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**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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:** Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Sat. 2-27 5:00 pm – Jeanne Huss, Norbert Wittenauer and Eileen Wagner
- Sun. 2-28 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Fri. 3-5 8:00 am – Cletus Kreher, Verena Kreher, and Don Bruss
- Sat. 3-6 5:00 pm – Joe Wittenauer, George Christiansen & Ray Maurer
- Sun. 3-7 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES. THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**PARISH COUNT: 74**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 2-21-21**

Sunday Envelopes (47) - \$1,215.00

Loose – \$28.00

Youth (2) - \$6.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$590.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>; 5pm**

**Set Up:** Arline Wittenauer

**Lector:** Emma Day

**Greeter:** Cindy Grohmann

**Usher:** Clinton Mudd

**Sanitizers:** Mary Schaltenbrand & Lori Amann

**Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>; 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Arnie Eckart

**Lector:** May Stellhorn

**Greeter:** Marvin & Elaine Gregson

**Usher:** Marvin & Elaine Gregson

**Sanitizers:** Grohmanns



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

Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Cheryl Zanders, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Carol Grohmann, Mary Harbaugh Neisler, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Lisa Davenport, Penny Hofstetter, Dylane & Julie Doerr, Dorothy Vogler, Stephen O'Brien Family.

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

**Each week on Thursday afternoons, I will put the bulletins inside the mailboxes & at the beginning of the month the Word Among Us will also be available.**

**St. Augustine's will be live streaming Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays. See St. Augustine's Facebook Page.**

### **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

#### **BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR**

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**Rice Bowls are located at the entrances to church if you wish to pick one up and participate!**

### **WURSTMARKT – SS. PETER & PAUL, WATERLOO**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**NO BINGO**

**Drive through service from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.**

Dinners will be \$10 each and will include pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and bread.



# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

**Reflection for the Second Week of Lent**

Last weekend, we reflected on the promise and the gift that God gives us: Angels will be there to minister to us amid wild beasts. This weekend we read the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Hence, our attention is drawn to the identity of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation and the invisible God's image (Col. 1:15).

The story of the Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. Other figures mentioned at the scene beside the three disciples are Elijah and Moses.

These two are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and mediated the giving of the Ten Commandments. Thus, Moses represents the Law. Elijah is the great prophet of Israel. Elijah and Moses's appearance with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets, and Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promise to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed His Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Peter makes the offer out of confusion and fear. This confusion results in Peter calling Jesus' rabbi instead of the Messiah, which he had previously indicated about Jesus in his confession. Peter was human here.

However, the next occurrence is most significant. That is the voice coming from heaven saying, "This is My Beloved Son, listen to him" (Mark 9:7 NAB). Here, God reaffirms the identity of Jesus as the beloved Son and urges obedience to him. Jesus' glory directs us to the beatific vision that is beyond this present life. To arrive at that beatific vision, we must let go of our temporal comfort and follow Jesus in the path of sacrifice and love of others.



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” In the Second Reading from St. Paul, no one can prevail in doing us ultimate harm; God is present in suffering and in need. As the arms of Christ, we must be present and observant to others in need. As the apostles saw the glory of God in Jesus, we too see God’s face in every human life, frail and feeble, young or old. During this Lenten season, the Church throughout the world seeks to renew in mind and spirit its commitment to the dignity of all life. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** There are many ways to equip our Lenten journey in service to others: by learning more about human trafficking and what can be done, to helping a mother in need, or sending messages of hope to those incarcerated...by donating and volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul drop in shelter in East St. Louis. Or simply sharing encouraging words and resources to someone who suffers from an abortion. By praying for injustices and being aware of the needs of those around us, others may see that God is close at hand.

## DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES *PROJECT RACHEL*

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! While we have been home under our stay at home orders, Planned Parenthood has continued 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>.

### Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 6-7, 2021



Please stay “connected” through a subscription to **The Messenger**. Payments can be made in The Messenger envelope or on-line at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

SUBSCRIPTION COST: Print - \$25 | Electronic - \$25 | Both - \$30  
Make checks payable to the Messenger

# INFORMATION FOR LENT ETC...

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE LENTEN SCHEDULE!!!**

❖ **TUESDAYS DURING LENT**

- Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm led by lay volunteers.

