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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 7-25 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 7-26 8:30 am – Lawrence & Marie Kaiser, John Rheinecker
And Dennis Holle

Sat. 8-1 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 8-2 8:30 am – Wally Amann, Philip Rheinecker, and
George Christiansen



**DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL staug@htc.net
THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER
THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES.
THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN
PLACE UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

PARISH COUNT: 89

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 7-19-2020

Sunday Envelopes (59) - \$2,401.00

Loose – \$120.00 Youth (2) - \$5.00

Scholarship Fund - \$3,242.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2019)

Thank you very much for your generosity!



Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, John & Ellen Daniels, Alice Krynoski, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Cheryl Zanders, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Angie Parker, Wylma Wachtel, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Steve Davis, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Pat Karban, Ruth Nagel, and Carol Grohmann.

Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list. We started a new list on January 12th, 2020.

Printed copies of bulletins placed in plastic bins each week...bins located at the doors of church & Parish Office. The bulletins are also posted on our website!!!

Fr. Von will be live streaming Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays. See St. Augustine's Facebook Page.

If you wish to have your name added to our Parish Email List, please let me know via staug@htc.net or 473-2217 & leave a message.

Diocese of Belleville Office of Human Resources Wednesday POSITION AVAILABLE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Maintenance Technician. This position supports the Maintenance Supervisor in preserving the buildings and grounds of the Pastoral Center, Chancery, Bishop's Residence, Carlyle House, rental property, and other diocesan-owned buildings. The Maintenance Technician performs exterior and interior general maintenance and repairs. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and experience with building maintenance and repairs of a minor to moderate scope. This includes general equipment repair, plumbing, electrical work, painting, window glazing, and carpentry. Ability to identify needs and potential problems and articulate the problem and alternative resolution to Maintenance Supervisor. Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. To apply send cover letter with résumé to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org. Application deadline: August 15, 2020



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

In the first reading, a reading from the first Book of Kings, the Lord tells Solomon in a dream to ask for something and “I will give it to you.” Solomon, thinking of himself not as a king, but as a mere youth, asks for inner wisdom and a “listening heart.” This humble mindset is one that closely attends to the people near to him, so that Solomon could understand the complexity of their situations, ultimately, helping to discern right from wrong. The Lord was pleased that Solomon did not ask for the usual requests: a long reign, wealth and/or defense of his enemies. Instead, in humbleness, Solomon requested other riches that are lasting: a heart and mind of empathy and understanding. **Think, Act, Connect and Pray-** It is important that in our lives and in our faith that we work to hold up, “dignify” all life from the unborn in the womb to the elderly prisoner on death row. By recognizing that Christ is in each one of us, we are able to think and act in ways that fulfill our need for agape love. A love that does not discriminate. A love that is there for each one of us because we all are God’s children. This week, think of a way to bridge a gap. Say “hello” to someone you may not normally greet. Smile and make eye contact with those around you. Be open and watch new relationships form!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 77th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

Tuesday, July 28 through Wednesday, August 5 Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.

“With Mary on Holy Pilgrimage” - 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

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES PROJECT RACHEL

Several weeks ago, Project Rachel was relaunched as an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! While we have been home under our stay at home orders, Planned Parenthood has continued 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>.



Healing after Abortion

Free confidential counseling from Project Rachel
of the Diocese of Belleville

CONFIDENTIAL HELP LINE: 618-722-5068

DIOBELLE.ORG/RESPECTLIFE

PROJECTRACHEL@DIOBELLE.ORG

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG



The First Sorrowful Mystery

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

- 1. Jesus comes with his disciples to Gethsemani: "Stay here, while I go yonder and pray."**
- 2. Entering the garden with Peter, James, and John, Jesus prays, "My soul is sorrowful unto death."**
- 3. Jesus sees the sins of all mankind, whose guilt He has taken upon Himself.**
- 4. He loves His Father to Whom He will offer His sufferings.**
- 5. So great is his anguish that His sweat becomes as drops of blood falling to the ground.**
- 6. An angel appears to Him from heaven to strengthen Him.**
- 7. "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not My will but Yours be done."**
- 8. Finding the disciples asleep: "Could you not watch one hour with me?"**
- 9. Jesus is betrayed by Judas, cruelly bound, and led away.**
- 10. Father, by the merits of the agony of Jesus in the Garden, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Spiritual Fruit: Let us pray for Bishop Michael McGovern, who was ordained and installed as our new Bishop of Belleville on July 22nd, Bishop Edward Braxton, Bishop-Emeritus of our diocese, Fathers Nicholas Fleming, Carl Schrage, and Joel Seipp, who were ordained priests on July 11th, and for Sister Sarah Harbaugh, who will be professing vows as an Adorer of the Blood of Christ, here at Saint Augustine Church on August 8th; May God bless them with His Grace to serve His people and be examples of faith to all.

