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Confessions: heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm

Parish Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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Theme for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following his way of love.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 8/9 8:00am- A Special Intention

Saturday, 8/10 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday, 8/11 8:00am- Cletus & Agnes Gregson

Thursday 8/15 7:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Friday 8/16 8am- Arlene Klinkhardt & Lawrence Biffar

Saturday 8/17 3:00pm- For a Successful Kirchenfest

Sunday 8/18 8:00am- Don Braun and John Rheinecker



THE
ASSUMPTION
OF MARY



AUGUST 15TH

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 8/4/2024:

Weekly Envelopes (89) -\$3,944.00

Loose- \$135.00

Youth- \$13.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,750.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-**\$2,700.00**

Scholarship Fund - \$325.00

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

(Kirchenfest) Saturday, August 17th, 3pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Extraordinary Minister (W): Gary Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Kern

Camera:

Sunday, August 18th, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Tim Donius

Lector: Jonella Donius

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Bernadette Gregson

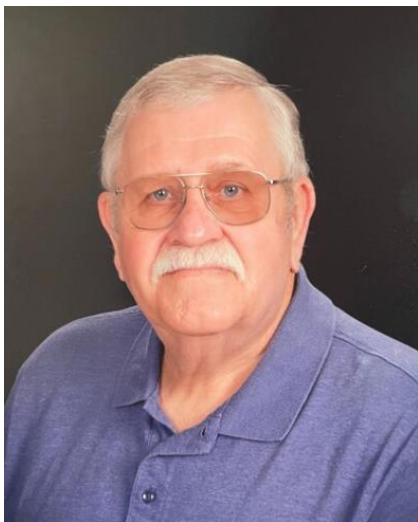
Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser

Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, 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, Shirley Wittenauer, Annette Lovelace, Mel Parker, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, and 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.



PRAY FOR Melvin Parker, husband of Barbara Parker, who died and was buried this past week. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May his soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex staring up at the large plaque that hung in the church's foyer. The plaque had names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up, stood beside him, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Father," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Father Paul, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, Alex, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died at the mass shooting." Then, soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 8:00 or 10:00 Mass?"

Samuel Beckett, an Irish novelist, wrote *The Unnamable*, first published in 1953 in French translated into English in 1958. This overarchingly spiritual novel describes the search for self, the meaning of life and suffering, and the vital force in the human person to break the impossible. Here is a piece of Beckett's thoughts: "...now it comes back to me, what it can possibly be, and where it can come from, since all is silent here, and the walls thick, and how I manage, without feeling an ear on me, or a head, or a body, or a soul, how I manage, to do what, how I manage, it's not clear, dear, you say it's not clear, something is wanting to make it clear, I'll seek, what is wanting, to make everything clear, I'm always seeking something, it's tiring in the end, and it's only the beginning, how I manage, under such conditions, to do what I'm doing, what am I doing, I must find out what I'm doing, tell me what you're doing and I'll ask you how it's possible, you must go on. I can't go on. I'll go on" (Beckett, *The Unnamable*, pp. 387, 386).

Sometimes we wake up overwhelmed with anxiety on how we would make it past the new day. We are preoccupied with paying bills or mortgage or just coping because of what is going on inside us. We feel like giving up. Well, in the first reading of this weekend, Elijah, the prophet, was at that point. He thought his life was over, so he prayed for death: "This is enough O Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers" (1 Kings 19:5 NAB). But then God sent an angel who gave him food and drink, which strengthened him. According to Beckett, something or someone wants to clarify how we manage to do what we do when we come to the end of the rope. Jesus says, in the gospel, "I am the bread of life." A friend of life is someone who loves you for who you are. In turn, you love them for who they essentially are. They are loyal, and they want to be there for you during some inevitable difficult moments of life. When Jesus says, "I am the bread of life," he means he is the food for life that does not just nourish the body but nourishes life in its essence. He gives himself for the life of the world in a way that the manna of the Old Testament could not. He is the one who is present with us in an extraordinary way, in the Eucharist. JESUS FOR LIFE!!



CONGRATULATIONS to Clint and Jennifer (Dehne) Riechman on the Baptism of their daughter, Amelia Lynne Riechman, on Saturday, August 10th, 2024. Welcome, Amelia, to the St. Augustine Parish Family and may God Bless you and your family.

