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House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618-939-8680

**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.

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THEME FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Fri. 8/11 8:00 am- Esther Eckart, Norbert Wittenauer, and a Special Intention
- Sat. 8/12 5:00 pm- Denny Karban, Agnes & Cletus Gregson, and Roy Schreder
- Sun. 8/13 8:30am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Tues. 8/15 8:00 am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Fri. 8/18 8:00am- Don Braun, John Rheinecker, and Frank Gregson
- Sat. 8/19 5:00pm- For a Successful Kirchenfest
- Sun. 8/20 8:30am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



REMINDERS:

**Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, August 21st, 2023
7pm, Parish Office**

**Parish Council
Meeting
Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023
7pm, Parish Center**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 8-6-2023

Envelopes (90)- \$4,367.00

Loose- \$157.00

Youth- \$11.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-
\$1,800.00

Scholarship Fund - \$235.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)
Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

KIRCHENFEST

Saturday, August 19th, 3pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister:
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Sunday, August 20th, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle
Lector: May Stelhorn
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, 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, Ethel Mae Kreher, Heather Grohmann Kurtz and Sister Sarah Harbaugh.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Allen and Kayce Schaefer on the Baptism of their son, Hudson Allen Schaefer, on Saturday, August 12th, 2023. Welcome, Hudson, to the St. Augustine Parish Family and may God bless you and your family.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 15th,
1-5pm
Hecker Community
Center

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday of the Year—A

A Catholic priest, a Baptist preacher, and a rabbi fish in a lake. The preacher has to use the bathroom, so he walks across the water, does his business, and walks back. Then the rabbi has to go, so he walks across the water, does his business, and walks back. The Catholic has to go, but when he gets out, he falls into the water. He swims back, gets back into the boat, and says, "God, let me walk across the water." He tries again and falls into the water, swims back, tries again and falls again. The Baptist leans over to the rabbi and asks, "Do you think we should tell him where the stepping-stones are?"

One thing we learn every day is that God does not always speak to us in extraordinary ways like performing miracles every time. But he mostly speaks to us in ordinary things and circumstances that we need to be very attentive to hear him. Ironically the one thing that the modern-day society is not comfortable with is peace and quietness. Tell me where you can go today, occupied by humans, that there is no noise? The story we read this weekend follows Jesus feeding of the multitude, which was set in the occasion of Jesus trying to get away, but the crowd kept following him. In the narrative, Jesus sends the disciples away on a boat while he dismissed the crowd and then spend some quiet time in prayer. So, he succeeds in getting away for a while. Here, Mathew wants us to connect Jesus busy life and miracles with his quiet and prayer life. The twist of this story is that in the early morning, when they are still far from land, they experience turbulence and strong wind. Although they are in a terrible situation, it is the appearance of Jesus not the wind that frightens them. Seeing Jesus, they thought he was a ghost. What is it about ghosts that they got so terrified?

In Jesus time the Jews held that thought that the sea represents much more than a physical reality. Thus, the sea was a hostile place to be, and the disciples of Jesus knew that. So, when they saw a figure walk on water, the person had to be metaphysical or a product of the hostility of the sea. Like other disciples, Peter is panicked. Even when Jesus spoke saying, do not be afraid, it is I, Peter was not sure. That explains the response of Peter. "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus of course commanded him to come on the water. This is one of those moments, like the transfiguration where Jesus reveals his identity and mission to the disciples. What is clear here is that every disciple is called to take courage and step out in faith even amid troubling times and the world's hostility. Such bold steps must come with the assurance that Jesus is always there to extend his hands and lift us up if we sink.

THE
ASSUMPTION
OF MARY



AUGUST 15TH

Holy Day of Obligation for ASSUMPTION MASSES

Assumption Vigil Mass (SSPPCC) Monday, August 14th @ 6:30pm

Assumption Mass (St. Augustine's) Tuesday, August 15th @ 8am

Assumption Mass (SSPPCC) Tuesday, August 15th @ 8 am

Assumption Mass (SSPPCC) Tuesday, August 15th @ 9:30am

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. 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.

Diocese Volunteer Needed:

We're currently in need of a grief group leader at the cemetery. It's the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm and usually lasts an hour. This is a volunteer position, ideal for a person who is familiar with grief-as I'm sure we most are. Please call 618-397-0181 if you're interested.