❖ **FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

- Mass at 8AM followed by Stations of the Cross; this will continue through Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **HOLY THURSDAY**

- 7:00 PM Mass at St. Augustine's – Hecker
- 7:00 PM Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul – Waterloo

❖ **GOOD FRIDAY**

- 7:00 PM Service at St. Augustine's – Hecker
- 7:00 PM Service at Ss. Peter & Paul – Waterloo

❖ **HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL**

- 7:00 PM Mass at St. Augustine's – Hecker
- 7:00 PM Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul – Waterloo

❖ **EASTER SUNDAY**

- 8:30 AM Mass at St. Augustine's – Hecker – **TO BE HELD AT THE HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER.**
- 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM at Ss. Peter & Paul – Waterloo

**St. Augustine's will continue to use the current system of making reservations for our Masses and Services including those during Holy Week.**

- ❖ Thank you to those who participated in the recent Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Life Network, Waterloo. We raised \$332.66 this year! Great job all!!!!
- ❖ You all should have received your 2021 Parish Address list in the mail. Also included as a survey we are conducting to see who might be interested in having the option to make your contributions online. We are still researching the best company to use and the details that would be involved in having this as an option. Please return your completed survey by way of the collection box or by email to [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net).
- ❖ Just a quick reminder of the importance of making your Mass reservation by 3:00 pm on Thursdays! The last few weekends the Masses have been full and by that I mean that we are at the maximum number of people allowed. So sometimes it appears that we have room with empty rows BUT we could be at the maximum number of attendees. If you make a reservations and then your plans change, please let me know if possible. I do watch the parish email from home but I DO NOT listen to phone messages unless I happen to come in to the office on an off day.
- ❖ CSMA – the 2021 appeal will begin shortly. You will be receiving information directly from the CSMA in the mail. You may return your completed form and monies in the regular collection or by USPS or drop off at the Parish Office.

### **TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

Since traditionally, we do NOT have a huge crowd for Lenten Masses & Stations of the Cross, we AT THIS TIME are NOT going to use the current reservations system. If the crowd becomes larger, we might have to change this procedure.

Someone will be taking names of who attends each time! We will have a hand sanitizer station set up so that you can sanitize your hands as you go up to receive communion.

Additionally, we are asking that those who attend fill the pews according the 6' distancing practice towards the front...that way possibly fewer pews will need to be sanitized. We will also have sanitizing wipes in the pews and ask that one person from each pew sanitize following the end of the Mass/Stations of the Cross. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!!!!



“The rule of St. Benedict asks ‘Is there anyone who yearns for life?’ It was this desire for life that led me to truly encounter Christ as a teenager. At first, I thought Jesus was calling me to be a missionary, and I followed that path while I finished studies in social work and theology in Madrid. Gradually, he helped me understand that he simply wanted ME – more than anything I could do for him. In discerning my vocation, I discovered my true self in Christ. He showed me that my greatest longing was to bring each person into the heart of God. By going deep into prayer, in union with my sisters, I would join Christ in his work of salvation.”

*Sister Maria Gonzalo, OCSO; Our Lady of the Angels Monastery; Columbia Magazine September, 2020*



**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 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. For more information please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244).  
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

## **VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA**

- St. Anthony, Lively Grove – August 2020 thru July 2021. \$40 per ticket; Contact Cheryl Hentges, [clhentges@yahoo.com](mailto:clhentges@yahoo.com) or 618/824-6637.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2021. \$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 2021. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine’s.
- St. Liborius, St. Libory – March 2021 thru February 2022. \$40 per ticket. Contact Vicki Knepper 618/960-8420.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>  
PRAYER WALK 10AM-2PM**

**Bishop McGovern and Respect  
Life Ministry of Diocese of  
Belleville are sponsors.**

Bishop McGovern will speak at  
11:30am on life issues  
Rosary Walk with Bishop  
McGovern is at noon.  
Additional info at [STLMarch.com](http://STLMarch.com)

SPRING 2021  
**40 DAYS  
FOR LIFE**  
FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 28, 2021  
VIGIL HOURS  
EVERY DAY  
7am - 7pm

PRAYER & FASTING | PEACEFUL VIGIL | COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Contact your Adopt a Day coordinator to get involved!