St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-If you would like to be a server, lector, or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Kevin Schreder, 618-406-7037, or Annette Schreder, 618-791-6665, or the Parish office at 618-473-2217, or email staug@htc.net.

-We need two workers for each bingo shift during Kirchenfest...shifts are 6:30pm-8:45pm and 8:45pm-11pm. Contact John Kaiser @ 618-971-7591 or Neal Parker @ 618-791-2406 if you can help.

**Holy Day of Obligation- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, August 15th, 2024**

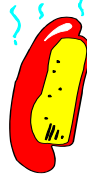
Wednesday Vigil Masses

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, Valmeyer- Wednesday, August 14th Vigil Mass 6:30pm
Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Waterloo- Wednesday, August 14th Vigil Mass @ 7pm**

Thursday Masses

**Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Waterloo- Thursday, August 15th Mass @ 8am
Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School (Students)- Thursday, August 15th Mass @ 9:30am
St. Augustine's of Canterbury, Hecker- Thursday, August 15th Mass @ 7pm**

**Please read all the news for Kirchenfest below!!!! Set-up begins this Wednesday!!!!
Please come and help if you can!!!**



Picnic



- **KEEP SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH 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 14th 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!!!

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Thursday, August 8th, we need help around **6:15pm**, to begin drying the bread for the dressing. Meet at HHC.

Wednesday, August 14th 6:30pm, we need help to break up the bread and cut up the chicken for the dressing. Meet at HCC.

Friday, August 16th 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!!!



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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 or give the Chairman, Aaron Eckart, a call at 618-920-5258.
- **BINGO WORKERS NEEDED**
 - Workers needed for both shifts 6:30pm-8:45pm, and 8:45pm-11pm
 - Contact John Kaiser if you can help 618-971-7591.
- **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 (\$30). 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: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/80828>.

Schreder to receive 4-H honor



Kevin Schreder

Kevin Schreder has been selected as the 2024 Monroe County 4-H Hall of Fame recipient. He will be recognized at the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 11.

4-H has been a large part of Schreder's life, and he has worked to make sure it remains a part of others' as well.

As an 11-year member of the Hecker Helpers 4-H Club in Monroe County, he learned various life skills through projects such as swine, baking, sewing and electricity.

It was his passion for swine that took him to the University of Illinois for a degree in animal science and ultimately back to Monroe County to work for local swine operations and support youth taking swine projects in 4-H.

His mentorship both one-on-one and with groups during 4-H swine workshops has provided value to many members.

Schreder's leadership skills as president of 4-H Federation for a teen prepared him for a position with the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation as an adult in 2009, in which he still serves.

Within this role, he is also co-chair of the Harvest Night dinner auction, raising funds for local 4-H programs.

In addition to ensuring the value of 4-H is provided to his community, Schreder also instilled these values in his four boys who all went through the 4-H program and supported his wife Annette while she was a leader with the Clover Friends 4-H Club.

**Congratulations
to
Kevin Schreder!!**

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CORNER

Following the opening ceremonies of the Olympics, I like many of you, was sickened and saddened by what Bishop Cozzens referred to as a "... public mockery of the Mass, the 'source and summit of the Christian life' ... The Last Supper was depicted in heinous fashion, leaving us in such shock, sorrow and righteous anger that words cannot describe it." Bishop Cozzens letter on this mockery can be found here https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zuG4Vw1BCclivt-3Na35TyQhcsxVX_g/view?usp=sharing . The French Bishops, The Holy See, top government officials in Iran and Turkey, along with other Muslim religious figures have also spoken out against this mockery. Following the outcry, an apology was issued, here's what Bishop Barron had to say about it - "This is anything but an apology, in fact it is a masterpiece of 'woke' duplicity! ... I don't think Christians should be mollified; I think we should keep raising our voices" The video of Bishop Barron's comments on the apology can be found with the QR code. As Bishop Cozzens says - "We may also be called upon to speak about this evil. Let us do so with love and charity, but also with firmness. ... Inspired by the many martyrs who shed their blood to witness to the truth of the Mass, we will not stand aside and quietly abide as the world mocks our greatest gift from the Lord Jesus. Rather, through our prayer and fasting, we will ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us with the virtue of fortitude so that we may preach Christ—our Lord and Savior, truly present in the Eucharist." Next week, it's back to more positive news about the Eucharistic Revival and the year of going out on mission.



