

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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

House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618-939-8680

**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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. The Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 7/22 5:00 pm- A Special Intention, Wally Amann, and Esther Eckart

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

Fri. 7/28 8:00 am- Dave Bruss, Eileen Wagner, and Urban Wittenauer

Sat. 7/29 5:00 pm- Lawrence & Marie Kaiser, Roy Schreder, and Charlie Kreher

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



***There will be a Fifth
Collection Next Weekend
to Support St. Vincent de
Paul Waterloo & Newman
Center-SIU-C***

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 7-16-2023

Envelopes (62)- \$1,872.00

Loose- \$145.00

Youth- \$11.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-
\$1,800.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$3,639.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 29th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader
Lector: Elaine Rader
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Barb Bruss
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Sunday, July 30th, 8:30am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler
Lector: Janella Neary
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
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.



**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 15th,
1-5pm
Hecker Community
Center**



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 the Sixteenth Sunday of the year A

An older couple took their four-year-old grandson to church where the grandmother sang in the choir. She gave the boy a quarter to keep his grandfather awake during the sermon, but grandpa slept through most of the service. After church she asked the boy why he had not followed her instructions. He said, "Grandpa gave me 50 cents not to wake him up."

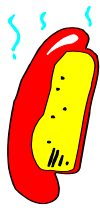
Again, this weekend, the gospel reading takes us through another parable of Jesus. It is the parable of the weeds and the wheat. This parable appears only in the gospel of Mathew. As was the case last weekend, the seed is a critical metaphor in the story. While the landowner plants wheat, he finds out that weeds are growing with his wheat, he tells his servant to let them grow together until harvest time. It seems, no farmer would say that. Instead, he would want to pull the weeds out immediately so that they don't grow to choke the wheat or deprive the wheat of its nutrients.

However, the seeds in this context represent the disciples of God and the evil one. Amid all that God created, there is the presence of other forces that tend to battle constantly with the good creation of God. The enemy sows the disciples of destruction in the community of faith.

This parable shines a light on the human preoccupation of who is "in" and who is "out." Who can we let in, and who must remain out? Who among so many Christians in our world God accepts today, and who is of another stock?

It is the landowner who sowed good seeds. He knows about the wheat vs. weeds relationship very well. The questions of the disciples, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from? Do you want us to go and pull them up?" is an attempt to push for clarity about the weeds vs. wheat relationship. The disciples would want to terminate the intrusion of the weeds in the field immediately. They would want to bring in the harvest, burn the weeds, and settle the problem. But the landowner seems to have a better idea. So, he says "No" to the disciples. His argument calls for attention. He is not leaving that judgment to the disciples to say who is in and who is out. He would instead let both grow together until the final harvest. This is the wisdom of the parable. The strategy of restraint here defines the nature of God.

The metaphor of letting the weeds and wheat grow together anticipates God's patience, who allows us to be reborn, not just once but repeatedly. God does not merely allow a world of weeds and wheat, good and evil, faith and faithlessness, but he finally decides who is redeemed or damned, who is in or out.



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!!



QUILTS

If you have a quilt to drop off for picnic bingo, please drop them by the Parish Office during office hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are still in need of Bingo workers and a Margarita Stand chair... if interested in Bingo, please contact Joan Powell at 618-473-9335, and if interested in the chair position, 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.

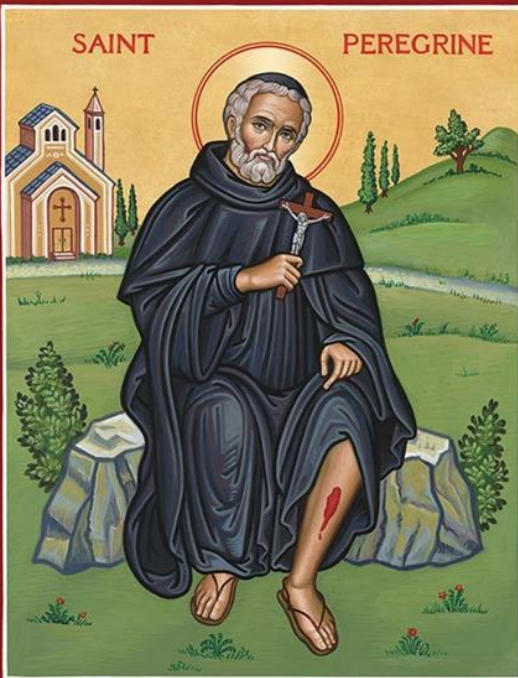
UPCOMING 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT MONTH...

