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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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

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THEME FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. 2-4 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 2-5 8:30 am – Donnie, Dale, & David Braun, and
 for Joan Powell's Retirement
- Fri. 2-10 8:00 am – Verena Kreher, Bonnie Casey, and
 Ruth Cortner
- Sat. 2-11 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 2-12 8:30 am – Agnes & Cletus Gregson, and Joe Jung



**Choir practice will be
Thursday, February
16th at 3pm.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 1-29-2023

Sunday Envelopes (35) -\$1,384.00
Loose – \$308.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,247.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 11th, 5pm

Set Up: Joan Powell

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer

Camera: Joan Powell

Sunday, February 12th, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector: Bernadette Gregson

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Camera: Mike Karban

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.



Thank you from the Wagner Family for all of your prayers for Aria!! She is now cancer FREE!!!



The Blessing of the Throats will take the place of the anointing of the sick this weekend.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023, and in parishes over the weekend of February 4-5, 2023. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was. The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!" "But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one knows what God looks like." The little girl continued drawing and said, "Well, they certainly will in a minute.

Following up with the teaching on the BEATITUDE that we heard last week, Jesus uses the metaphors of salt and light to explain discipleship. SALT AND LIGHT are an essential part of our life. In Jesus' time and culture, salt was used as a preservative, for flavoring, and as a healing agent. Light, on the other hand, allows the human eyes to see and make objects visible. Jesus calls us to a similar kind of action in today's gospel when he says you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Additionally, salt has a distinctive flavor and light always shines, no matter how tiny it may be. Therefore, what Jesus implies in his metaphor is that discipleship involves a certain distinctiveness. You can't simply taste like everyone else. The flavor of the disciple must be distinctive to season the world and upset its status quo. Every disciple is called to practice whatever humanizes life on earth. Although they face the challenge of losing the capacity to elicit goodness as they participate in the affairs of the world, Jesus tells his disciples to bring light to a dark and broken world.

Today it's not easy to be the light of the world, especially as we face religious intolerance in public places. Also, we may feel inadequate when we compare ourselves to great saints. But the truth is that we don't have to be another person or do anything extraordinary or be the brightest bulbs of our time. Perhaps we just need to share the gift that God has given us. For example, I can clothe people with love and care; I can pay more attention to what is happening around me and help where I can.

I began my career as Parish Secretary in January, 1999 under the guidance of Mrs. Eileen Wagner who had worked for the Parish & School for 30 years. She trained me for six months and then covered for me when I had to have surgery in November of that year.

Over the past 23 years, there have been six different priests assigned to our Parish which meant accommodating new leadership...It has been a pleasure to serve my parish in this capacity, to get to know everyone over the years...it's been especially fun to watch the kids grow into adults & have their own children!

I've learned a lot about the meaning of "liturgical" from the books we use and when, the colors of the altar cloths, etc. Thankfully I was able to get the answers to all my questions from either the priest, Sr. Joan or long-time parishioners. I truly appreciate all their guidance.

I cannot begin to thank you enough for the support given to me when I taught PSR Classes for ten years, worked as the Kirchenfest Treasurer for many years...the parish organizations and parishioners have been so supportive, understanding, and most important loving!!!!



With much gratefulness,

Joan Powell

On both February 11th and 12th, students from Gibault High School will be sharing their senior service project mission, with a goal to ask for support.



QUARTERLY MEETING

- Parish Council will meet on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting will be held in the Parish Center!



10th Annual BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

BOTTLES ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY FEB 5th...PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN THEM IN- THANK YOU!!



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





National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

***Fully Human: Understanding Christian Anthropology* Video Study – Four-part Series**

Based on the book by Sr. Sara Fairbanks, OP, PhD

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

Tuesdays, February 7, 14 10 am – 12 Noon

In this four-part series, we will examine the multi-faceted Christian perspective on humanity's place in the evolving universe.

Cost: \$20 for series; \$5 per session. For info, call 618-394-6281.

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

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.



NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2023 begins by recognizing parishes and the religious guidance, prayers, and support they provide. At Gibault Catholic High School, we are blessed with many feeder parishes and schools who help us carry out our mission. Thank you to all of our feeder parishes and schools for being part of our Gibault family!

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! More info soon!

Enrollment News Visit Gibault! We are scheduling Shadow Visits for the second semester. Your 7th-8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Private tours are another great way to learn more about Gibault Catholic! The whole family can tour our campus and have their questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Class of 2027! It's time to get your application in to stay on track for important registration and enrollment deadlines. Visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Mission Trip A group of Gibault Catholic seniors is traveling to the Dominican Republic for their senior service project. You can be part of their mission trip through a donation. Donations can be made by cash or checks made payable to Gibault Catholic High School (mail to Gibault Catholic High School: 501 Columbia Ave. - Waterloo, IL 62298 or stop by during school hours) or online at <https://gchsseniorservice.square.site/>. Thank you for your support!

Taste of the Region Save the date for the Gibault Women's Club Taste of the Region - Saturday, March 18, 2023! More info to come!



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. 2nd Street
- 12-5:30 pm** Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
524 E. Lawrence Ave.
- 1:00 pm** March around the Capitol Building

****There may be a bus driving to Springfield from our area- please contact Raeleen Neary by Feb 14th for more details Raeleen1969@gmail.com or 618-830-2991****



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

February 7 – 14

National Marriage Week

This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine-as real flesh and blood.

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 2022
Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

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.



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day).

Let us make it a point to begin saying “THANK YOU” to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God’s call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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 1st & 3rd 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

**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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7th- Noon Luncheon; St. Luke's Belleville; \$10 Tally; Board games, Bingo etc

Feb 12th- **CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER** St. Charles Parish Center Dubois, 10-2pm,
ALL YOU CAN EAT, \$12.00, Child (5-10 yrs.): \$5.00 Cooked Dumplings: \$10.00 QT

Feb 18th- "Fat Saturday", St. Mary's Catholic Church, 3:30-8pm, All you can eat Chicken and fish dinners, Ages 12 and over \$12.00, ages 6-12 \$10.00, 6 and under eat free. 7362 Shawneetown Trail, Ellis Grove, Sponsored by St. Mary's Holy Name Society

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.

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

Email 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 & Study Guide



Ss. Peter and Paul Parish

Women's ACTS Retreat – February 16-19, 2023

All women over the age of 18 are invited to join us for our women's ACTS retreat to be held February 16-19, 2023 at the King's House in Belleville. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith and build lasting relationships with women at Ss. Peter and Paul and surrounding parishes. You may register for the retreat through this QR code below or on the parish website (<https://www.ssppcc.org/acts>). The retreat begins on Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 pm and concludes on Sunday, February 19, 10:00 am Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. The cost of the retreat is \$285 and includes all lodging, transportation and meals. We are SO excited to welcome you on this spiritual experience – PLEASE REGISTER SOON! If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Niebruegge, ACTS Team Director (618.917.6606).



SCAN ME

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 4-5, 2023



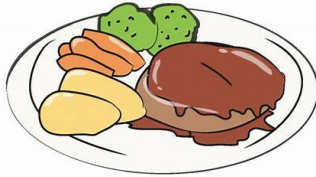
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**** WURSTMARKT NEWS **** **FEBRUARY 26**



Mark your calendars for a delicious pork sausage dinner on Sunday, February 26. Drive-through only from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Dinners will be \$12 each and will include pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and bread. Mary & Martha raffle tickets will be sent to everyone soon with the winning tickets drawn on that Sunday. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

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 or
call/text 618-830-6086

