

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

HECKER, ILLINOIS 62248

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Confessions: Heard Saturdays from 4:30 to 4:50 pm (When priests are available)

Parish Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (Hours subject to change)

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Theme for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 2/7

8:00am- A Special Intention

Saturday, 2/8

5:00pm- For our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday, 2/9

8:00am- Cletus & Agnes Gregson, Lois Papenberg,
and a Special Intention

Friday, 2/14

8:00 am- Jerry Mollet and Duane Mollet, Delmar & Wilma Wachtel,
and A Special Intention

Saturday, 2/15

5:00pm- Dave Bruss and a Special Intention

Sunday, 2/16

8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 2/2/2025:

Weekly Envelopes- \$2,501.00

Loose- \$216.00

Youth- \$3.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-

\$2,240.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, February 15th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Mallory Kern
Lector: Kevin Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker
Camera:

Sunday, February 16th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Servers:
Lector: Ryan Grohmann
Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich
Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary
Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar
Camera:

****The liturgical/set-up schedule is located on the bulletin board in both entrances to church and inside the Priest Sacristy ****

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 Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen, Gary Wittenauer, and Debbie Harbaugh.

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



**Choir practice
will resume
Thursday,
February 20th
@ 2pm.**



Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday evening @ 7pm during Lent- beginning Wednesday, March 12th. Anyone interested in assisting with this, please contact Kevin Schreder at 618-406-7037.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time C

After listening restlessly to a long and tedious sermon, a six-year-old boy asked his father what the preacher did the rest of the week. Oh, he's a very busy man," the father replied. " He takes care of the Church business, visits the sick, ministers to the poor... and then he has to have time to rest up. Talking in public isn't an easy job, you know." The boy thought about that, then said: "well, listening isn't easy either."

This weekend, Simon and his companions battle overnight in the sea to make some catch but catch nothing. Jesus tells Simon to try once more and expect a new result. Common sense would make Simon assume that there could be no magic. But to their greatest surprise, Simon and his companions make a historic catch that beats human understanding and fishing skills. Their boat is almost sinking! What's happening here? This event leads Simon to reimagine God, whose immense power and command are worth the trust. God shares His divine life through His direct intervention in the logic of human life. Human competence and skills are good. But beyond what is human is the power of God in the most unexpected situation.

Simon and his companions, for example, relied first on their competence as skilled fishermen. They knew where, when, and how to throw the net to catch fish, but their best was not good enough to their greatest disappointment and frustration (they worked all night). Jesus turned their sadness into joy only when He came on, and they embraced His words for what it was.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The next Finance and Parish Council meetings are planned for **NEXT** Thursday, February 13th beginning at 6:30pm with Finance and 7:30pm for Parish Council.

-Quilting Ladies meet every Tuesday (weather permitting) from 12:30pm-4:30pm inside the Parish Center. Please contact Margie Holle if you have any questions.

-Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday, March 5th, 2025. Mass TBA.

-Please let the Parish office know if your child will be making their First Communion here at St. Augustine's this Spring. Email staug@htc.net.

HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY
SERVICE

PIE DAY FUNDRAISER

FEATURING ECKERT'S PIES AT \$25 EACH

**ECKERT'S FLAVORS: DOUBLE CRUST APPLE, DUTCH APPLE,
CHERRY, PEACH, PECAN, PUMPKIN, & STRAWBERRY RHUBARB**

ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE FEBRUARY 27TH



PLACE YOUR ORDER AT: WWW.GIVEBUTTER.COM/HNSPIEDAY



January 31, 2025

Reverend Linus Umoren, CM & Parishioners of
St. Augustine in Hecker
310 N. Main Street, Box 126
Hecker, IL 62248

Dear Father Linus,

My sincere thanks to you and the parishioners of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Hecker for the card and kind note as well as the gift for Christmas. I am very appreciative of your kindness and generosity. Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Augustine.

May God bless you with His gift of peace throughout 2025.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGovern".

