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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, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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THEME FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: “The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.” May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri. 7/14 8:00 am- Rosalie Neff, Bonnie Casey, and Ruth Cortner

Sat. 7/15 5:00 pm – Roy Schreder, Mary Morales, and
Deceased Knights of Columbus Members

Sun. 7/16 8:30 am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s

Fri. 7/21 8:00 am- Irene Sturgeon, Randy Sturgeon, and Cliff Bell, Verena Kreher, and
Norbert Wittenauer

Sat. 7/22 5:00 pm- Special Intention and Wally Amann

Sun. 7/23 8:30am- For our Parish at St. Augustine’s



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 7-9-2023

Envelopes (42)- \$3,001.00

Loose- \$130.00

Youth- \$11.00

Scholarship-\$228.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-
\$1,700.00

Scholarship Fund - \$3,639.50

(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 22nd, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann
Lector: Cindy Grohmann
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Angie Parker
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Sunday, July 23rd, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle
Lector: Betty Schreder
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle
Extraordinary Minister Wine: John Kaiser
Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkes, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher and Heather Grohmann Kurtz.

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

Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.

****ATTENTION KC Members: July meeting has been rescheduled from July 12 to July 19th @ 7:30pm****

Attention Parishioners of St. AUGUSTINE, the Knights of Columbus are seeking your help. Every year we supply workers for the Monroe County Fair, taking place July 23-30, parking cars, working the entry gate, selling beer tokens and working in the beer stand. This year we are in need of additional help, if you are able to help the revenue generated from your shift would go into the Education fund or another fund of your choice at St Augustine's. Most shifts are 2 1/2-3 hours and if can help contact Kevin Schreder at 618-473-2925...Thanks!!!



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The preacher's sermon was on the Ten Commandments. When he reached "Thou shalt not steal," he noticed one of his parishioners, became very agitated. When the preacher reached "Thou shalt not commit adultery," the man suddenly smiled and relaxed. After the service, the preacher approached the man and asked him the reason for his peculiar behavior. The man replied with an embarrassed smile, "When you talked about the commandment "Thou shalt not steal," I suddenly discovered my umbrella was missing. But when you said "Thou shalt not commit adultery", I remembered where I left it."

The Parable of the Sower which we read this weekend can be found only in three of the four gospels. Mathew, Mark, and Luke record this parable with a slight difference that is not significant. Some commentators have suggested that the parable could have been called the Parable of the Soil. The parable is not about the Sower or the seed but about the ground where the seed fell. The Sower merely walks along his familiar path throwing his seed into the soil.

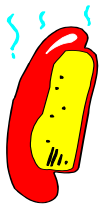
However, the modern American farmer would carefully prepare the soil with the right pH balance first. (The soil pH indicates the acidity of the soil. A healthy, productive farm is created from the ground up. The Soil pH above 7 is alkaline and contains more negatively charged hydroxide ions. The soil pH is important to know because it determines the availability of almost all essential plant nutrients). He only injects the seed into the soil after treating the soil.

In Jesus' time, the farmers would cast the seed and then plow the land. With this method, the seed could fall wherever. The Sower's intention is not to waste his seeds. He hopes for a better season when harvest time comes. But regardless of the good seeds and the Sower's intention, some seeds sown in the scattering method will land on soil with less favorable conditions. Jesus warns that the human heart is like receptive soil to the seed of God's word. There is the hard heart, the shallow heart, the crowded heart, and the fruitful heart.

The parable of the Sower ends with the invitation to listen—"Whoever has ears ought to hear." Hear what? Blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear.

The parable of the Sower is not merely pragmatic. It also conveys the idea of God's promise. There is always fertile soil. The confident disciple's focus should not be on the good effort that fails but on celebrating the abundant harvest that is produced.

There are many things in life that we lose, and there many things we gain. What we achieve, we must celebrate as God's blessing.



PICNIC



Saturday, August 19, 2023

WE NEED RUNNERS! Please consider inviting family and friends to sign up for this year's Tiki Trot. We have a fun run (\$20) and the 5K Tiki Trot (\$30). All those registered by August 1 are guaranteed to receive a t-shirt. Walkers are welcome! Online registration is open at www.athlinks.com/event/17247 Follow the Hecker Tiki Trot page on Facebook for more information!!



Kirchenfest Planning Meeting

There will be a Kirchenfest meeting on Wednesday, July 19th at 7pm, at the Hecker Community Center

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are still in need of Bingo workers, a Margarita Stand chair and an Adult Basket Stand chair...if interested in Bingo, please contact Joan Powell at 618-473-9335, and if interested in the other chair positions, please contact Aaron Eckart at 618-920-5258. Thank you!!!



