

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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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, **9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

**\*EFFECTIVE MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>-CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS 8:30am-3:00 pm\***

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**THEME FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you. Rather, love your neighbor as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful, treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat. 2-18 5:00 pm- John Rheinecker

Sun. 2-19 8:30 am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Ash Wednesday 2-22 8:00 am - For Our Parish at St. Augustine's  
7:00 pm – Norbert Wittenauer

Fri. 2-24 8:00 am – Marie Kaiser

Sat. 2-25 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 2-26 8:30 am – Eileen Wagner, John & Francis Kreher Families, and John Link



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 2-12-2023**

Sunday Envelopes (68) -\$4,131.00

Loose – \$228.00

Youth- \$9.00

Scholarship- \$210.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,353.50*  
*(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8am**

**Set Up:** Sr. Joan Weiler

**Lector:** May Stellhorn

**Extraordinary Minister:** Betty Schreder

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 5pm**

**Set Up:** Elaine Rader

**Lector:** Elaine Rader

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Ruth Wittenauer

**Camera:** Lori Amann

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm**

**Set Up:** Kevin Schreder

**Lector:** Kevin Schreder

**Extraordinary Minister:** Annette Schreder

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Arnie Eckart

**Lector:** Janella Neary

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Raeleen Neary

**Camera:**

### **Please pray for the following:**

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysnoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Damon Stapleton, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkes, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, and Josh Middendorf.

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

*Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.*



**Sister Joan's Birthday is on Sunday, February 26, and will be 80 years young! Please plan to stay after both Masses next weekend of Feb 25/26 to help celebrate with punch and cookies!**

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.**

## **Reflection for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*While preaching, the priest said to the parishioners, "most of us feel like we have enemies." "Now raise your hands if you have no enemies at all." And the priest looks around, and looks around, and finally, right at the back an older parishioner raises his hand. He stands up and says to the priest, "I have no enemies whatsoever!" The priest is delighted and says, "What a blessing!" "How old are you? He asked the man. "I'm 98 years old, and I have no enemies." The priest says, "What a wonderful Christian life you lead! And tell us all how it is that you have no enemies." "All those bastards have died!" The man says.*

Jesus often speaks in ways that make you wonder what kind of world he lived in. You might wonder if you can turn the other cheek, go to the second mile, forgo revenge, give more than is required, love your enemies, or be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. In this present world, imagine turning the other cheek again and again. People would think you are weak and a coward. The *lex talionis*, that is, "An eye for an eye," was well understood by the people of Israel. But When Jesus says, "do not resist an evildoer, and if anyone strikes you on your right, turn the other as well, it was like advising people to simply accept wounds and embrace our assailants. Nevertheless, this is the heart of Godliness and greatness. These are the surprises that characterize life in God's kingdom. Greatness comes as people go the extra mile to do or be the opposite of what seems socially or politically correct.

In a world that is "all about me," Jesus points to the alternative way of living. Listen to what he says, "you have heard that it was said," but I say to you..." We no longer have to rely on what we heard, but we have to look beyond what we heard to find out what is right and honorable.

Today, we are caught up with the subtle tension between being or doing what is fashionable and living uprightly. Uprightness is not about getting things done rightly, but rather about loving people and doing little things with love. Some people have amazed the world by what they have done, defying the human instincts. Mother Theresa of Calcutta is one of them. Her selflessness and modest life gave hope to the outcast.

Another person is Anthony Thompson, the husband of one of the victims of the Charleston, South Carolina church shootings on June 17, 2015. He said to Dylann Roof, the shooter, I forgive you and my family forgives you, but give your life to the one who matters. Jesus invites us to love the world as God loves us.

# Thank You

A sincere and grateful thank you to everyone who came to my Retirement Open House last Sunday and for the well wishes, cards & gifts especially the donations to House of Neighborly Service (HNS) in my name.

I cannot begin to tell you how much all of your expressions of well wishes means to me!!!

A special thank you to Fr. Eva for his blessing, the choir ladies for their special song, to those who prepared the appetizer buffet and desserts and to those who planned and decorated for the party especially Lori Rozhon!!! Thank you to the Sodality, Holy Name & Knights of Columbus for their contribution to the party. My family & friends were most impressed by the love shown by the parish of St.

Augustine's!!!

With much love & appreciation!!!

Joan Powell

# Thank You

**To everyone who helped in any way to make last Sunday's Super Bowl Dinner, Raffle & Bingo such a huge success!!! We welcomed several new volunteers to our event...thank you for participating!!! We always appreciate having new helpers join us!!!!**

**Please watch for a detailed report in an upcoming bulletin!!!!**

Save  
the  
Date

Because we know how busy everyone is these days & we realize your calendars fill up quickly...we are sharing that

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024** is reserved for our celebration of the **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of St. Augustine's!!!!**

Plans are underway for a special evening at the Hecker Community Center. Be sure to watch future bulletins for more details & please mark your calendars & plan to attend!!!



