

## 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 Second Sunday in Lent**

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday 02/27	8:00 am- Norbert Wittenauer
Saturday, 02/28	5:00 pm – For the Parish of St. Augustine
Sunday, 03/01	8:00 am- For the Parish of St. Augustine
Friday, 03/06	8:00am- Roy Schreder and Special Intention
Saturday, 03/07	5:00pm- For the Parish of St. Augustine
Sunday, 03/08	8:00am- Don Braun



#### **OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 02-22-26:**

Weekly Envelopes- \$583.00  
Loose- \$166.00  
Youth- \$2.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-*  
**\$2868.30**

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

### Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5:00pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker  
Servers: Mallory Kern  
Lector: Donna Rheinecker  
Extraordinary Minister: Angie Kern  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss  
Camera:

### Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 8:00 am

Set Up: Margie Holle  
Servers: Doerr's  
Lector: Kay Haudrich  
Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Margie Holle  
Camera:

### **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 Stelhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Sydney Furman, Dorothy Christiansen, Arline Wittenauer, Andy Amann.

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



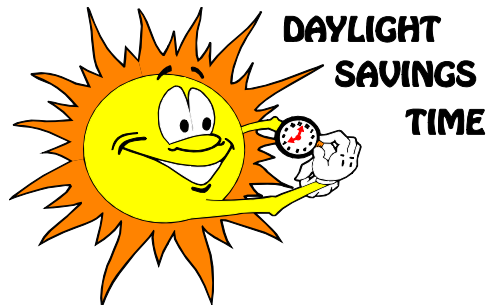
## **The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – Next Weekend**

Next weekend our parish and others throughout the diocese will have an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to serve thousands of people in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal at Mass next weekend; **every contribution – large or small – is truly needed and appreciated.** If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the in-pew envelopes that will be available. Thank you so much for your consideration.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday mornings after 8:00 am mass and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm during lent. If anyone could help with Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings, please contact Kevin Schreder at 618-406-7037**
- **Please help yourself to the Little Black Books for Lent. They are in the back of church.**
- **Rice Bowls are available for the Lenten Season. They can be picked up in the back of church.**
- **Please let the office know if you have any changes to your address or phone number. I will be printing the Parish Contact List for 2026, within the next couple of weeks.**
- **Anointing of the sick will be next weekend March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> after mass.**

**Daylight Savings  
Time begins Sunday,  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Remember to set you  
Clocks a head 1 hour.**



## **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>.

As we continue our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel Jesus "transfiguring" Himself to the Apostles. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Those powerful words remind each of us to "listen" to our call of vocation in life.

Encourage each other to live our vocations, especially those considering a choice of religious life.



## **Respect Life Corner**

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

## Reflection for the Second Sunday in Lent

*The preacher's 5-year-old daughter noticed that her preacher father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me to preach a good sermon." "Well then, how come He doesn't do it?" she asked.*

Our Gospel this weekend narrates the story of the Transfiguration. In this event, God reveals himself so that we can know him as he is. Consequently, God is not removed from our world; His glory is with us. In the event of the transfiguration Jesus “face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.” This scene is beautiful and amazing. Thus, the apostles are surprised because they see the glory of God and feel the mystery of God’s love. God speaks from out of the cloud saying, “This is my chosen Son, listen to him. This proclamation is an invitation to the disciples to participate in the very mystery of Christ’s sonship.

Christianity is a religion of relationship with God and with each other. Moses and Elijah who appear in a conversation with Jesus symbolize the eternity of life in the divine person. Moreover, the Law and the prophet converge in the person of Christ. Therefore, when we listen to Christ, we claim our true place in the divine life and realize our essential connection to others.

The season of Lent calls us listen to Jesus and to see him in his glory. However, the 21st century culture makes us think that we’ve got it all figured out because of technological capabilities. As a result, we are unable to recognize the glory of the Lord even when it is revealed to us. There are things happening all around us all the time that continue to reveal the working of God.

Perhaps during this season, we may ask ourselves these questions: Are we giving God sufficient time to speak to us? Is there any way I can see His glory in the world? Jesus is always with us when we are afraid and when we suffer. He is with us when we can't feel His presence or his love for us. He is also there for us when we are having difficulty finding purpose in our lives. It might take us time to come to this knowledge. It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus and the longer they were with Him the better they got to know him. The same thing happens to us. We also grow gradually in our understanding of Jesus and in understanding what He is asking of us. Today in his Transfiguration, he promises that if we journey with him, he will change our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body in the resurrection.

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a **Buildings and Grounds Technician**. The person in this position performs routine maintenance and repairs on building systems, manages and repairs equipment, vehicles, and building furnishings such as boilers, furnace filters, and floor drains; works closely with outside contractors and vendors for specialized repairs and projects: responsible for snow/ice removal; and assists with lawn maintenance.

Candidates should have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED, and five or more years' experience with building maintenance and repairs. Visit <https://www.diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities> for the full advertisement.  
**Deadline: March 13, 2026**

### **Retreat Day for Young Women**

High school and single young adult women are invited to join us for a diocesan day of prayer, sisterhood, and reflection with Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM. This special day will include Mass, Adoration, inspiring talks, and lunch. It is open to any single young woman who desires to deepen her relationship with the Lord.

For questions or more information, please contact [vocations@diobelle.org](mailto:vocations@diobelle.org).

**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2026, | 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**Location:** St. Nicholas, O'Fallon, IL

### **Gibault Update**

6th-8th Graders are invited to participate in our annual AMPLify contest on March 5th - Show off your Art, Math and Poetry skills! Sign up by going to our website and clicking on the AMPLify link. We are still taking applications - Go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply. **Tuition Assistance**

**Applications are also being accepted until February 28, 2026.** New Student Scholarship Applications are due by March 31, 2026. All 7th and 8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors. Go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to request more information. Questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at [pkueker@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibalthawks.com). We want to welcome your student Home at Gibault!