Please feel free to take 1 basket for the Adult Basket Stand (suggested value \$15.00) and 1 basket for the Kid's Basket Stand (suggested value \$10.00) from the table in the entry way this weekend to fill and bring back. Baskets can be dropped off during office hours or by coordination with the parish office.

UPCOMING 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT MONTH...

July 29th & 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Newman Center-SIU-C

In July, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2nd Collection at Masses the weekend of July 29th and July 30th. This collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) and Newman Center of SIU-C. 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!

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. 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.



Gatorade and Bottled Water Needed!

During the intense heat of summer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and OverNite Center every day.

And...no matter what the weather...individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacramento Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen

3718 State Street, East St. Louis

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. If you are unable to donate items, we humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients. Thank you and God bless you for enabling St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

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



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Journey to Nicaea: The Evolution of Christianity from Gospel to Creed
Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, July 1, August 5 and September 2 10:00 am – Noon

The first four centuries of the Christian era saw an incredible evolution – from a tiny movement in Israel to a vast, thriving institution in much of the Roman Empire. In its earliest days the Christian movement was a disorganized network of communities with no Bible, no central authority, and no unified system of beliefs.

But by the year 400 the Church had adopted a universal statement of faith – the Nicene Creed. In this three-part series we will explore Christianity's historical and theological journey from Jerusalem to Nicaea.
cost: \$10 per session / \$30 for the series.

For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org>

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving". It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

Pledges to Date: 29

\$5,640.00

89% of our goal!



"The countless gravestones at Normandy American Cemetery in France stirred my heart. These brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives challenged me: Would I be willing to lay down my life, as these men did, for the Lord and his people? Long before this pivotal moment, the seeds of my vocation had been planted by family role models. My grandfather served his family and parish sacrificially for many years after his WWII duty. Likewise, my father coached me in self-discipline, and my dear mother raised me to serve others. It was at college that the Lord Jesus truly captured my heart.

After graduation, I served as a missionary and met the Brotherhood of Hope. I admired the brothers and their work evangelizing students at secular universities, but I resisted the idea of celibacy and did not have the courage to explore a vocation with them until after my experience at Normandy Beach. My years with the Brothers of Hope have strengthened my conviction that Jesus Christ alone can satisfy our deepest desires."

Brother Brandt Haglund; Brotherhood of Hope, Tallahassee, FL.;

Columbia Magazine May 2022

The Serra Club of St. 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 and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at Corpus Christi Parish Hall 206 Rasp St. Shiloh, IL 62269. We begin Mass at 11:00 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker.

Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash

618-531-4244 **Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!



LOCAL UPCOMING CHURCH PICNICS/EVENTS

- **St. Bruno's Church Picnic, Pinckneyville, IL**
Saturday, July 15th, 2023, Mass at 4pm, Dinner from 3:30pm-6:30pm
Quilt Cash Bingo Begins at 7pm
- **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Quilt Bingo**
519 Hazel St, Red Bud, IL, 62278, Church Parish Center
Sunday, July 16th, 2023, Doors and Lunch Available @ 11am,
Bingo begins at 1pm, 24 Games and 24 Quilts!
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church Picnic, Dubois, IL**
Saturday, July 22nd, 2023, Polka Mass at 4pm
- **St. Luke Sodality Lunch and Card Party and BINGO**
226 N. Church St., Belleville, IL 62220
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 Door Open 10:30am, Lunch served @ noon, event
ends at 3pm. Cost is \$10.00
- **St. Boniface, Germantown, IL**
Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, Chicken Dinner starts @ 3:30pm,
Quilt/Cash Bingo @ 6:30pm
- **St. Anthony's Parish Picnic, Church Grounds,**
Route 153, Lively Grove, IL 62268
Saturday, August 5th, 2023, Chicken Dinner
served 4-8pm, Quilt Bingo starting at 6:30pm, Dinner Rain or Shine!
- **St. Patrick Church-Tipton Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner,**
Sunday, August 6th, 2023
Dinner 11am-4pm, Carry-Outs Available, Auction beginning at Noon;
Rummage and Bake Sale July 28th & 29th 7am-12pm, Located in Church Hall
(Rummage Sale items half price on Auction Day)
- **St. George Parish Picnic, 200th North 8th St,**
New Baden , IL 62295
Saturday, August 12th, 3pm-Midnight, Fried Chicken Dinner Served 3-7pm with
carry outs available, Mass at 4pm, Lightning Bingo to begin at 5:45pm,
followed by Bingo at 6:30pm
- **Corpus Christi Catholic Church Rummage Sale**
205 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL, Corpus Christi Parish Center
Friday, September 15th, 2023, 6-8pm, \$3.00/person Admission
Saturday, September 16th, 8-1pm, Bag Sale Sunday 17th, 10-2pm

