

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line 618-792-4059**

**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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Fri. 8/18 8:00 am- Don Braun, John Rheinecker, and Frank Gregson
- Sat. 8/19 3:00 pm- For A Successful Kirchenfest
- Sun. 8/20 8:30am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Fri. 8/25 8:00am- Verena Kreher, Roy Schreder, and Wally & Mike Amann
- Sat. 8/26 5:00pm- Eleanor Braun, Joe Jung, and Jerry Mollet
- Sun. 8/27 8:30am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
7pm, Parish Office**

**Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
7pm, Parish Center**

**NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday,  
August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 2pm**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 8-13-2023**

Envelopes (39)- \$2,237.00

Loose- \$236.00

Youth- \$11.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$238.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader  
Lector: Ruth Wittenauer  
Servers:  
Extraordinary Minister: Elaine Rader  
Extraordinary Minister Wine:  
Camera: Dana Mehrmann

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler  
Lector: Betty Schreder  
Servers:  
Extraordinary Minister: Bernadette Gregson  
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) Firnkas, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Heather Grohmann Kurtz, Sister Sarah Harbaugh, and Sharon Nielon.

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.*



### Eucharistic Minister Training

There will be Eucharistic Minister refresher/training on September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>, both following Mass. If you are interested in becoming an EM, please attend!



**CLEAN UP WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 AM  
ON SUNDAY MORNING...ANY HELP  
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**

### **WELCOME VISITORS...**

Please enjoy our picnic activities --  
we appreciate your support!!!!

# FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A

*A four-year-old boy was asked by his mother what he had learned in Bible school where the theme was Discipleship and Saving Mother Earth. He said, "It was all about Jesus and the 12 recycles.*

The story of the Canaanite woman that we read this weekend is very shocking at first. The story opens with a picture of Jesus who does not have time for people outside his inner circle of follower. His engagement with the woman is scandalous, especially referring to her as a dog. She is simply asking for help for her daughter who is possessed by demons, and yet Jesus calls her a dog—a name that the Jews called Gentiles. This attitude opens the questions about prejudice and God's choice of Israel.

Jesus was raised in a culture of separation by race, gender, class, and ethnicity... just like every one of us. And like a typical Jew in a relationship with "the others", he makes the woman in the story to see herself as not part of the chosen people of God. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." (Mathew 15: 26 NAB). The very name Canaanite roused memories of foes and idol worshippers in the sensibility of the Jews. Moreover, that the woman lived in a pagan territory made her unclean. Jesus' Jewish identity is well established here, and we cannot "de-Judaize" him. However, our understanding of Jesus and his mission must begin from his cultural and historical personality.

However, there is another interesting twist in the story. It is not about Jesus taking initiative to a gentile mission but about a Gentile woman who believes she can be part of God's plan of salvation. By so doing she describes what faith is like—the substance of things we hope for and the evidence of things we do not see.

The woman's persistence takes us to another and a more complete portrait of Jesus. She kneels at his feet; she pleads with him; and she does not take no for an answer. She loved her child and wanted a healing for her so badly. She knew and believed that Jesus could heal her child. The complete portrait of Jesus here is that though he was a Jew, he is also fully the son of God, merciful and compassionate. The grace of God is not limited by culture or gender or color. Jesus crossed the boundary of culture and gender through the agency of one whose demands challenged such limitation.

In our deeply polarized society, people who are different from us are easily misunderstood or dismissed. But Christians must decide if they must let go of their cultural boundaries, organized plan and respond to the needs that arise in the community unannounced. Jesus' love and compassion have no boundaries. The graciousness of God shatters the division and barriers that emerge out of human experience. ***God is good all the time; all the time God is good!***

**Congratulations to Father Evaristus for  
celebrating 19 years as a priest on  
August 20<sup>th</sup>!!  
May the Lord bless you abundantly!!**



**Bishop's Mass for Wedding Anniversaries October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 PM Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter honoring the sacrament of Matrimony. All couples celebrating their Twenty-Fifth, Thirtieth, Fortieth, Fiftieth, as well as, all years from 60 on up, Wedding Anniversaries will be recognized.