Belleville Diocese Mass for Young Adults

Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate
a special "Mass for Young Adults"

**Sunday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m.
at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville.**

All young adults, from high school graduates through age 35, are invited to attend, and meet the new Bishop.

A light reception with cold drinks will be held after the Mass.

This is a good opportunity for Catholic young adults to pray together with Bishop McGovern and to meet other young adults from the diocese.

For any questions, please contact:
Fr. Carl Schrage, Parochial Vicar
Cathedral of St. Peter
(618) 234-1166 ext 113

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2020

...Blessed to receive, chosen to give

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have responded with a gift to The 2020 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal; we are truly grateful. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time...one-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed. Our seminarians, people served by Catholic Urban Programs, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Daystar Community Program, the youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School and 12 other ministries and programs are counting on your support. Donations can be made through your parish or online at www.diobelle.org. Please consider making your gift today or at any time in the coming months. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Our parish financial target is \$4,721.00. Please be as generous as you are able.

Pledges to Date: 38

\$6,940.00

147% of Total Goal

"Growing up, I had steadfast examples of always putting family and faith first. My father suggested that perhaps one day I would become a priest. At 15, I met the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at their parish near my home in Long Beach, Calif. I was attracted to their passion for preaching God's mercy and making the sacraments available around the clock. I maintained spiritual direction through the remainder of high school and a university program in computer science. Finally, only 10 days after my younger sister joined a Dominican congregation, I entered the seminary in Boston. I had embarked on an adventure that would take me to three continents on the path to ministry as an Oblate priest, just like those who had captivated me at 15 - and I love it!"

**Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, O.M.V.' Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Alton IL; Columbia
Feb. 2019, pg 34**



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 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.

For more information please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!



PSR NEWS...

Registration for the 2020-2021 PSR School Year at Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo, has begun. To register please visit:

<https://ssppcc.org/psr-registration---fees>

Please contact Catherine at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office with any questions, at 939-6426 Ext. 15.

SS PETER & PAUL PARISH, WATERLOO ** GOLD RUSH RAFFLE **

The Ss. Peter & Paul (Waterloo) Gold Rush raffle fundraiser started off with a bang! Due to the circumstances, we moved ticket sales online. Tickets are \$100 each, and you have 9 chances to win \$1,000 or more. For details, click here –

<https://GoldRush1.givesmart.com>.

If you or someone you know needs to purchase with a check or cash or if you have any questions, please contact Staci Wittenauer at

wittens@mac.com or 618-791-7131. Thank you for your support!!!

**LIFE NETWORK'S
2020 WALK • RUN • RIDE**

JUNE 20 - JULY 18

**Join us in going virtual for
our annual Walk • Run • Ride!**

- Walk, Run or Ride a bike in your space at your pace.
- Take a photo and tag our Facebook page: LifeNetworkofSOILL
- Watch our page for everyone's cool pictures
- Challenge friends, share posts, and get the whole family involved!

**Your contributions help
support new parents & babies!**

- \$25 per participant
- Call 618-939-4224 to register by phone
- Visit supportmylifenet.com/events/walk-run-ride to register online
- Registered participants will receive a t-shirt!
Supplies/sizes are limited so register early!

HELP US MEET OR EXCEED OUR GOAL OF \$5,000!

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans

Here is chapter eight of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, from which our second reading is taken this Sunday, from the Good News Translation:

1 There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit, which brings us life in union with Christ Jesus, has set me free from the law of sin and death.

3 What the Law could not do, because human nature was weak, God did. He condemned sin in human nature by sending his own Son, who came with a nature like our sinful nature, to do away with sin.

4 God did this so that the righteous demands of the Law might be fully satisfied in us who live according to the Spirit, and not according to human nature.

5 Those who live as their human nature tells them to, have their minds controlled by what human nature wants. Those who live as the Spirit tells them to, have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants.

6 To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace.

7 And so people become enemies of God when they are controlled by their human nature; for they do not obey God's law, and in fact they cannot obey it.

8 Those who obey their human nature cannot please God.

9 But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to - if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin.

11 If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you.

12 So then, my friends, we have an obligation, but it is not to live as our human nature wants us to.

13 For if you live according to your human nature, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death your sinful actions, you will live.

14 Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children.

15 For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!"

16 God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children.

17 Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory.

