

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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

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Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Abraham, the just and upright man, graciously hosts three visitors. As Mary and Martha host Jesus, he speaks of only one thing as necessary, for us to follow him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus and being receptive to “the mystery of Christ” as he comes to us through one another.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 7/18	8:00am- Marvin Eckart, John Rheinecker, Ruth Cortner
Saturday, 7/19	5:00pm- Lawrence & Marie Kaiser, John & Eleonora Wittenauer
Sunday, 7/20	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Friday, 7/25	8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer, Don Haudrich, Marcia & Evan Rheinecker
Saturday, 7/26	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 7/27	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet, Special Intention

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/29/2025:

Weekly Envelopes- \$1800.00

Loose- \$464.00

Youth- \$0-

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$3,220.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, July 26th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Servers: Mehrmann's

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker

Camera:

Sunday, July 27th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Sister Joan Weiler

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser

Camera:



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.

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



The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *Hope in the Lord*

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2025 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: 24 81 % OF OUR GOAL MET

\$5,455.00 pledged of 7/6/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

From the Desk of Decon, Tom Helfrich

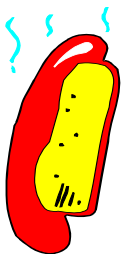
Last month I wrote about Catholic Conference of Illinois (CCI), Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN) which keeps subscribers informed on issues affecting the Church and her mission at both the state and federal levels. Did you know that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) also has a service that you can subscribe to hear from our Bishops when there are things going on at the national level affecting the Church and her mission? For



example, last month our Bishops were asking US Catholics to urge our Senators to oppose cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and programs that help low-income people, especially those most vulnerable. This was when the House passed the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, a large piece of legislation which would make generational shifts to taxes, the budget, healthcare

for low-income people, protections for hungry children, and more. When Bishop Braxton was with us at a weekend Mass last month he too urged us to inform ourselves on the Big Beautiful Bill. This service available from our Bishops is an easy way for us to stay informed on these serious issues that we might not otherwise know about. This link <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/home> or the QR code will take you to the USCCB website where you can read more about our Bishops position on various national issues and sign up to receive alerts from them. I would encourage you to sign up and take a stand against issues that oppose the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Deacon Tom



PICNIC



We are looking to fill the chairperson position of the dessert stand at the dinner for next year's Kirchenfest. The current chairperson is retiring after this year. You could work in the dessert stand this year and learn the procedures. Keep in mind, this job is in the air-conditioned hall. If you are interested in chairing the dessert stand, please contact the parish secretary or Aaron Eckart.

Kid's Games

The Chairperson of the kids' game Plinko is asking for \$10 toys for the stand, 1 for boys and 1 for girls. No need to make a basket, the stand chairperson will put these items together in a plastic bag. You can drop the toys off at Laurel Jung's house, the church, or the parish office. Bags will also be provided on the table in the back of church.

Also needed for the Plinko stand are workers, 8th grade or high school to help the day of the picnic. Good for service hours. Call Laurel for more information 618-340-1906

Dressing Prep and Dressing Making

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church on the table for volunteers needed to help make dressing for the Kirchenfest dinner. Dressing prep will take place at the Community Center on Wednesday August 13 at 6:00 pm. Making the dressing will take place at the Community Center on Friday August 15th after mass.

Please realize many volunteers are needed to make our picnic a success.

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.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”

“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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Linus will be traveling to Nigeria to visit his family from July 11- August 19th, 2025.

The Kirchenfest is planned for Saturday, August 16th, 2025! Save it on your calendar!

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The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 82nd Annual Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

Monday, July 28, through Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m. nightly

Find Healing and Hope... Each nightly Mass focuses on a different theme and concludes with a beautiful praying of the rosary by candlelight. Join us in prayer for any or all of these nine evening Masses, as we pray for our own needs and those of our whole world.

For the schedule of healing themes and more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit snows.org/novena