

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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

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The theme for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to all the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 1/17	8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer
Saturday, 1/18	5:00pm- Shirley Wittenauer's Months' Mind
Sunday, 1/19	8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Friday, 1/24	8:00 am- Shirley Wittenauer and Dave Bruss
Saturday, 1/25	5:00pm- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 1/26	8:00am- Judy Fizer, Jerry Mollet and Duane Mollet



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 1/12/2025:

Weekly Envelopes (51) - \$3,594.00

Loose- \$270.00

Youth- \$13.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$2,240.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, January 25th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann
Servers: Mallory Kern
Lector: Cindy Grohmann
Extraordinary Minister: Kevin Schreder
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Kern
Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder
Camera:

Sunday, January 26th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler
Servers:
Lector: Shelly Fizer
Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle
Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser
Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson
Camera:

****The liturgical/set-up schedule is located on the bulletin board in the front entrance 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, and Gary Wittenauer.

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


A Special
THANK YOU


***A very special thank you to my 2024 money counters...
Geri Griffin, Margie Holle, Joan Powell, Mary
Schaltenbrand, and Sister Joan Weiler...you are all very
special to me and I appreciate your time and support!!
- Lori Rozhon***

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time year C

A priest is driving down to New York and he's stopped in Connecticut for speeding. The state trooper smells alcohol on his breath and then he sees an empty wine bottle on the floor, and he says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" The priest says, "Just water." The sheriff says, "Then why do I smell wine?" And the priest looks down at the bottle and says, "Good Lord, He's done it again!" He has turned water into wine again."

We have just finished the Christmas season. At Christmas, we read and lived through the experience of the Word becoming flesh. Then, as the word lives among us, we shift our liturgical attention to "Ordinary Time."

This weekend we read the story of the first miracle of Jesus in the gospel of John "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples also went to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine" (2:1-11NAB). Although we cannot tell whose wedding this was, Mary seems to be a stakeholder at the wedding.

Notice that Jesus' first miracle took place following Mary's appeal. Mary believed that her son could be of help even if it is not clear what type of intervention she expected from her son. It is very significant to note how confident Mary was in reference to her son when she said "Do whatever he tells you." And it what Christ told the maid servant that led to Miracle that took place in that event. This was at the beginning of His public ministry.

Although the Evangelists do not give us the detail about the miracle; Did Jesus pray over the water? Did he announce in a loud voice saying, "everybody should watch this?", all we can understand from the narrative is that "Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So, they filled them to the brim. Then Jesus told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So, they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water, it had become wine.

This miracle seems to have affected by Jesus in silence, and his disciples' reaction was that of disbelief. But through this miracle in Cana, Jesus revealed his glory and silently defined his messianic mission. By His presence at the marriage at Cana, Jesus reaffirmed the goodness of marriage even when He was not married. Thus, at every Christian marriage, Christ is always present to consecrate and provide for the couple. In our world and in ordinary events, God presence continues to manifest in ways that we may not even acknowledge. Mary continues to intercede for us and most of these happen silently and are hardly noticeable. If only we strive to do what He tells us, we might just experience another miracle that transforms us from ordinary humans to saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 2025 Parish Directory is available at both entrances to church.
- Ladies Sodality will meet Tuesday, February 4th @ 7pm inside the Parish Center. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schaltenbrand.
- The next Finance and Parish Council meetings are planned for Thursday, February 13th beginning at 6:30pm with Finance and 7:30pm for Parish Council. These meetings may change.
- 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.
- Choir will not meet for practice until February.
- Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday, March 5th, 2025. Mass TBA.



Super Bowl Bingo Reminders...our event is fast approaching!! Please, if you can, for the dinner we will need **2 PIES OR 1 "9X13" DESSERT (NO CAKES) from all parishioners if possible.** Additionally, all parishioners are also asked to bring **non-perishable items** for the **Attendance Prizes** (one or two) valued at \$5.00. Some ideas for attendance prizes are dish towels, candles, puzzles, small crafts, card games, crosswords, etc.

Thank you for your continued support at our annual Super Bowl Bingo and Dinner.

From the Deacon's Desk

Did you know that the world wide Catholic Church and we are in a Jubilee Year? There was some information about it in the bulletin a few weeks ago, but yep, on May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued "SPES NON CONFUNDIT" (Hope does not disappoint), the Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. It has been named The Jubilee Year of Hope and it began on December 24, 2024, when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. The Jubilee Year continues until the closing on January 6, 2026. Ordinary Jubilee Years occur every 25 years, so if you are like me, I was a bit confused about the 2025 Ordinary Jubilee at first and wondered why we were having a Jubilee Year so close to the last Jubilee Year in 2016. Then I remembered that 2016 was an Extraordinary Jubilee, which the Pope has the discretion to hold anytime. The QR code will take you to all kinds of information about this Jubilee Year of Hope on our diocese website



-Deacon Tom Helfrich



Tuesday, January 28, 2025

1PM-5PM: Hecker Community Blood Drive at Hecker Community Center

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

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB

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: 31

(\$6,285.00 Pledged as of 1/3/2025)

96% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!

(\$6,569.00 is the Parish Goal)



Today we hear the famous story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And He honors His mother’s request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages “Do whatever He tells you.” As this was the “beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory”, are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us?
Are we called to something greater?



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, educate our youth on listening for the call to this life, and pray to increase our own 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 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.**

2025 Lent Dates

Ash Wednesday- Wednesday, March 5th

Palm Sunday- Sunday, April 13th

Holy Thursday- Thursday, April 17th

Good Friday- Friday, April 18th

Easter Vigil- Saturday, April 19th

Easter Sunday- Sunday, April 20th



Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 1-2, 2025



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Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



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Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

**MENU: Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo,
Tossed Salad, Roll & Butter,
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water**

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Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

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**Bring canned goods
for the Food Pantry**

**In case of bad weather, an announcement
will be made on the parish website.**





**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
HECKER, ILLINOIS**

(15 miles South of Belleville on State Route 159)

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



QUILT/CASH BINGO

FEBRUARY 9th, 2025

**Hecker Community Center
230 E. Washington Street, Hecker, Illinois
Smoke Free Facility**



Lightning Round Prior to Bingo

BINGO 1:30 P.M.

No one under 18 allowed in hall during bingo. BL #50884

Attendance Prizes – Raffle – Pot of Gold

Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates

Serving 10:00 am-1:00 pm