The Bishop asks **all Jubilarians WHO ARE CELEBRATING 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 AND MORE YEARS OF MARRIAGE** and/or their family members to **send the names and addresses of those celebrating their Jubilee Wedding Anniversary to the Parish Office as soon as possible.** If your personal invitation does not arrive, or if you do not send the parish your names, you are still most welcome to attend. Family members and guests are welcome as well. The Cathedral is handicap accessible.

**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.



# Picnic



## ANNUAL KIRCHENFEST ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

618-473-2217 -- Hecker, Illinois – 15 miles south of Belleville on Route 159

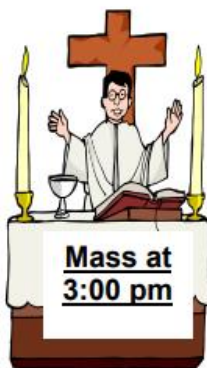
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS AND BUILDING –  
2 BLOCKS EAST OF CHURCH

### Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**OLD-FASHIONED  
FRIED CHICKEN &  
PORK SAUSAGE  
DINNER**

**Family Style Buffet**  
MAX 4 PIECES OF MEAT  
(1/2 CHICKEN OR ¼ CHICKEN & 2  
SAUSAGES)  
WITH DRESSING, DESSERTS,  
DRINKS, ETC.

Served indoors in A/C –  
Hecker Community Center  
Building – serving begins at  
3:00 pm–No tickets will be sold  
after 7:00 pm.



Mass at  
3:00 pm

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TIKI TROT**  
**5K Competitive & Fun**  
**Run/Walk and**  
**Half-mile Youth Run/Walk**  
**ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION**

[https://www.athlinks.com/  
event/hecker-tiki-trot-5k-  
17247](https://www.athlinks.com/event/hecker-tiki-trot-5k-17247)

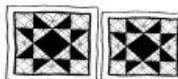
For info  
email [tikitrot@yahoo.com](mailto:tikitrot@yahoo.com)

Pre-register by 8/1 receive  
T-shirt



**Music by**  
**The Saloonatics**  
**7-11PM**

Come see our  
Kids Korner  
Games! Cake  
Stand, Silent  
Auction,  
Baskets,  
Country Store,  
Sandwich  
Stand etc.  
Most stands  
opening after  
3pm Mass!



### 6:30 P.M. QUILT BINGO

BL#51810

**CONTACT INFO ON DAY OF PICNIC ONLY**

If you have questions about the weather affecting  
any of the activities, call Parish Office at

618-473-2217.

**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  
Cemetery Association

**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](mailto:mark.kabat@farmcredtil.com)

**Deepen Your Faith in a Fall JustFaith Catholic Small Group!**

**How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer?** JustFaith Catholic programs are 8 week programs designed for small groups of 8-14 people. In a spirit of deep prayer and dialogue, the programs explore the Gospel's call to respond to poverty in our local community and globally. Group members are equipped groups with the tools to take effective sustainable action in accordance with Catholic Social Teaching. Each program includes a hands-on immersion experience for participants to spend time with a community organization that works to alleviate poverty.

JustFaith Catholic programs were developed by JustFaith Ministries in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. Virtual and in-person programs are being offered in our diocese this fall.

## 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, or Mark Reinholz, (314) 496-0056. 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, SSPPCC



**Registration for the  
2023-2024 School  
Year is open!**

Please visit the web site below to complete the registration form and waivers:  
<https://www.ssppcc.org/psr-registration---fees>

**PSR Opening Mass:**  
PSR will open for the school year on Wednesday,  
September 6 with Mass beginning at 6:30 pm.



## DIOCESAN INFORMATION

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

[“How to Build a Culture of Life](#)

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>





# *HOMESCHOOL FAMILY MASS*

WITH

**Bishop Michael McGovern**

**September 13, 2023**

**St. Clare Parish**

1411 Cross St, O'Fallon, IL

**11 AM Mass**

Complimentary luncheon will follow the Mass. Families are encouraged to bring used or new homeschooling materials to sell or exchange. Please drop off books in the Fellowship Hall before Mass, marked with name and price, or “free.”



