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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: We have seen a great light Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 1-21	5:00 pm --For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 1-22	8:30 am – Dave Bruss, Joe Jung, and Esther Eckart
Fri. 1-27	8:00 am –Norbert Wittenauer and Deceased KC Members
Sat. 1-28	5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 1-29	8:30 am – Dale, Eleanor, & Raymond Braun and John Link

Choir practice will be this Thursday, January 26th at 3pm.

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 1-15-2023

Sunday Envelopes (65) -$2,189.00
Loose – $242.00
Youth- $9.00
Scholarship Fund - $1,242.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 28th, 5pm
Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn
Camera:

Sunday, January 29th, 8:30am
Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Lector: May Stellhorn
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser
Camera: Mike Karban

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Aria Wagner, 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.

PRAY FOR Leota Roider, grandmother of Cheri (Clinton) Mudd, who died and was buried this past week. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!
Would YOU be interested in becoming a Lector?
And/or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion??
Please email or call the Parish Office
618-473-2217/staug@htc.net

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Third Sunday in Ordinary time

Three guys are fishing when an angel appears. The first guy says, "I've suffered from back pain for years. Can you help me?" The angel touches the man's back, and he feels instant relief. The second guy points to his thick glasses and begs for a cure for his poor eyesight. When the angel tosses the lenses into the lake, the man gains 20/20 vision. As the angel turns to the third fellow, he instantly recoils and screams, "Don't touch me! I'm on disability!"

This weekend the gospel introduces Mathew's version of the public life of Jesus. To begin with, Jesus calls his first disciples: Peter and Andrew, and then James and John. He uses the invitatory phrase "Follow me," Peter and the other disciples left their boats, nets, and families and followed him. In addition, these people Jesus called were not the best candidates to be his apostles. Instead, they were ordinary fishermen not highly educated. However, Jesus offered to make them fishers of men. It is as if Jesus said to them, you know how to catch fish, so use the same skill to "catch" people for me.

Nevertheless, there is a big difference between catching fish and catching people. However, the radical nature of their response is significant. They've got a lot to lose in following him. They would lose their comfortable trade, family ties, stable life, and personal independence to follow this new rabbi.

Two things to note about this event: These men were called and did not initiate their vocation like someone would apply for a job or enroll in a school. Next, God calls people whom we seldom expect. He chooses the unlikely people in unlikely circumstances. Consider the call of Abraham, Moses, David, Jeremiah, and Paul. They were probably the most unlikely people that one would expect to be called by God. Also, God chose Mary to be the mother of the incarnate word. The implication of this divine style is that vocation to serve God is primarily God's initiative that invites a response from the man.

Moreover, when God calls, he makes up for human inadequacies. That is why, with Jesus' help, even unlikely disciples became successful in their ministries. The fact that Christ calls ordinary people does not negate the need for abilities. Rather it refutes the excuse people give that others are better qualified than them.

Discipleship is a call to service. Whomever Christ calls, He directs him to the life of service. Also, discipleship is a journey and an adventure. Peter, Andrew, James, and John embrace this adventure initially without knowing how it will end. But they were committed to serving in the name of Christ. Therefore, God will call whom He will call. But first, we must stand up and follow him.

You're Invited...

Please come and share in the celebration of Joan Powell's Retirement after 23 years of service to St. Augustine's Catholic Church!

Sunday, February 5th, 2023
1:00-4:00 pm
Hecker Community Center
Hecker, IL

Enjoy some appetizers, share some stories with Joan, and help make some fun memories!!

Please RSVP by Jan 23rd to Lori Rozhon
Please cut and fill out form below and place in Collection basket
You can also email or call the Parish office
staug@htc.net 618-473-2217

In lieu of gifts, Joan would prefer donations made to House of Neighborly Services

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NAME:_____

How many to RSVP:_____

Phone number:_____

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

***Cracking the Code: The Book of Revelation* – Four-part Series**
Facilitator: Mark Etling, PhD
Saturdays, January 21, 28, February 4 10 am – 12 Noon
In this four-part series, we will "crack the code" of the Book of Revelation by examining who wrote it, for whom it was written, why it was written and the meanings of the images.
Cost: $40 for series; $10 per session. For info, call 618-394-6281.
Register online at https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/

***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, January 24, 31, 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.

COMING EVENTS

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

10th Annual BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Here is an opportunity for you and your family to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves lives of unborn children and makes an eternal difference in the life of their mothers and fathers.

