

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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St. Vincent de Paul Help Line 618/792-4059

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: All nations are invited tossing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 1-5 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 1-6 8:30 am – Michael Amann

NO MASSES TUES-FRI DUE TO FR. VON ATTENDING PRIEST

CONVOCATION

Sat. 1-12 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 1-13 8:30 am – Arline Klinkhardt & Lawrence Biffar



ORGANIZATIONS

BLESSED VIRGIN ALTAR SODALITY – The ladies meet the first Tuesday In September, November, January & March at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Details regarding the annual Christmas Party and Spring Breakfast are shared in the bulletins closer to those dates.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Any changes or special activities are given elsewhere in the bulletin.

QUILTING – ladies meet to quilt each Tuesday in the Parish Center from 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. except during the summer. Any questions call Margie Holle at 473-2944 or Alice Kuehn 473-2817.

PARISH COUNT: 180

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 12-30-18

Sunday Envelopes (63) - \$1,928.00

Loose – \$253.00 Youth (1) - \$2.00

Christmas (7) - \$635.00

Scholarship Fund - \$168.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2018)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

**The next meeting of the
Blessed Virgin Altar Sodality will be
Tuesday, January 8th; 7:00 pm
in the Parish Center**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 12th; 5pm

Ushers: Rich Kaiser & Kevin Kreher

Greeters: Sue Hepp

Servers: Days

Lector: Emma Day

Extraordinary Ministers: Roger Cortner,
Gary Wittenauer and Donna Rheinecker

Sunday, January 13th; 8:30am

Ushers: Alice & Walter Krysnoski

Greeters: Alice & Walter Krysnoski

Servers: Grohmanns

Lector: Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Ministers: Margie Holle,
Dennis Biffar and Ruth Wittenauer

OFFERTORY FAMILIES

Mon. 12/31 – Donna Rheinecker

Sat. 1/5 -- M/M Edward Schaefer

Sat. 1/12 – Brian Smith Family

Tues. 1/1 – M/M Edward Stellhorn

Sun. 1/6 – M/M Larry Schaltenbrand

Sat. 1/13 – Chuck Wagner Family

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Edith Boling, Dave Bruss, Dorothy Vogler, Janet Hayes, Maxine Linnertz, Kathy Lynn Kromat, Ray Mavers, Rita Helfrich, Robert & Alice Mueller, Bob Dennler, Bob Reed, Pam Wilderman Woodward, Barbara Kuenne, Shirley Wittenauer, Heddy Birkner, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Mark Junker, Ranetta Adams, Nancy Grohmann, Sheila Zubrzyski, and Lowell Powell.

Submitted names will remain on the prayer list for one month's time. Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Andy & Carrie Schaefer on the Baptism of their son, Luke Andrew Schaefer, on Saturday, January 5th, 2019. Welcome Luke Andrew to the Parish Family and may God bless you and your family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Carrie & Aaron Koester on the Baptism of their son, Jase William Koester, on Saturday, January 5th, 2019. Welcome Jase William to the Parish Family and may God bless you and your family.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

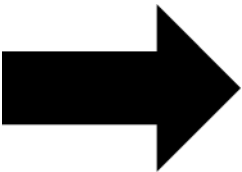
TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

Calling all juniors and seniors in high school: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends: January 19-21, 2019 at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, IL, and February 16-18, 2019 at Sacred Heart School in Du Quoin, IL. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day Catholic retreat for the young adults of Southern Illinois. It's a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). To learn more and/or to apply visit: www.bellevilletec.org

Charitable Gift Annuities Available

Charitable gift annuities are now easily available to our parish family members through a program offered by the Catholic Church Extension Society. By taking out a Catholic Gift Annuity you may be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, receive fixed income payments for life and leave a legacy to your parish or school. To obtain a brochure and learn more about this program, please contact the parish office or visit www.catholicgiftannuity.org.

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An update regarding work on roofs on the parish buildings...the work has been completed. Donations continue to be accepted towards the estimated \$20,757.00 cost of the repairs. If you wish to make a donation, please write a separate check with a notation that this donation is to go towards the "roof" work. We appreciate your continued support as we work hard to maintain all of our parish buildings.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Rev. Von C. Deeke, Pastor



The Choir will be singing every Sunday during the Advent & Christmas season until January 13th at the 8:30 am Masses.



The 2019 Contribution Boxes are at the front entrance of church. Please pick up your box and take it home with you. Thanks!