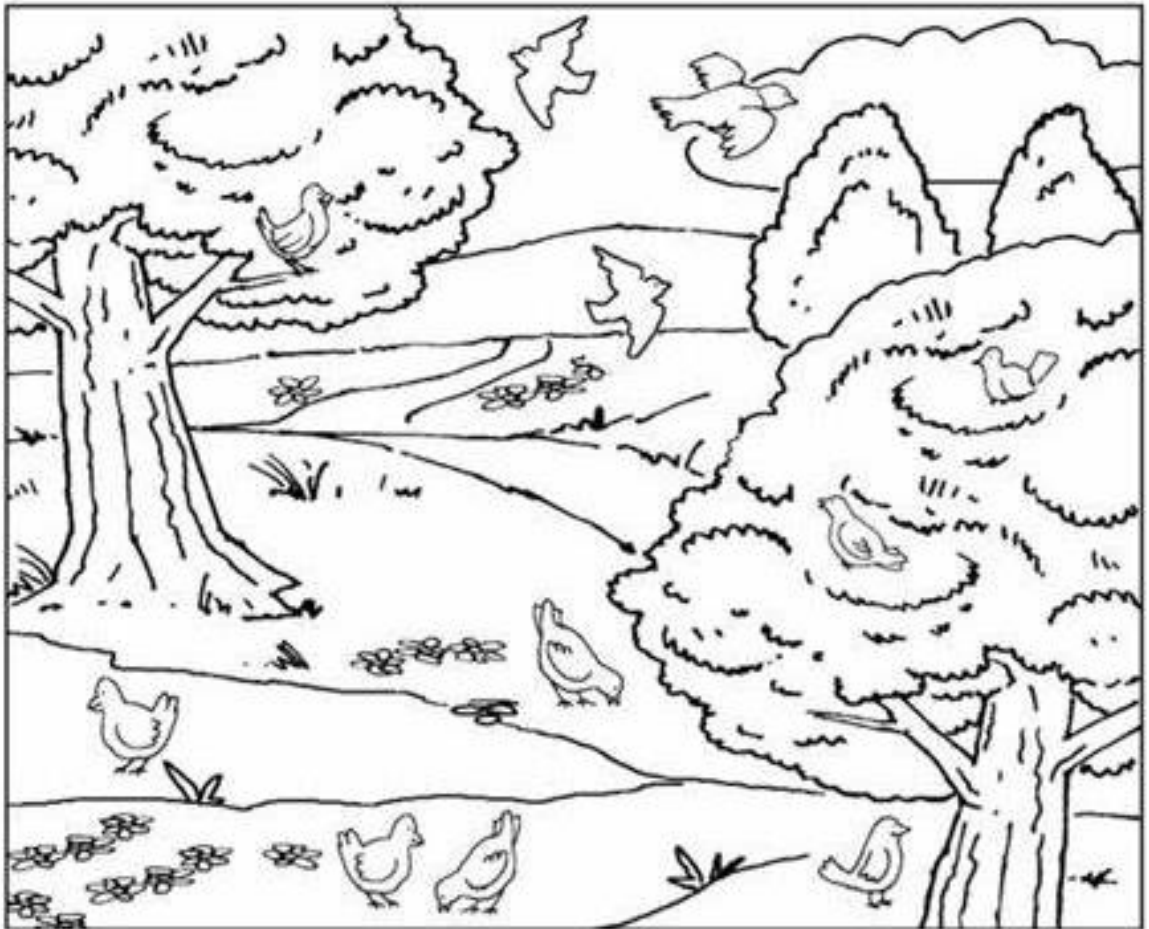


God Cares for Us

Jesus said, "Look at the birds in the air.
God provides everything they need."

Count the birds in the picture.
Trace the correct number.

9 or 10 or 11 ?





NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

80th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

Friday, July 28 through Saturday, August 5

Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.

“Mary the Dawn, Christ the Perfect Day!” - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary.

For more information, call 618.394.6276. snows.org/novena

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church NEWS....



First Friday Breakfast: August 4
Students in Grades 8–12 are invited to join us for 8 am Mass on Friday, August 4. Following Mass, we will walk to Bean Tree for breakfast!

**Pancake Breakfast:
Sunday, August 13**



Families are invited to join us on Sunday, August 13, for a Pancake Breakfast to support Youth Ministry. Pancakes will be served from 9 am – Noon in the school gym.

More Details to Follow!

**BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND!**



**Bibles & Bourbon
AFF House
July 21
7 pm**



Mark your Calendars!

Bourbon tasting with short Bible study sessions between tasting. Light snacks provided. You may want to bring your favorite palate-cleansing beer. If you are planning on attending, please call or text David or Nathan for planning purposes; however, reservations are not required.

David Miskel
618-406-4250

Nathan Higerson
618-980-9078