

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Cell #618-666-2217**

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri. 8/4 8:00 am- Bonnie Casey, Ruth Cortner, and Deceased KC Members

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

Sun. 8/6 8:30am- John Link, Roy Schreder, and Urban Wittenauer

Fri. 8/11 8:00am- Esther Eckart and a Special Intention

Sat. 8/12 5:00pm- Denny Karban, Agnes & Cletus Gregson, and Roy Schreder

Sun. 8/13 8:30am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**Anointing of the Sick
will take place THIS
weekend after both
Masses.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 7-30-2023

Envelopes (28)- \$871.00

Loose- \$148.00

5th Sunday Collection- \$287.00

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

Scholarship Fund - \$0

(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 12th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Lector: Kevin Schreder
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Sunday, August 13th, 8:30am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart
Lector: Jonella Donius
Servers: Doerrs
Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr
Extraordinary Minister Wine: John Kaiser
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.



Scholarship Donation

Thanks to the many generous donations, St. Augustine's was able to send a check to SSPPCS for \$3,644.50 to assist with tuition needs of our families for the next 2023-2024 school year!!

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

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for the Feast of Transfiguration

At the parish council meeting, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Kevin, to open the meeting with prayer. Kevin did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Kevin replied, "I am sorry, but I wasn't talking to you."

Our Gospel, this weekend, narrates the story of the transfiguration. Jesus takes some of his disciples away from the business of the village and marketplace. He invites them to go up with him to the mountain, where he went to pray from time to time. While they were there praying Jesus was *transfigured*. His face changed in appearance, and his clothing became dazzling white. It was a beautiful and amazing scene. On the other hand, the Apostles were surprised when they saw what happened. But more importantly, they were awed when they heard the voice of God that thundered "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." These words are as significant to us today as they were for those who first heard them. Today, we are surrounded by so much noise around the clock. We are bombarded by the audio-visual distraction from computer, TV, and other technologies. Additionally, market advertisements and different forms of entertainment crave our attention. Moreover, politics and their diverse ideologies bombard our sensibilities. Amid all these, God breaks into our world and our lives to remind us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear, and experience every day. Thus, every time we experience a moment of amazement, joy, and peace, God directs us something greater than our world.

Moses and Elijah, who appeared to converse with Jesus at his transfiguration, symbolize life's eternity. Moreover, all the Law and the prophets converge in Christ. Consequently, when we listen to Christ, we claim our proper place in the divine life as sons and daughters of God. Therefore, this week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. Let us slow down and watch out for our small moment of transfiguration and discover what God has to say.

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



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



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

**Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School
First Day of School
Tuesday, August 15th**

**Gibault Catholic High School
Freshman & New Student Orientation
Aug 15-16th**

**Gibault Catholic High School
First Day of School
Thursday, August 17th**

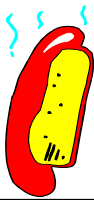


Both Associated Bank and Midland States Bank will allow you to set up “St. Augustine’s Catholic Church” under your Bill Pay options. There is no charge for doing this and you can set it up to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly etc. I would assume that if these two banks will allow this that most if not all of the other banks would as well. Check with your banking institution to see if they offer this service.

I wanted to share this information with you as an option that won’t cost you or the parish any fees. If you have any additional questions, please give me a call at 473-2217 or send me an email at

staug@htc.net.

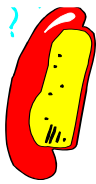
Thanks, Lori Rozhon, Parish Secretary



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.**
- **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.
- **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!!



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 - **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** – To have a successful dinner, we need help! Friday, August 11th, need help after church around 8:45, to begin drying the bread for the dressing.

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

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

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

122nd St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Seminary) Picnic

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Perryville, MO at the Seminary Grove will be held on:
Friday, August 4th 6-11pm
Saturday, August 5th 1-11pm
Sunday, August 6th 11am-8pm

Chicken and beef dinners- Buffet style- all you can eat. Serving times:
Saturday 3-7pm, Sunday 11-5pm
\$13.00 Adults/ \$6.00 Children (9-12)

You will find rides and amusement attractions as well as our very own Antique Carousel. Live entertainment, and washers Fri, Sat, and Sun.
Quilt bingo Fri, Sat, and Sun.

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.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86).

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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



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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

Saturdays, August 5 and 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!