Thank you,
Jessi Brown, Office Manager
Catholic Diocese of Belleville

Pre-Cana will be held at:

St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Catholic
Church

1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

DATE: Saturday, September 16, 2023 TIME:

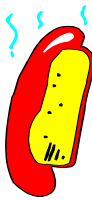
9:25AM – 6:30PM

Includes Mass at 5:00PM COST: \$75.00

(includes lunch)

RSVP to:

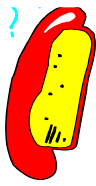
Deacon Mark Kabat (618) 316-8027 or E-mail
at: mark.kabat@farmcredtil.com



Picnic



- **KEEP SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH AVAILABLE...THAT'S THE DATE OF THE KIRCHENFEST THIS YEAR!!!! MASS THAT DAY ONLY WILL BE HELD AT 3:00 PM.**
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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.
 - **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.
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- **BINGO WORKERS NEEDED**
 - Workers needed for both shifts 6:30-8:45pm, and 8:45-11pm
 - Please call Joan Powell at 618/473-9335
- **TIKI TROT**
 - **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 at Follow the Hecker Tiki Trot page on Facebook for more information!!



PICNIC



➤ **NEED cashiers! Please see Cindy Grohmann if you can help serve as a cashier during dinner!**

➤ **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; your basket items; or your donation at 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 16th 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**
Wednesday, August 16 6:30, need help to break up the bread and cut up the chicken for the dressing.

Friday, August 18th after mass, around 8:30, 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

Sister Sarah Harbaugh Mission Update!

“Friends, I am heading to El Paso for a month to volunteer with migrants crossing the border. This adventure has been off to an interesting start with a severe thunderstorm blowing through the area as I was being dropped off at the airport. After almost an hour long wait in the security line due to the power going out for a moment, I am at my gate. My flights are just slightly delayed, but I trust all will work out. Please pray for me and those I will be working with during this experience: I'll try to post updates here for you all to journey with me. I'm excited to see what God has in store for me in this adventure!

One highlight of today was Mass with the migrants. Sharing the Body and Blood makes us all equals. This present were volunteers and migrants. Catholics and not. English, Spanish, and French speakers. Children and adults.

Tonight, I am reminded about the simplicity of a game of basketball. I played with a groups of boys tonight. Even though my Spanish is no bueno, we had fun and my team won!”

NEWS FROM GIBAULT...

Gibault Men's Club Full Moon Ride

The Gibault Men's Club in coordination with the City of Waterloo is sponsoring the Full Moon Ride, a five-mile bike ride through the streets of Waterloo on Friday, September 8th. Individuals (\$25) and families (\$75) are invited. All riders are guaranteed a t-shirt if registered by August 21st. The ride starts at 8:00pm (assembly at 7:00pm) at Gibault Catholic High School. To register, please send your check payable to Gibault Catholic High School, c/o Full Moon Ride, 501 Columbia Ave., Waterloo, IL 62298 or use the link [,https://gibaulthawks.square.site](https://gibaulthawks.square.site). For additional information, please text Darren Mechler, [\(618\) 972-9989](tel:6189729989), or Mark Reinholz, [\(314\) 496-0056](tel:3144960056). Please include shirt sizes (adult unisex and youth sizes available).

NEWS FROM Ss. Peter and Paul Church

We will have Adoration and Benediction for families on Sunday August 27 from 3 – 4 pm in church. This is for all members of the parish, especially those with children of any age. Age appropriate worship aids will be provided along with a brief reading and reflection on the Eucharist for children.

-Deacon Tom, SPPCC



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple *remained* at the foot of the Cross.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

[“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice](#)

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

Parishioners of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Invite you to:

Every 1st Thursday of the month, 8:15am Mass and Devotional Prayers following Mass for the Intercession of St. Peregrine for all our brothers and sisters who are ill.
Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 5923 North Belt West, Belleville, IL

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Journey to Nicaea: The Evolution of Christianity from Gospel to Creed

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD, September 2 10:00 am – Noon The first four centuries of the Christian era saw an incredible evolution – from a tiny movement in Israel to a vast, thriving institution in much of the Roman Empire. In its earliest days the Christian movement was a disorganized network of communities with no Bible, no central authority, and no unified system of beliefs. But by the year 400 the Church had adopted a universal statement of faith – the Nicene Creed. In this three-part series we will explore Christianity’s historical and theological journey from Jerusalem to Nicaea.
cost: \$10 per session / \$30 for the series. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org>

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

YOU have the opportunity to support the men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$50,000. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

Pledges to Date: 30

\$5,680.00

89% of our goal!

“Our faith formation begins through the faith of others, and my Maronite parents were instrumental in teaching me to do God’s will. Still, religious life was not something I considered until I attended a discussion about vocations as a teenager. After the talk, the thought came “I guess it’s possible God is calling me to become a sister.” Immediately, however, came a quick “No, I don’t think so.” Yet God gradually opened my heart as I grew in knowledge of Him and His merciful love for me. His invitation persisted, and through prayer and the sacraments – the mysteries, as Maronites call them – I came to realize His will and my vocation with much joy. When I met the Religious Sisters of Mercy toward the end of my fourth year of medical school, I knew I had found the community where God was Calling me to love and serve Him.”