Once again, this Lenten Season, the Rice Bowls are available for those who wish to participate. Some are located at each entrance of Church. We just ask that you return your filled bowls prior to Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND HEALING

Join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome, April 14 – 21, 2023, with a post-tour to Medjugorje, April 21 – 25. In Lourdes, we will visit the site where Our Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. While in Rome, we will visit Vatican City, the Holy Stairs, Trevi Fountain, the Vatican Museum, and more. In Medjugorje we will be at the site where six young visionaries began reporting visions of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in 1981. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://www.pilgrimages.com/amm/lourdesandrome/>.



### Save the Date

**March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL**

- 10:00 am** Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza
- 12:00 pm** Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 12-5:30 pm** Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
524 E. Lawrence Ave.
- 1:00 pm** March around the Capitol Building

## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



### Saturday February 25 at 7:00 pm

(Doors open at 6:00)

Sponsored by St. Michael's Men's Club

- 6 Rounds of Euchre; 12 hands per round
- Partners randomly rotated each round
- Team Points follow player for all rounds
- All you can drink beer and soda
- All you can eat fried chicken (at end of last round)
- Prizes awarded for top 3 places
- Tickets = \$25 per person

Location: St. Michael's Church (Paderborn) Parish Hall  
4576 Buss Branch Road  
Waterloo, IL 62298

Contact for reservations: Rich Kreher at [slark4@yahoo.com](mailto:slark4@yahoo.com) or  
call/text 618-830-6086



## NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**Spring Open House** -- Save the Date for our Spring Open House: Sunday, March 5 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Past, present, and future Hawks are invited!

**Enrollment News** -- We are still welcoming visitors to Gibault Catholic! Your 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk during a Shadow Visit. You can also bring the whole family for a Private Tour! See our campus and have your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>. Still enrolling for the Class of 2027! Visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

**We're #gibaultproud of: Anne Marie Alvarez (St. John the Baptist Parish – Smithton)** for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight and **Kyra Newton (Immaculate Conception Parish)** for winning Best of Show in this year's Gibault Art Contest.

Gibault Women's Club

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 - 9:00    \$30/person



**Enjoy an evening of food and drink tastings  
from our local vendors.**

Entertainment by the Gibault Jazz Band and Lanny and Julie

- scan the QR code for details and to purchase tickets online
- visit <https://ghs-womensclub.square.site>
- tickets can be purchased by cash or check at the school office 8:00-3:00 M-F
- Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door.





# DIOCESAN INFORMATION

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”  
[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

## **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



## The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

*"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord" (Psalm 15).*

### THE 2023 CSMA CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN...

The initial mailing from the Diocese was done last week...you may return your pledge card & monies in our collection at the weekend Masses.

*Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$6,403.00*

**Pledges to Date: 4**

**\$865.00**

**14% of our goal**



"There is a real possibility that I never would have existed outside the womb. My birth mother had scheduled an abortion, but grace intervened, and she placed me for adoption instead. When I first felt the call to the priesthood many years later, it seemed to come out of nowhere. Growing up, I thought about being a baseball player, a doctor, a game show host. But a priest? Never. Now I can see that the Lord was preparing me for this vocation from the very beginning. My parents adopted me and planted the first seeds of faith; the witness of good priests, religious sisters and lay teachers sowed countless more. Jesus drew me into his heart and led me to the seminary. I am humbled and grateful that he has chosen to share his priesthood with me."

*Father Ryan Kaup; Diocese of Lincoln, Ne. Columbia Magazine*



**HAVE YOU HEARD OF SERRA CLUB?** The Serra Club of St. Clair 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 & inform our community of the need for all vocations. We honor our religious with an annual Nuns Luncheon, a Deacon Dinner, a Priest Picnic and a new Priest Dinner. We pray for our seminarians and help them celebrate their birthdays. Our club meets every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a Mass at 11:45am; lunch, a brief meeting & a prominent speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!** We have a new webpage: [serrastclair.org](http://serrastclair.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMING EVENTS

**Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>** – Trivia Night; St. Joseph Lebanon; Opens 6; Starts 7pm; 8 per table for \$100; Bring own drinks & snacks; call Natalie Ruth @618/233-9574 or church office 618/537-2575

### 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. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. \$40 each; Limited 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.

**Wurstmarkt**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo  
Drive Through Only - 11am -3pm  
Dinners are \$12 each & include port sausage, mashed  
potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans & bread.**

### **LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY SERIES** **HELD AT SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH, WATERLOO**

When: 5 Thursdays in March (2, 9, 16, 23,30)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Choose whichever time slot works best for you.

Sign up by Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> so that Joyce can order a study guide for you.

Email [jspringer@ssppcc.org](mailto:jspringer@ssppcc.org) or leave a voice message on 618-939-6426, ext. 22 with your name and phone number.

