

## 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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The author of Wisdom speaks of "that night" of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death. The lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illuminated by faith.

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 8/08	8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer
Saturday, 8/09	5:00pm- Ralph & Lucille Recker
Sunday, 8/10	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet
Friday, 8/15	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine, Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, 8/16	5:00pm- For a Successful Kirchenfest
Sunday, 8/17	8:00am- Don Braun, Special Intention

### **OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/29/2025:**

Weekly Envelopes- \$3347.00

Loose- \$177.00

Youth- \$3.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-*

**\$270.00**

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

### Saturday, August 16th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaise

Camera:

### Sunday, August 17th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister: Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Shelly Fizer

Camera:

**Please let Kevin or Annette know dates you are not available for September and October.**

*If you are interested in becoming a Lector or an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Kevin Schreder at: 618-406-7037 or the parish Office at: 618-473-2217*

### **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.

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



## **The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal** *Hope in the Lord*

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on "Giving".

It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on **YOU**. Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 28 88 % OF OUR GOAL MET**

**\$5,955.00 pledged of 8/3/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target**

## Reflection for 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

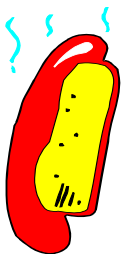
The religion we profess today is called Judeo-Christian religion, meaning that it is a religion that stems from the Jewish religion and culture. In other words, the spiritual tradition we profess as Christians did not begin with Christ. However, it began since before Jesus Christ and God prepared him through the Jewish tradition and people. The first reading tells us about the people before the time of Abraham who left Egypt in faith for the promised land

under the leadership of Moses. The second reading which is from the letter to the Hebrew tells us about Abraham and Sarah his wife who left their homeland and kinsmen and made journey of faith to a new land where God promised them many descendants.

Every one of us is making his or her own journey too. We definitely need to prepare for the day we shall meet our Lord Jesus Christ not just in prayers or in the sacraments alone but through the way we do not like talking about and that is the reason why he asked us to prepare for it because we may keep procrastinating and miss out. The Passage has two senses. In its narrower sense it refers to the second coming of Jesus, in its wider sense it refers to the period when God's summon enters a person's life which is a call to prepare to meet God.

Nevertheless, Jesus told us two parables to illustrate what he meant. In the first parable, the householder went for a wedding feast. At the time of Jesus wedding celebrations usually take days as such one can understand that the servants may not know when to expect their master back. The second parable is about the thief who would break in without the knowledge of the owner of the house.

Jesus warns us today not just to put fear into us but because he loves us and wants us to partake in the blessedness of his kingdom which he has prepared for us. If we do not cooperate with him and be ready, we may miss out. The Israelites who left Egypt began with strong faith but when the situation got tougher some of them became hopeless and despair and missed the blessing of the promised land. How are we preparing today for the coming of Jesus? Let us not behave like the servant who says he would do what he likes while his master was away or like the servant who says he has plenty time to put things right before the master comes. We need to complete the task given to us, (our responsibility as fathers and mothers, our obligation to serve God, etc.), be at peace with ourselves and neighbor and exercise our faith through good work etc.



# PICNIC



We are looking to fill the chairperson position of the dessert stand at the dinner for next year's Kirchenfest. The current chairperson is retiring after this year. You could work in the dessert stand this year and learn the procedures. Keep in mind, this job is in the air-conditioned hall. If you are interested in chairing the dessert stand, please contact the parish secretary or Aaron Eckart.

## **Kid's Games**

The Chairperson of the kids' game Plinko is asking for \$10 toys for the stand, 1 for boys and 1 for girls. No need to make a basket, the stand chairperson will put these items together in a plastic bag. You can drop the toys off at Laurel Jung's house, the church, or the parish office. Bags will also be provided on the table in the back of church.

Also needed for the Plinko stand are workers, 8<sup>th</sup> grade or high school to help the day of the picnic. Good for service hours. Call Laurel for more information 618-340-1906

## **Dressing Prep and Dressing Making**

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church on the table for volunteers needed to help make dressing for the Kirchenfest dinner. Dressing prep will take place at the Community Center on Wednesday August 13 at 6:00 pm. Making the dressing will take place at the Community Center on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> after mass.