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.



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The parishioners of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Belleville invite your participation in
8:15AM Mass and
Devotional Prayers following Mass
on the **First Thursday of each month**
for the Intercession of **St. Peregrine**
for all our brothers and sisters who are ill.
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
5923 North Belt West
Belleville, IL

Saint Peregrine was born in 1260, and after a raucous life, became a devoted follower of Christ. With a serious infection in his leg, he prayed before an image of Christ crucified, and was miraculously healed. He is the patron saint for persons suffering from cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening illnesses.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT 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. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

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

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!

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NEW UPDATE AS OF 7-17-23!!!

Pledges to Date: 30

\$5,680.00

89% of our goal!



"I'll never forget the first time I saw a nun. I was 5 years old, and my family had gone to a convent for Mass. Seeing a woman in a habit, I asked, "Mama, why is she wearing those clothes?" Her reply captivated me: "She's married to Jesus." I thought, "I want to marry Jesus, too." Christ was my first love, and I've never gotten over Him. Growing up in Catholic school, I struggled with academic and social pressures like any girl, but the desire to radically serve Christ kept burning within me. The idea that he could be calling me to be his bride was exciting. Continuing to discern in college, I was open to marriage, but I felt that I had too much love to give to one family. I wanted to be a spiritual mother and adopt the world. My decision to follow Christ came in adoration. After an hour of silence, I heard him say, "Be crucified with me." I knew he was asking me to give my life to him completely. My greatest joy was returning to my first love."

Sr. Mary Gianna Casino; Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanceville, AL



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

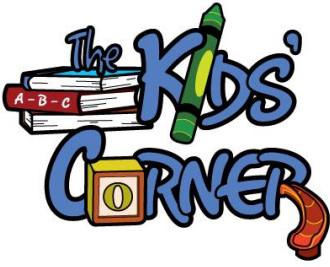
618-531-4244 **Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

LOCAL UPCOMING CHURCH PICNICS/EVENTS

- **St. Charles Borromeo Church Picnic, Dubois, IL**
Saturday, July 22nd, 2023, Polka Mass at 4pm
- **St. James Parish Bonus Bingo, Quilt and Cash Social**
423 West Madison, Millstadt, IL 62260
Sunday, July 23rd, 2023 Doors Open at 10:30 am, Bingo @ 1pm
Bring your own covers! Fried Chicken Dinner and refreshments.
- **Monroe County Fair- Monroe County Fair Grounds**
Sunday, July 23-Sunday, July 30th
Visit www.monroecountyfair.org for more details!!
- **St. Boniface, Germantown, IL**
Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, Chicken Dinner starts @ 3:30pm,
Quilt/Cash Bingo @ 6:30pm
- **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. Joseph's Annual Church Picnic**
802 Middle St, Prairie Du Rocher, IL, Mass at 4pm
Saturday, August 5th, 2023 Serving Chicken Dinner 3-7:30pm
Cash and Quilt Bingo 5-11pm
- **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
- **Life Network Trivia Night, Waterloo High School Cafeteria**
Saturday, September 30th, 2023 Doors open @5pm
Start Time is 6pm SHARP, Raffle Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Prize Wheel
Attendance Prizes, Max 10/ table/ \$150.00 per table
Bring your own food/drink, NO ALCOHOL, Soda and water sold