COMING AREA EVENTS

FLYERS WILL NOW BE LOCATED IN A 3-RING BINDER AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO CHURCH. FEEL FREE TO CHECK OUT THE BINDER IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFO ABOUT AN EVENT.

Jan. 11th – Trivia; St. Teresa Belleville; Opens 6:30pm; Starts 7pm; School Gym, 1108 Lebanon Ave; 8 Max per table; \$100 per table; BYOS; beer, water, soda & wine available for purchase; email

Janine.gosebrink@stteresatigers.org or call Janine at 618/235-4066.

Jan. 12th – Polka Dance; DuBois KC Hall; "Natural Talent"; opens 5pm; Food & Drinks Available.

Jan. 18th – 80's Big Hair Bingo; 1980's Themed Bingo; St. John's Red Bud; Opens 6pm, Bingo starts 7pm; \$20 each & admission includes 12 games, 1 dauber, 2 drinks from bar; bring own snacks. Prize for best dressed table; max of 12 per table; reservations encouraged; walk-ins welcome. RSVP to 618/282-3222

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO on Monday nights at CKL of I in Swansea. Bingo (no machines) begins at 7pm and proceeds benefit Althoff Catholic High School. Food and drinks are available

Euchre -- Every Thursday afternoon starting at 1:00; St. Michael's Paderborn (9/6/18-5/23/19)



The First Luminous Mystery

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1. John is baptizing in the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance.
2. "I am the voice of one crying in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."
3. "One mightier than I is coming after me."
4. "I have baptized you with water, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
5. Seeing Jesus, John exclaims: "Behold the Lamb of God."
6. Against protests of his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan.
7. After Jesus' baptism a voice from Heaven: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
8. The Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove.
9. In this heavenly manifestation the sacrament of baptism is prefigured.
10. The divine Trinity is manifested: the voice of the Father is heard as the Spirit descends upon the Son.

Spiritual Fruit: Let us pray for peace and unity around the world. Let us pray for all families that are experiencing trials and issues that leave them divided...that the Holy Family can intercede and reunite them.

**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 a 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. Order forms are located in magazine rack in front vestibule of church. 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. Order forms may be returned in collection basket with check or given to Betty or Annette Schreder or any SPPS student family. Any questions may be directed to same people.

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INTO MY VINEYARD SURVEY

Just a reminder that in the coming weeks, you will receive a survey in the mail that we hope you will complete and return. This survey will be an awesome opportunity for you to mark off and show ways to apply your interests and talents here in our Parish!

Please continue to pray over how you might become more involved in the parish life at St. Augustine's.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clinton Mudd at 618/960-5839.

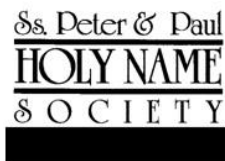


What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?



HAS YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED? ARE YOU JUST USING A CELL # NOW AND NEED TO ELIMINATE YOUR LANDLINE NUMBER? HAVE YOU HAD A CHILD RELOCATE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE? ARE YOU NOT ON OUR PARISH ROSTER AND NEED TO REGISTER?

The 2019 Parish List will be published early in 2019 and so the Office would appreciate any updates or changes as soon as possible. If you have any changes, please let us know by dropping a note in the collection basket, by calling 473-2217, or by sending email to staug@htc.net. Thank you very much!!!



**11th Annual
Euchre Tournament
Friday, January 25
SsPP Grade School Gym
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Tournament starts at 7:00 p.m.**



Prizes awarded for top 3 places in 2 flights at a minimum.

Tickets are \$25 and include: 7 Rounds of Euchre,

(12 hands per round), Beverages (Soda, water and Beer),

All you can eat fried chicken (at the end of the last round)

For information or questions please contact: Tim Huels (406-6399) or Josh Phelps (978-4048).



**Ss. Peter & Paul Women's ACTS Retreat
February 7 – 10, 2019**

Give the gift of rest in the Lord this Christmas season!

Do you know a lady who needs a break from her busy life? Someone who is looking for a closer relationship with God?

The ACTS weekend inspires, encourages, challenges & so much more. It is put on by lay women, for lay women, with the support of our parish priests. Through this weekend, you will get to know the women in our parish who are searching for the same things you are. Won't you join us on the journey?

Registration forms can be found on the parish website (www.ssppcc.org)..

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Niebruegge at 618.917.6606.

There are a few blank registration forms in the literature stand at the front entrance to St. Augustine's.