18 I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

19 All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children.

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, Continued

20 For creation was condemned to lose its purpose, not of its own will, but because God willed it to be so. Yet there was the hope
21 that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God.
22 For we know that up to the present time all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth.
23 But it is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free.
24 For it was by hope that we were saved; but if we see what we hope for, then it is not really hope. For who of us hopes for something we see?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
26 In the same way the Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express.
27 And God, who sees into our hearts, knows what the thought of the Spirit is; because the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of his people and in accordance with his will.
28 We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.
29 Those whom God had already chosen he also set apart to become like his Son, so that the Son would be the first among many believers.
30 And so those whom God set apart, he called; and those he called, he put right with himself, and he shared his glory with them.
31 In view of all this, what can we say? If God is for us, who can be against us?
32 Certainly not God, who did not even keep back his own Son, but offered him for us all! He gave us his Son - will he not also freely give us all things?
33 Who will accuse God's chosen people? God himself declares them not guilty!
34 Who, then, will condemn them? Not Christ Jesus, who died, or rather, who was raised to life and is at the right side of God, pleading with him for us!
35 Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death?
36 As the scripture says, "For your sake we are in danger of death at all times; we are treated like sheep that are going to be slaughtered."
37 No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us!
38 For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future,
39 neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Fr. Von Deeke Possibly Exposed to Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners,

This past Wednesday, 22 July, I found out that someone at a gathering I attended on Saturday morning, 18 July, developed Covid-19 symptoms Sunday evening, 19 July, and tested positive for the Corona virus.

I have taken a Corona virus swab test today, Thursday, 23 July, and expect the results in five to seven days. I am not running a fever and do not have any symptoms. I feel well. It has been five days since I was potentially exposed to the virus.

As a precautionary measure, I have decided to only livestream the Masses this weekend, 25-26 July. We will not have anyone else attending in church.

We will also postpone the Confirmation Mass I was planning to celebrate on Thursday, 30 July, as I might first receive my test results on that day.

If I do receive a positive test result (meaning that I do have the Corona virus), I will ask Joan Powell, our Parish Secretary, to contact those who have been at Mass with me within 14 days before and after my exposure and my test date. We would then adjust our future public Mass schedule accordingly.

Please pray for me, for all of our parishioners, and the parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Waterloo, where public Masses have been cancelled for the remainder of July, as one of their staff members tested positive for the virus.

Debbie Harbaugh reminds us that we have a relic from Saint Corona in our altar stone.

Saint Corona, pray for us!

- Fr. Von Deeke

Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?

Although no one is required to disclose a COVID-19 diagnosis, the Diocese of Belleville and I do encourage you to self-report to me if you have tested positive for COVID-19 and have attended Mass or events at St. Augustine Parish. Please call me at 618-214-6852.

Your privacy will be respected. Besides myself, only Joan Powell, our Parish Secretary, will know the names of those who have self-reported.

Reporting your diagnosis may help to protect others who have attend the same Masses or events as you.

If we were to receive a report from you, we would then ask you for additional details, such as when symptoms began and the date of testing. Without disclosing your name, we would then notify those who attended the same Masses or events that you attended within 14 days of your positive test or illness onset, that someone at a Mass or event they attended has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep everyone safe.

Let us continue to pray for each other in these days of COVID-19.

Fr. Von Deeke, Pastor

Life in Christ – from The Catechism of the Catholic Church – The First Commandment

Last week, we saw that God gives us the virtue of hope so that we may not despair of God's love and forgiveness, nor presume that we can save ourselves without God, nor presume that God will save us without our cooperation.

This week we see that, in addition to faith and hope, God gives us the gift, the virtue, of charity to help us live the First Commandment.

2093 Faith in God's love encompasses the call and the obligation to respond with sincere love to divine charity. **The first commandment enjoins us to love God above everything and all creatures for him and because of him.**

2094 One can **sin** against God's love in various ways:

- **indifference** neglects or refuses to reflect on divine charity; it fails to consider its prevenient [preceding] goodness and denies its power.

- **ingratitude** fails or refuses to acknowledge divine charity and to return him [God] love for love.

- **lukewarmness** is hesitation or negligence in responding to divine love; it can imply refusal to give oneself over to the prompting of charity.

- **acedia** or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness.

- **hatred of God** comes from pride. It is contrary to love of God, whose goodness it denies, and whom it presumes to curse as the one who forbids sins and inflicts punishments.

So, we see that the First Commandment, in addition to forbidding us from hating God, also forbids that we indifferent, ungrateful, or lukewarm in response to God's love.

- Fr. Von Deeke