Please realize many volunteers are needed to make our picnic a success.

## **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**

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

[“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”](#)



“I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!”

Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. Columbia, September 2022

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Father Linus will be traveling to Nigeria to visit his family from July 11- August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Mass on the day of the Kirchenfest will be at 3:00pm.**

The Kirchenfest is just a week away. Raffle tickets can be turned in anytime. You can put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office or bring them to the raffle stand, the day of the Kirchenfest.

Baskets can be brought to the parish office as well as kids bags.

If you have baked items and canned goods for the country store please bring them the day of the Kirchenfest to that stand.

### **The 2025 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal**

#### *Hope in the Lord*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.



Please pray for Clarence Louis Hamilton who passed away August 1, 2025. Clarence was the husband of Brenda Hamilton and father of Kimberly Johnson and Heather Burgess. Clarence and Brenda are parish members. May Clarence's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



- **KEEP SATURDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> AVAILABLE...THAT'S THE DATE OF THE KIRCHENFEST THIS YEAR!! MASS THAT DAY WILL BE HELD AT 3:00 PM.**
  - **CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE -- NEW/UPDATED INFORMATION BELOW:**
    - **Baskets & Containers** –You may use your own containers if you wish; there are baskets & plastic bags available for your use at the front entrance of church. If you do NOT wish to make a basket for either the Adult or Kids' stands but wish to donate items to fill baskets; we will accept those items too. And another option would be to make a monetary donation and then the stand chairmen will purchase items to make the basket. You may drop off your filled baskets to the Parish Office on Mondays and Thursdays. If you have further questions, you can call Vicki Wittenauer (Adult Baskets) 815-922-3769 and Laurel Jung (Kids Baskets) 618-340-1907 or Stephanie Biffar (Kids Baskets) 618-317-2533.
    - **Set Up – scheduled for Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**
      - If you are available to help set up the bingo stands, please meet in the ballfield area.
      - If you are available to help set up the Dining Room or do some prep work for the meal, please come to the Community Center building at 6:00 pm.
    - **Dressing Prep** – To have a successful dinner, we need help!!!
- Wednesday, August 13th 6:00pm**, we need help to break up the bread and cut up the chicken for the dressing. Meet at HCC.
- Friday, August 15th** after Mass, around **8:30am**, meet at HCC to make the dressing.
- Thanks Raeleen and Cindy!! Please reach out to one of us if you can help!! Raeleen (618)920-0002 or Cindy (618)401-1091 We are shorthanded! If you haven't been asked before, we would appreciate any first timers to volunteer!!!



# Picnic



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- **NEW/UPDATED INFORMATION BELOW:**
  - **Raffle Tickets** – were mailed, along with the letter giving details about the Kirchenfest. You may return the tickets along with your money via the Collection Basket, by mail or by dropping off at the Parish Office.
  - **Home Grown Items** – The Country Store will be looking for items grown in your gardens, as well as items you have canned at home or items you have baked.
  - **Cakes & Pies for the Dinner and Cake Stands** – again this year, we are asking all families to bring 2 cakes & 2 pies or instead of 2 pies bring 2-9x13 desserts. **We ask for you to label the type of dessert; and PIES GO TO HCC, BACK DOOR & CAKES GO TO THE COOLER TRUCK ON THE HCC GROUNDS BY 2:00 PM.**
  - **Items for the Silent Auction** are always welcomed and may be dropped off at the Parish Office.
  - **Quilts** – if you have a quilt to be donated to the Bingo, you may drop off at the Parish Office or given to Margie Holle.
  - **Volunteers** – there are lots of places to volunteer to work a shift or two. If you aren't called to help in a specific area, please feel free to call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 or send an email to [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) or give the Chairman, Aaron Eckart, a call at 618-920-5258.
  
- **TIKI TROT 5K**
  - **WE NEED RUNNERS!** Please consider inviting family and friends to sign up for this year's Tiki Trot. We have a fun run (\$20) and the 5K Tiki Trot (\$35). All those registered by August 1 are guaranteed to receive a t-shirt. Walkers are welcome! Online registration is open!! Follow the Hecker Tiki Trot page on Facebook for more information!! Link to register is:

[runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)