & we realize your calendars fill up quickly...we are sharing that **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024** is reserved for our celebration of the **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of St. Augustine's!!!!**

Plans are underway for a special evening at the Hecker Community Center. Be sure to watch future bulletins for more details & please mark your calendars & plan to attend!!!

## 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. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. \$40 each; Limited 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.

# *St. George Quilting Bee*



**We will gather at St. George Community Life Center  
317 E. Maple St., New Baden, IL (In Quilting Room)**

**Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 1-9pm  
Dinner and good conversation will be served 5:00 p.m.  
We will be quilting all evening, so come when you can!**

**Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6-9pm  
Refreshments & Desserts will be served.  
We will be quilting all evening, so come when you can!**

**Sponsored by the St. George Quilting Group. The quilts will be used at  
the Bingo for our St. George Picnic on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



**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.



### QUEEN OF HEARTS

Ticket sales began 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.



**We need your help! The Picnic Committee is searching for an Adult Basket Chair and Margarita Stand Chair...please call the Parish office or let Aaron Eckart (618-920-5258) know if you are interested!**



# DIOCESAN INFORMATION

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Respect For Life Events for April:

- Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Celebration of Life, Rosary and Mass  
Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountain Pkwy, Fairview Heights  
Bishop McGovern, Celebrant
- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, “How Did Illinois Become an Abortion Destination?”  
6pm, St. Clare Church, 1411 Cross Street, O’Fallon
- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, March on the Arch  
Rally at 11am, March at 12pm, Starting at Aloe Plaza and finishing at the Arch grounds,  
register at [STLMarch.com](http://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>.



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  
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.”**

**Bishop Michael McGovern**

**and the**

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

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

**Pledges to Date: 24**

**\$4,915.00**

**77% of our goal**



“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://serrastclair.org)



# NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



**Enrollment News** It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Shadow visits for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic).



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, Maeystown
- 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](mailto:bcpapenberg@gmail.com)  
Proceeds to benefit Gibault Women's Club



**Card swaps \$5 each!**

# A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*DID YOU KNOW...*

## **April is Child Abuse Awareness Month**

Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing, and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond societal norms.

Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offense against human dignity.

Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer-reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim.

Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth-serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

*-Diocese of Belleville  
Office of Child Protection Services*