**PRAYER VIGIL LOCATION:**  
Planned Parenthood Fairview Heights  
317 Salem Place  
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

CoalitionforLifeSTL.com

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FOR LIFE  
ST. LOUIS



**SPPCS Pre-Registration is open!**

You can now pre-register for the 2021 - 2022 school year. The links to registration for both our Early Learning Center and Kindergarten - 8th grade are on our website under Admissions. For current families if you are enrolling a new student, you will do that by following the link on our website that takes you to the family portal in Option C.

**SPPCS Spring Gala & Gator/Vacation Raffle Tickets**

Please join us for our 17th Annual SPPCS Spring Gala & Dinner Auction on Saturday March 13th. This year our event will be 100% online. If you would like to make a donation to the auction, we would love your support! You can drop it off in the school office or contact Audrey Brown at [abrown@sppswaterloo.com](mailto:abrown@sppswaterloo.com).

SPPCS is also raffling off your choice of a 2021 John Deere XUV835M or a vacation package up to \$12,000 to anywhere Disney Vacations travels or \$10,000 cash. Tickets are \$50 and available for purchase in the school office, by finding a school family or online at <https://sppcsgala2021.givesmart.com>

**SPPCS having some skating fun!** Mrs. Reinholz and 2nd grade took some extra time on Friday to get some fun exercise indoors by roller skating! Pictured with her are Charlotte Riebeling, Michael Melvin & Sophia Gedris.



## NEWS FROM GIBALT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

**2021 Gibault Summer Golf Classic** -- Save the date for the 2021 Gibault Summer Classic on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. We missed seeing you last year and hope you will join us for this year's event!

**Become a Host Family** -- Gibault Catholic High School is seeking families with big hearts who are willing to share their homes with an international student for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Desiree Frasure at [dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com](mailto:dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com) or Becky Ramlose at [bramlose@gibalthawks.com](mailto:bramlose@gibalthawks.com) or call us at 939-3883 to learn more about this exciting opportunity. Gibault families can receive \$1,000 off of tuition for becoming a host family.

**Come Visit Gibault!** -- We have lots of ways for you to learn more about life as a Gibault Hawk! Seventh and eighth graders and students from other high schools are invited for Shadow Visits. Shadow Students spend a day on our campus attending classes, eating lunch in our cafeteria, enjoying off mods, and meeting teachers and coaches alongside a Student Ambassador! The whole family is welcome for a Private Tour. Your entire family can see our campus and ask our Director of Enrollment any questions you may have. To schedule a Shadow Visit or Private Tour, contact our Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day, at [kday@gibalthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibalthawks.com) or 939-3883.

**Applications** -- Applications for our Class of 2025 and transfer students are still being accepted. Visit <https://gibalthawks.com/apply/>. Applications will be accepted all summer, but we recommend submitting applications by March 1, 2021, to ensure your student is eligible for scholarships and receives important registration updates.

**Live-Streamed Sports** -- Join the Hawks' virtual fan club!

Visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSYouTube> for live game feed and videos of past live-streams. Keep checking our website for updated schedules: <https://gibalthawks.com/events/category/sports/>.

**Mark your calendars for Camp Ondessonk's Virtual Homecoming Gala, Saturday, March 6th, beginning at 6 PM CST!**  
For more information, [ondessonk.com/gala](https://ondessonk.com/gala).

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OPENING...

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School located in East St. Louis, Illinois is seeking an elementary school Principal. Applicants are required to be a faithful, committed Catholic who understands and accepts the teachings and disciplines of the Catholic Church. The full advertisement can be found at <https://www.diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities>. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, résumé, transcripts, three current letters of recommendation, proof of Illinois Professional Educator's License with General Administrative Endorsement to Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62221 or email [OfficeofEducation@diobelle.org](mailto:OfficeofEducation@diobelle.org). Applications will be accepted until March 19, 2021.



**Over the next few bulletins, we will be including portions of the recent  
Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis...  
ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

HOPE

54. Despite these dark clouds, which may not be ignored, I would like in the following pages to take up and discuss many new paths of hope. For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone.[51]

55. I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope “speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile”. [52] Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.

CHAPTER TWO  
A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

56. The previous chapter should not be read as a cool and detached description of today’s problems, for “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts”. [53] In the attempt to search for a ray of light in the midst of what we are experiencing, and before proposing a few lines of action, I now wish to devote a chapter to a parable told by Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. Although this Letter is addressed to all people of good will, regardless of their religious convictions, the parable is one that any of us can relate to and find challenging.

*“Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, as a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Lk 10:25-37).*