46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 16-20, 2019 THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Youth from our Parish will be collecting donations on January 12th and 13th to offset expenses involved with traveling to Washington, DC for the Annual National March for Life. There will be 88 students & chaperones attending this march...the largest group yet. Representing our Parish are: Ande Grohmann, Brooke Biffar, Josh Papenberg & Kim Papenberg (Chaperone). The group will leave Waterloo on January 16th & return on the 20th. The actual March is on January 18th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!



The Youth Ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul which also includes the youth from St. Augustine's now has a new social platform...INSTAGRAM! The new Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry, Mrs. Catherine Burkart, has set up an Instagram Account which she will use to promote prayer and social opportunities. **Any youth interested can follow on [ssppyyouth_waterloo](https://www.instagram.com/ssppyyouth_waterloo).**

GroupMe. This is a new social media platform that the teens are using. It is a large group text option. Students can invite other teens to join or students can join by following the link below.

https://web.groupme.com/join_group/44062372/mlpvvgk



The 2019 "Feasts & Saints" Calendars are now available at the entrances to church. Please take one per household.

Thank you to our sponsors again this year...

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TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES – 7:00 – 8:00 pm

SS. PETER AND PAUL, WATERLOO

To be held in the Adult Faith Formation House

January 22nd, 2019 – “Sharing our Stories of Faith” Presenters: A Panel of Parishioners; Host: Patti Stirnaman.



WATERLOO

Queen of Hearts

BENEFITS SPPCS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The SPPCS Queen of Hearts fundraiser is in full swing. \$1 tickets are on sale at the Stubborn German Brewing Company in downtown Waterloo during normal business hours. Drawing is at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday.

NEW SPPCS FUNDRAISER

Save money & help SPPCS at the same time!

Purchase these items you need every day!

5 Gallon Bucket of Laundry Detergent (240-320 loads per bucket); 5 Gallon Bucket of Fabric Softener; 200 Dishwasher Packs - Each Bucket is only \$45.00!

Tall kitchen trash bags (15 gallon size) 65 bags per roll; Large Refuse trash bags (39 gallon size) 25 bags per roll (red holiday bag also available); Oversize Trash bags (55 gallon size) 16 bags per roll - Each Roll is only \$12.

**The Seven Sacraments:
How We Can Bring Them Alive in our Families and our Homes
Part Two of the Series on January 10
7:00 – 8:30 pm – Ss. Peter & Paul Adult Faith Formation House
Presented by Joyce Springer**

Have you wondered how you could best help your children or grandchildren better understand the sacraments? Have you wished that you had some interactive ways to make the sacraments more understandable? Do you wish that you could better explain the sacraments to someone else? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come to our program on Thursday, Jan 10 and learn more about the sacraments of Reconciliation, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. The class will be offered by Parishioner, Joyce Springer, who literally "wrote the book" on teaching the sacraments. She is a published author for the book "Handbook of Sacraments for Today's Catechist."

WINTER FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

**"I Can Only Imagine"
Friday, January 18
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Ss. Peter & Paul Adult Faith Formation House**

Join us as we kick off our Winter Friday Night at the Movies with our feature presentation of "I Can Only Imagine" starring Dennis Quaid. This popular movie is the story of songwriter, Bart Millard, the lead singer of the Christian band MercyMe, and gives the background to the chart-topping song by the same name. Join us as we watch the inspiring true story and experience the power of true forgiveness. Patti Stirnaman will host this movie, and a brief discussion will follow as time allows. Popcorn will be provided. No RSVP needed.

**Date Night for Married Couples of all Ages!
Friday, February 1st, 2019 7:00 – 9:30pm
Childcare Available!**

Life is busy! Raising children, working, volunteering, sports events, all take a lot of time! Yet all marriage experts will tell you that time spent, just as a couple, is very important to the health of your marriage and family.

This year, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish is offering four opportunities for just that. A Date Night! You can attend one or all of these evenings. Our next date night is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 1. Your date starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Adult Faith Formation House, where you will be greeted with a beverage of your choice (a glass of wine, beer, or non-alcoholic beverage), and a simple snack. There will be a brief (10-20 minutes) presentation to give you some conversation starters as you go out on a date of your choice. Visit one of our local establishments for dinner or beverage, ice cream or dessert, just the two of you, knowing your children are being safely cared for here at the parish by our new Pastoral Associate for Youth and her husband, and several parish high school students.

Please RSVP to Karen at kseaborn@sspcc.org or call the parish office at 939-6426, ext. 11. This is especially important for parents who wish childcare so that we are assured of having enough volunteers available for the number and ages of children in attendance.