What: No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion  
Includes Video and Study Guide



## Join House of Neighborly Service and *Be the Change!*



February 13th thru February 23rd, we invite you to join HNS and be part of the “change” we are working to make in Monroe County! We ask that you collect your spare change and donate it to HNS! It is a great way to help us *be the change* and make a difference for at risk families and residents through our outreach!

If you aren't aware of what we do, we provide an emergency food pantry, housing and utilities assistance, summer lunches, holiday outreach as well as a variety of other resources to

address the needs of under-resourced local families. We use your gifts to help our team of volunteers make a difference!

We ask that you collect your spare change during the month of February and drop it off at our office at 217 W. Mill, Waterloo, Monday thru Friday 9 am to 3 pm or if you are a student, your schools will be collecting! If you have any questions please call 618-939-8900!

Thank you for helping us **BE THE CHANGE!**



## Chris Cakes PJs and Pancakes! House of Neighborly Service 2023 Fundraiser All-You-Can-Eat pancakes and sausage dinner!



Wear your favorite pjs and join us!  
Thursday, February 23rd, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Gardner Elementary, Waterloo, IL  
Tickets are \$8.00 each (Ages 3 and under are free)

Make checks payable to: House of Neighborly Service  
Return your ticket order to your school's office or to our office no later than February 17th.  
You can also make a reservation and pay on our website!

[www.MonroeCountyHNS.org](http://www.MonroeCountyHNS.org)

If you have any questions, please call our office at 618-939-8900!  
Thank you for supporting our fundraiser! All proceeds benefit our outreach program to at-risk families in our community.

RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE OR HNS BY FEBRUARY 17:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

House of Neighborly Service-Monroe County, IL  
217 West Mill Street, Waterloo, IL 62298



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

## National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – *The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives*

**Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD**

**Saturdays March 11, 18, 25 & April 1 10 am – Noon**

The passion and crucifixion of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We remember and reflect on them every year during Holy Week. But what's less widely known are the differences in the Passion narratives in each of the four Gospels. Each Passion narrative has its own depiction of Jesus, and its own theological emphasis. In this four-part series we will take a close look at each of the Passion narratives as we journey through Lent in anticipation of Easter Sunday.

Cost: \$40 for series or \$10 per session

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>



## DID YOU KNOW...

Mardi Gras is strongly associated with wild bacchanalia and debauchery, but the original intent of the holiday and how it's kept by the faithful is much different. Fat Tuesday, as it is known in English, is a long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church and it marks the last day of ordinary time before the start of Lent, a time of fasting and repentance. While the parties in Europe, South America, and parts of the United States have gained the most attention in popular culture, they seriously misrepresent and outright eclipse the Catholic intent of the holiday.

According to historians, the celebration of Mardi Gras has its roots in the pagan Roman celebration of Lupercalia. This was a February holiday and it honored the Roman god of fertility. It involved feasting, drinking, and carnal behavior.

However, with the rise of the Church in ancient Rome, Christian teaching and morals took root, but there always remained a strong need to blend ancient Roman traditional practices with the growing Christian faith. The blending of tradition with new religious beliefs was a common practice in the ancient world and it helped people to transition away from paganism. In fact, there are a number of ancient Roman traditions that persevere in the Roman Catholic Church to this day, where they continue to guide the faithful.

As Catholic Christianity spread throughout Europe during the first millennium, different cultures celebrated the last day before Lent in their own ways, adapting the practices to suit their cultures. In France, the holiday became particularly popular as people feasted on foods that would be given up during the forty days of Lent. Meats, eggs, and milk were finished off in one day, giving the holiday its French title of 'Mardi Gras', which means Fat Tuesday.

As Europeans crossed the Atlantic to colonize the Americas, they brought their religious practices with them. From the onset, holidays such as Mardi Gras were celebrated in the colonies with as much enthusiasm as they were celebrated in Europe. As the colonies swelled with European immigrants, the celebrations went from the simple to the elaborate. In New Orleans, masked balls and public celebrations quickly became common. In fact, the celebrations became so popular that virtually every citizen of the city joined in even if they were not Catholic.

However, in the late 18th century, the Spanish took control of New Orleans and having a more militant and serious perspective on the faith, they imposed significant restrictions on the holiday revelry. Among them, they banned masked balls. However, by 1823, this ban was lifted and parades returned by 1837. At this point, the celebration began to lose its identity as an exclusively Catholic tradition and became more secularized over the centuries.

In other parts of the world, the holiday became a season unto itself each branded with unique cultural practices. For example, Venice, Italy is famous for the masked balls that take place on Mardi Gras and the days before. The Venetian tradition dates back to the 13th century and the city remains a popular Mardi Gras destination today.

Still, the original intent of Mardi Gras has always been to indulge, within the context of Catholic morality and reason, the last day before the start of the Lenten season. Here, it is appropriate to mention that while Lent is a season of self-sacrifice and repentance, it is not meant to be a period of self-punishment or extreme hardship.

-Article from [www.catholic.org/lent/mardigras](http://www.catholic.org/lent/mardigras)