Sr. Mary Rafqa Boulos; Religious Sisters of Mercy. *Columbia Magazine* May 2023



The Serra Club of St. 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 and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at Corpus Christi Parish Hall 206 Rasp St. Shiloh, IL 62269. We begin Mass at 11:00 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244 **Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS

- **St. Michael's Catholic Church**
Saturday, August 12th, 2023 Random, IL
Polka Mass at 4pm, Dinner serves at 3pm, Quilt/Cash Bingo at 6:30pm
- **St. George Parish Picnic**, 200th North 8th St,
New Baden , IL 62295
Saturday, August 12th, 3pm-Midnight, Fried Chicken Dinner Served 3-7pm with
carry outs available, Mass at 4pm, Lightning Bingo to begin at 5:45pm,
followed by Bingo at 6:30pm
- **St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church-** St. Rose, IL
Saturday, August 12th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, Chicken Dinner and Quilt/Cash Bingo to follow
- **Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows- Visitor Center**
"When Mental Illness Hits Home
Friday, August 25th, 2023 9-4pm
\$40.00/person including lunch
- **Holy Childhood of Mascoutah, IL**
Saturday, August 26th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, Dinner and Quilt/Cash Bingo to follow
- **St. Theresa/St. Luke-** Belleville, IL
Saturday, August 26th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, Dinner and Quilt bingo to follow
- **Immaculate Conception Picnic Columbia, IL**
September 1st and 4th, 2023 11-7pm both days
Chicken Dinner, Quilt Bingo 11-7pm both days
- **St. Joseph's- Freeburg, IL**
Friday and Saturday, September 8-9th, 2023
Mass, Dinner and Bingo info to come later this month
- **St. Stephen-Caseyville, IL**
Friday-Saturday, September 8-9th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, Chicken Dinner 4-8pm (both days)
Quilt/Cash Bingo 5-11pm (both days)
- **Holy Trinity – Fairview Heights, IL**
Saturday, September 16th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, 4-10pm Food, Inflatables, quilt and cash raffles
- **Corpus Christi Catholic Church Rummage Sale**
205 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL, Corpus Christi Parish Center
Friday, September 15th, 2023, 6-8pm, \$3.00/person Admission
Saturday, September 16th, 8-1pm, Bag Sale Sunday 17th, 10-2pm
- **Life Network Trivia Night, Waterloo High School Cafeteria**
Saturday, September 30th, 2023 Doors open @5pm
Start Time is 6pm SHARP, Raffle Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Prize Wheel,
Attendance Prizes, Max 10/ table/ \$150.00 per table
Bring your own food/drink, NO ALCOHOL, Soda and water to be sold.



5 Finger Prayer

4) The ring finger is the weakest. Pray for the sick, poor, and those most in need.

5) The pinkie finger is the smallest. Pray for **yourself** and your own needs.

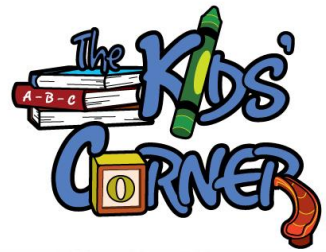
3) The middle finger is the tallest. Pray for leaders in government, business, and the church.

2) The pointer finger is used to give directions. Pray for teachers, coaches, therapists, doctors, and first responders.

1) Your thumb is closest to your heart, so pray for those closest to you - your family and friends.



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Jeremiah said God is like ...

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Israel Forsakes God

Jeremiah was a prophet. He said to Israel, "Hear the word of the Lord."

Find and count the hidden objects in the picture.



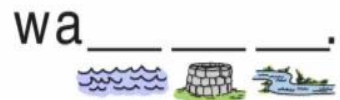
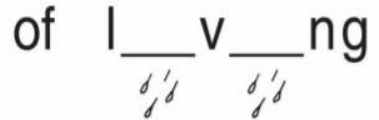
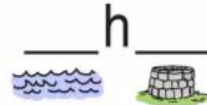
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For Mary, Woman Who Listens

Mary, woman who listen, open our ears;
Grant us to know how to listen to the Word
of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world;
Grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live,
To every person we encourage,
Especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.
Mary, woman of decision,
Illuminate our minds and our hearts,,
so that we may obey the Word
of your Son Jesus without hesitation;
Give us the courage to decide
Not to let ourselves be dragged along,
Letting others direct our life.
Mary, woman of action,
Make it so that our hands and feet
Move with haste toward others,
Bringing, as You did, the light of the Gospel to the world.

Prayer written by Pope Francis May 31, 2013