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

Gibault Catholic High School News

We are still scheduling Shadow Visits through the end of April. Click [here](#) to sign up. We have a great start for our 2025-26 Freshman Class so far – and we are still taking [applications](#)! As a reminder, every student must submit an application, even if they have an older sibling who is a current or former student of Gibault. Scholarship Applications are due no later than March 31, 2025. Registration forms will be coming home later this month – Registration will be March 25-27. A signup genius will be sent out soon. Tuition Assistance Applications are due no later than February 28, 2025. Please email Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com for more information.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22 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 314-341-4904

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE INFORMATION

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

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *Serve the Lord with gladness.* *-Psalm 100*

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.

PLEDGES TO DATE: 32
(\$6,445.00 Pledged as of 2/8/2025)

98% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!
(\$6,569.00 is the Parish Goal)



A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate **World Marriage Day on this Sunday**, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging – all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.



Serra International is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women who promote vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. Our local club, the **Serra Club of St. Clair County**, works to affirm our Priests and Religious, educates our youth on listening for the call to this life, and prays to increase each member's personal holiness. Would you like to join this important work of the Church? We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month for Mass and a meeting at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Shiloh, IL. Contact Marvin Winkeler at 402-214-1155 or mewinkel51@gmail.com or visit our website at www.serrastclair.org for information.



2025 VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- **St. James, Millstadt – Quilt-A-Rama, Tickets drawn the first Monday of every month during 2025. Tickets are \$25.00 each. See your Parish Office for tickets or contact St. James, 618/476-3513.**
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Renault Quilt of the Month! Tickets are \$25.00 each for the year of drawings. Winner goes back into the box for a chance to be drawn next month. Please call Phyllis at 618-458-6854 or text Lisa 618-444-5544 to purchase a ticket.**
- **Holy Trinity Catholic Church- St. Ann's CCW, Quilt of the Month Raffle 2025 Tickets are \$25.00 each, drawings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month; Contact Carol Geluck for more info! 618-792-9439.**

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Day of Reflection
“The Mirror of Consciousness: Seeing the Divine in All Things”

Presenter: Paul Coutinho, PhD

February 12, 2025, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center

Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included)

Join us for a Day of Reflection to embark on a transformative journey to uncover the profound connection between Ultimate Reality and daily life. Through this exploration, discover how to see God reflected in all creation and embrace a deeper sense of divine connection in daily living. Experience the beauty of the sacred in every moment and learn to live a life rooted in divine awareness. Step into the mirror of consciousness and embrace the infinite presence of the Divine in all things.

Paul Coutinho is a recognized international scholar, speaker and spiritual guide who blends spirituality with psychology and Eastern wisdom with Western spirituality. He regularly conducts workshops, retreats and spiritual direction sessions, addressing the heart's relentless quest for the Divine and the desire to live life to its fullest. Paul has pursued doctoral studies in Psychology and holds a doctorate in Historical Theology from Saint Louis University, where Ignatian Spirituality was at the core of his studies.

For more information, call Reservations at (618) 397-0584 or register online at

<https://kh.snows.org/events/coutinho2025/>





Monroe County House of Neighborly Service - Monroe
County, Illinois

January 27 at 1:50 PM · 🌐

❄️ It may be January and cold outside, but we're already thinking about summer! 🌞

Here at Monroe County House of Neighborly Service, we're kicking off our fun themed collections for the year to prepare for our Summer Lunch Program. January's theme is Cozy Comfort Foods – perfect for the season!

🛒 We're looking for the following item: 28oz cans of baked beans, canned chicken, boxes of mac & cheese (not individual cups), soups (creamed), and 13.5 oz bags of instant potatoes. So far, donations have been a little light this month, and we'd love your help!

📍 Donations can be dropped off at the HNS office Monday-Friday, 9 AM-3 PM.

Thank you for your kindness and support in helping us ensure no child goes hungry this summer. 🤝