The Transfiguration account leaves us the powerful words: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Wow! We need to encourage all men and women to "listen" to their call. We need men to hear the call of the Lord to become a priest and to then celebrate the Eucharist. We need our women to consider dedicating themselves to the consecrated life and spread God's kingdom through their prayer and acts of charity.



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**

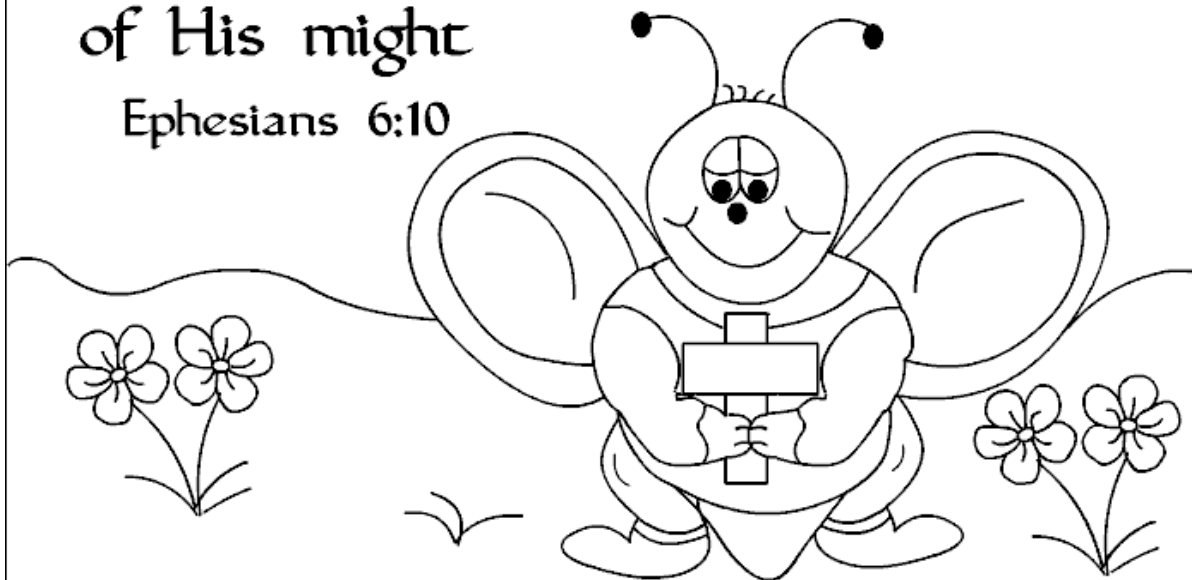
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS

- **St. Joseph's Annual Church Picnic**
802 Middle St, Prairie Du Rocher, IL, Mass at 4pm
Saturday, August 5th, 2023 Serving Chicken Dinner 3-7:30pm
Cash and Quilt Bingo 5-11pm
- **St. Anthony's Parish Picnic**, Church Grounds,
Route 153, Lively Grove, IL 62268
Saturday, August 5th, 2023, Chicken Dinner
served 4-8pm, Quilt Bingo starting at 6:30pm, Dinner Rain or Shine!
- **St. Francis Catholic Church Picnic-** Aviston, IL
Saturday, August 5th, 2023, Mass at 4pm,
Quilt Bingo at 6:30pm, Every game for a quilt!
- **St. Patrick Church-Tipton** Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner,
Sunday, August 6th, 2023
Dinner 11am-4pm, Carry-Outs Available, Auction beginning at Noon;
Rummage and Bake Sale *July 28th & 29th 7am-12pm*, Located in Church Hall
(Rummage Sale items half price on Auction Day)
- **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
- **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.

Finally, my brethren, Be Strong
in the Lord, and in the power
of His might

Ephesians 6:10



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Busy Bees



FUN FACTS ABOUT BEES!

One bee hive can produce 200 pounds of honey in one year!



There are about 20,000 species of bees around the world!

Honeybees have 5 eyes!

Honeybees have hairy eyes!

Bees work **very** hard and are **very** awesome! ❤️



Bees are found on all continents except Antarctica!

Honeybees keep the temperature inside their hives 93 degrees!

Honeybees can be trained to detect illness in the human body! 🤖

A healthy queen bee can lay 1,500 eggs per day in the spring!



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**

We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

800-640-3044.

**Purchase SPPCS “Scrip Cards” for your shopping
and gift giving needs!**

Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider
purchasing “scrip cards” to use in place of cash, checks or
credit cards for purchases you make.

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family’s account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you.

St. Augustine’s contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern.
You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.

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