Each financial gift placed in a bottle, whether great or small, will be a simple way to support Life Network of Southern Illinois and will enable us to continue offering free and confidential services to the men, women and families in this area facing an unplanned pregnancy.

You are encouraged to take home one of the small baby bottles which will be placed in at the entrances to church. We just ask that you **return the bottle to church no later than Sunday, February 5th.** If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net

RESUMING…5TH SUNDAY COLLECTIONS…

After a break due to Covid etc., we are going to resume our 5th Sunday Collections. Once a quarter, there is a 5th Sunday and we will have a 2nd Collection at Masses as listed below:

January 28th & 29th – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & St. Vincent de Paul Belleville
April 29th & 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Fontebella Maternity Home
July 29th & 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Newman Center-SIU-C
October 28th & 29th – House of Neighborly Service (HNS) for their Holiday Outreach

And although there are five weeks during the month of December, there will NOT be a 5th Sunday Collection.

In January, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2nd Collection at Masses the weekend of, January 28th and 29th. This collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) and St. Vincent de Paul (Belleville). We appreciate your generosity during these 5th Sunday Collections. Once again, if you wish to have your donation listed on your annual financial statement, please indicate on your check memo line or put cash in an envelope with the designation of 5th Sunday Collection. Thank you!

DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT 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

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.

Please see main bulletin board for posting on Diocesan employment opportunities.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, January 29, at 2:00pm. Bishop Michael McGovern will preside. A choir will provide music by Buckner, Byrd, and Mozart. The hour concludes with Benediction. The Cathedral is located at 200 W. Harrison Street in Belleville. All are invited!

The 2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
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.

Pray
for Vocations

Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be "fishers of men". He likewise enlists James and John to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with helping each other live the vocation we've each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.

Discernment 101 with the Daughters of St. Paul

Are you a young woman ages 16-33 seeking God's will in your life? Join the Daughters of St. Paul for Discernment 101, a series of Saturday morning talks, prayer, and community to help you grow in your relationship with God and discern how God is inviting you to live out the gift of who you are in the world. Our next session is Saturday, January 28 on "Transformation in Christ" from 8:30-12:00 at Pauline Books & Media (9804 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63126). Join us for 8:30 Mass, followed by light refreshments, a talk, discussion, and Eucharistic Adoration. A Zoom option is also available. For more details or to register, please visit connect.pauline.org/discernment-101 or email stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24th is an extra special day….Happy Birthday to Father Evaristus!

CATHEDRAL of SAINT PETER

"Graces in Ordinary Time"
Janet Sullivan Whitaker in Concert
Cathedral of Saint Peter Belleville, IL
Friday, January 27th 7:30pm

ACTS

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

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL…….

Mattress Sale Fundraiser--Gibault Catholic High School is hosting a Mattress Sale fundraiser through Jack's Mattress Shack in Arnold, MO. Please stop by the Gibault auditorium for a worthy cause and find some great mattress deals from a local Gibault family. Delivery & financing are available on name brands at special prices!
January 27 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., January 28 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., January 29 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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!
We're #gibaultproud of: the Hawks' Varsity Boys' Basketball Team for winning the Chester Invitational Tournament!

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. 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 and Study Guide
Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.
Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.
Joyce Springer will be facilitating these classes. She holds a Master's Degree in Theology, with the area of concentration in Scripture.

DID YOU KNOW…?

The memorials of the January 2023:

The 26th of January is the memorial day of the two saints of The Roman Catholic Church. This particular day is dedicated to Saint Titus and Saint Timothy.

There are two more memorial days this January. On the 28th of January, the Catholic community will be celebrating the memorial day of Saint Thomas Aquinas whereas the 31st of January is the day dedicated to Saint John Bosco.

The optional memorial days of January 2023

In fact, today is the first optional memorial day of the Catholic Church. This is the day of The Most Holy Name of Jesus. The next optional memorial day will happen right after the day of Epiphany of Saint Andre Bassette, on the 7th of January. This is the memorial day of Saint Raymond of Penyafort.

The thirteenth of the January is the optional memorial day of Saint Hilary of Poitiers.

The 20th of January is the optional memorial day of two saints. The day is dedicated to Saint Fabian and Saint Sebastian. Just in two days after this optional celebration, there is another optional memorial day which is dedicated to Saint Vincent.

The last optional memorial day of the Catholic liturgical calendar of January is the 27th. On this day, the community of Catholics is celebrating the day of Saint Angela Merici.

Do not forget about the specific celebrations of the Roman Catholic Church held in particular countries. This is particularly true for the USA, Argentina and Canada.