# Young Adult Mass with Bishop McGovern



Cathedral of St. Peter  
200 W Harrison St,  
Belleville, IL 62220



Sunday, September  
10th, 2023



5 PM Mass with  
Reception following  
in the Undercroft.

*STAY CONNECTED*



Diocese of Belleville  
Young Adults



[youngadults@diobelle.org](mailto:youngadults@diobelle.org)



<https://www.diobelle.org/faith-formation/young-adults>



## The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

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

*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.*

**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](http://serrastclair.org)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

## How to Build a Culture of Life

*Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life](http://respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life).*

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

**Our mission  
field is  
daily life.**

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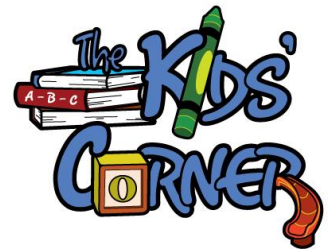
# UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS

***New events/dates added weekly!!!***

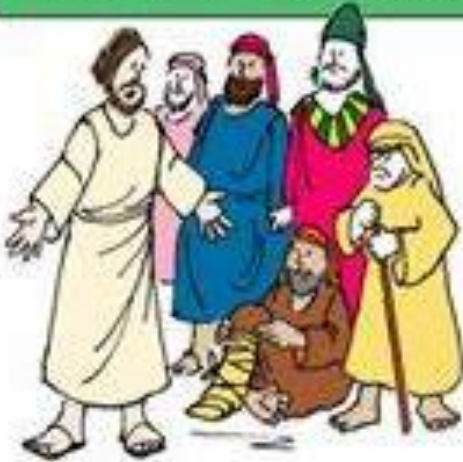
- Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows- Visitor Center**  
 “When Mental Illness Hits Home  
 Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9-4pm  
 \$40.00/person including lunch
- Holy Childhood of Mascoutah, IL**  
 Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Mass at 4pm, Dinner and Quilt/Cash Bingo to follow
- St. Theresa/St. Luke- Belleville, IL**  
 Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Mass at 4pm, Dinner and Quilt bingo to follow
- Immaculate Conception Picnic Columbia, IL**  
 September 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 11-7pm both days  
 Chicken Dinner, Quilt Bingo 11-7pm both days
- St. Joseph Parish- Perryville, MO**  
 Saturday, September 2, 2023 1-11pm, Mass 3pm @Shrine weather permitting  
 All you can eat buffet, hamburgers, grilled cheese, ice cream  
 Adults \$13.00/ Children \$5.00 (6 to 11)
- St. Joseph’s- Freeburg, IL**  
 Friday and Saturday, September 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Mass, Dinner and Bingo info to come later this month
- St. Stephen-Caseyville, IL**  
 Friday-Saturday, September 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Mass at 4pm, Chicken Dinner 4-8pm (both days)  
 Quilt/Cash Bingo 5-11pm (both days)
- Holy Trinity – Fairview Heights, IL**  
 Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6-8pm, \$3.00/person Admission  
 Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 8-1pm, Bag Sale Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 10-2pm
- St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish Picnic- Belleville, IL**  
 Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 4-10pm, 4pm Mass  
 Quilt and Cash Bingo 7pm, All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner 3-6:30pm
- Corpus Christi Trivia Night- Shiloh, IL**  
 Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Doors open 6pm, Trivia at 7pm, \$10.00/person, table of 10 \$100.00  
 Reserve a table call 618-632-7614  
 Bring your own drinks and snacks. 50/50, silent auction, and more!
- Life Network Trivia Night, Waterloo High School Cafeteria**  
 Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Why did the people come to Jesus?



Use the code and fill in the blanks below to find the answer.



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"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV

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7,1 6,2 7,3 8,1 4,1 7,3 8,1 7,3

**HAVE FUN AT THE  
PICNIC!!!**

**LET your**

**LIGHT**

**SHINE**

**Before**

**OTHERS**

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**Matthew 5:16**