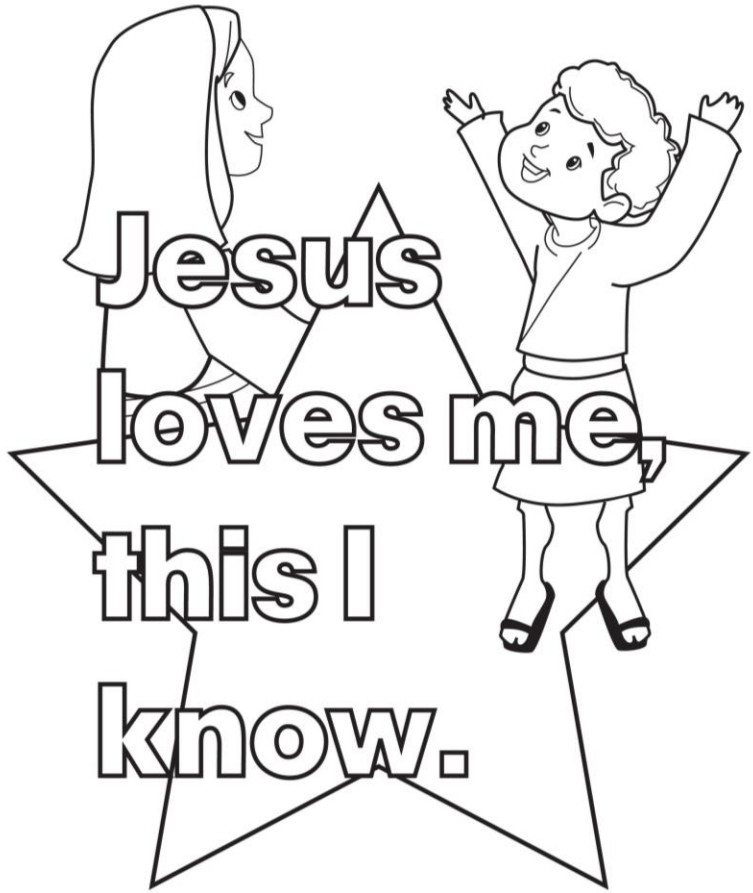


HUGGING

is a silent way of
saying...
You matter
to me.



Little Church Mouse
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God said, "I will
never leave you
or forget you."

Hebrews
Chapter 13 verse 5



**Grandparents
are a treasure
in the family.
Please, take care
of your grandparents:
love them and let them
talk to your children!**

- Pope Francis



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

Pre-Cana will be held at:

St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

DATE: Saturday, September 16, 2023 TIME: 9:25AM – 6:30PM

Includes Mass at 5:00PM COST: \$75.00 (includes lunch)

RSVP to:

Deacon Mark Kabat (618) 316-8027 or E-mail at: mark.kabat@farmcrediti.com



Ss. Peter and 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.

Adults:	\$12.00
Children (ages 5 -12):	\$ 8.00
Children (5 and under):	FREE

No Family Pays More than \$30



2023 GOLD RUSH RAFFLE

Congratulations to Logan Winka (Scheller, IL) on winning the \$1,000 July Early Bird prize last weekend! Be sure you have your ticket(s) bought before the next Early Bird drawing in August. There are still 6 chances to win \$1,000 and more - and your ticket is put back into each drawing so you can win more than once. One of the 402 names could be yours. We will not sell more than a total of 500 tickets so chances of winning are great! We appreciate your generosity. The amount we raise is split evenly between the parish and the school.

Questions can be directed to **Staci Wittenauer** at:
wittens@mac.com or 618-791-7131

Use this link to buy your tickets now:
<https://GoldRush2023.givesmart.com>





PSR
2023-2024

Parish School of Religion

Registration: All families interested in registering will need to complete the registration form and waivers. To register, please visit: <https://www.ssppcc.org/psr-registration--fees>

Payment: A \$50 registration fee (a portion of the PSR Fee) is due by September 1st. The remaining balance will be due by November 1. New this year is the option to pay online through the parish online giving portal. **No family will be turned away because of cost.**

To Pay Online: To pay online via the parish online giving portal, please visit the link below. This link will take you to the online giving "home" page. You can click on "one-time" designation. Then, on the "fund" drop-down menu, scroll to the very bottom and select "PSR Fees":

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1524>

To Pay by Check: Please make all checks payable to Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Checks can be mailed to - or dropped off at the Parish Office: 204 W. Mill Street, Waterloo IL 62298

2023 - 2024 PSR School Year Prices:

PSR Fee (this fee covers all books, materials, and supplies your child will need throughout the year):

1 Child	\$150
2 Children	\$200
3 Children	\$225

Sacramental Fee (this fee covers: required sacrament curriculum, retreat, liturgy expenses, etc.):

Grade 2	\$20
Grade 8	\$45

PSR Opening: PSR's new school year begins on Wednesday, September 6 with Mass at 6:30 pm.

Volunteers: PSR would not be possible without the help of parishioners, family and friends. To volunteer to make our PSR program a success, please visit: <https://www.ssppcc.org/psr-volunteers>

Blessings,

Mrs. Catherine Burkart

Pastoral Associate, Youth Faith Formation & PSR Coordinator

cburkart@ssppcc.org

(618) 939-6426 ext. 15