-Deacon Tom Helfrich

DIOCESAN 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

“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”](#)

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ***Serve the Lord with gladness.*** ***-Psalm 100***

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 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.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S

PLEDGES TO DATE: 29

(\$6,240.00 Pledged as of 7/7/2024)

95% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!

(\$6,569.00 is the Parish Goal)



“I learned from working in summer catechetical programs that I loved sharing the faith and that community prayer was a great source of strength. As I taught children about being open to the different vocations and God’s plan for their life, I began to take this advice to heart. I soon visited a Convent and fell in love with the charism: bringing Christ to the young and the young to Christ. Through the generosity of fellow parishioners, I was able to pay off my student loans before entering the convent. This is truly a blessing, and their prayerful support gives me the courage to keep saying ‘YES’.” *Sister April Hoffman, Novice, Salesian Sisters, Newton, N.J. Columbia, “Keep the Faith Alive”, October 2015, pg. 50*



Serra International is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women who promote vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. Our local club, the **Serra Club of St. Clair County**, works to affirm our Priests and Religious, educate our youth on listening for the call to this life, and pray to increase our own personal holiness. Would you like to join this important work of the Church? We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month for Mass and a meeting at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Shiloh, IL. Contact Marvin Winkeler at 402-214-1155 or mewinkel51@gmail.com or visit our website at www.serrastclair.org for information.



2024 VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- **St. Michael, Paderborn – January thru December 2024. \$20 per ticket. 12 Chances to win!! Picture of quilts available inside Parish office. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine’s.**
- **St. Patrick’s Ruma – January thru December 2024; \$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 2024. Tickets are \$25.00 each. See your Parish Office for tickets or contact St. James, 618/476-3513.**
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Renault Quilt of the Month!**
Tickets are \$25.00 each for the year of drawings. Winner goes back into the box for a chance to be drawn next month. Please call Phyllis at 618-458-6854 or text Lisa 618-444-5544 to purchase a ticket.
- **Holy Trinity Catholic Church- St. Ann’s CCW, Quilt of the Month Raffle 2024**
Tickets are \$25.00 each, drawings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month; Contact Carol Geluck for more info! 618-792-9439.

Upcoming Local Church Picnics & Local Events

- **St. George- New Baden, IL Church Picnic-** 200 N. 3rd St. New Baden, IL
Saturday, August 10th, 2024- Chicken Dinner Served 3-7pm; Mass @ 4pm;
Lightening Raffle 5:45pm, Quilt & Gift card Bingo @ 6:30pm; Bounce
houses, basket stands, Texas poker, and more!
- **St. Michael's Church Picnic- Radom, IL-**
Saturday, August 10th, 2024- Polka Mass @ 4pm, Dinner begins at 3pm;
Quilt Bingo begins at 6:30pm.
- **St. Rosa of Lima Church Picnic-** St. Rose, Illinois
Saturday, August 10th, 2024- Mass @ 4pm, Chicken Dinner served after
mass. Quilt/cash bingo.
- **Holy Childhood- Mascoutah, IL.**
Saturday, August 24th, 2024- Mass @ 4pm. Dinner Served at 5:45PM,
Bingo @ 6:30pm
- **St. Theresa/St. Luke- Belleville, IL- St. Theresa School Grounds**
Saturday, August 24th, 2024- 1108 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL
Mass @ 4pm. Fried Chicken Dinner served 4-11pm, Bingo, Live music,
raffles, poker, basket booth, Silent auction booth, children's games & more!
- **St. Joseph Parish Picnic- 138 St Joseph Ln, Apple Creek, MO**
Saturday, August 31, 2024- Mass @ 4pm; All-You-Can-eat Buffet Dinner
featuring Kettle cooked beef and fried chicken served from 3-7:30pm, carry-
outs available; Meal tickets \$13.00 adults/ Children \$5.00 ages 6-11;
Games, country store, Toddler play area, bingo, raffles, and beer garden!

