

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

HECKER, ILLINOIS 62248

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Cell #618-666-2217**

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The person of 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. 7/29 5:00 pm- Lawrence & Marie Kaiser, Roy Schreder, and Charlie Kreher

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

Fri. 8/4 8:00 am- Bonnie Casey, Ruth Cortner, and Deceased KC Members

Sat. 8/5 5:00 pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 8/6 8:30am- John Link, Roy Schreder, and Urban Wittenauer



***There will be a 2ND
Collection for Fifth Sunday
THIS Weekend to Support
St. Vincent de Paul
Waterloo & Newman
Center-SIU-C***

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 7-23-2023

Envelopes (37)- \$1,332.00

Loose- \$173.00

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, August 5th, 5pm

Set Up: Joan Powell
Lector: Ruth Wittenauer
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Kevin Schreder
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Sunday, August 6th, 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Lector: Janella Neary
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
Extraordinary Minister Wine: Dennis Biffar
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, Heather Grohmann Kurtz and Sister Sarah Harbaugh.

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.



Please pray for Sister Sarah Harbaugh, ASC, as she leaves for a month long mission trip to El Paso, TX. Please pray for her and those helping the refugees. Sr. Sarah is the daughter of Charlie and Debra Harbaugh.

Anointing of the Sick will take place next weekend after both Masses.

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday of the year— A

A 17-year-old boy was playing basketball in their driveway with his friends. During the game, he lost one of his contact lenses. He searched up and down the driveway to find it without success. So, he gave up, and he went into the house to tell his mother. She undertook the cause and went out to look. In just a few minutes, she came in holding the contact lens in her hand. “I don’t get it,” said the boy. “I looked everywhere. How did you do that?” “Well,” she explained, “we were looking for different things. You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$300.”

In the gospel this weekend, Jesus tells two parables: the parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the parable of the pearl of great price. Unlike the previous parables, the two parables here are neither about Jesus nor about the receptivity of the listeners. Instead, they direct our attention to the ultimate value of the kingdom of God. The treasure and the pearl represent something that is most important in one’s life. Thus, in finding it, one is moved to sell everything to possess it.

The kingdom of God is compared to the treasure and the pearl of great price as either something someone can search for or finds by chance. Sometimes people discover their need or vocation while intentionally searching for it, and other times they may stumble upon it in the chaos of their life. Think of your best friend or your spouse or the home you live in today. How did you discover them? Think of the joy you felt when you found them. God is greater than all these, and the kingdom of God worth more than the relationships in this world.

The parable of the treasure and the pearl of great price tells us that the essential things in our life demand our sacrifice and getting them brings joy and satisfaction. We are merchants always searching for ways to connect with the source of our being. We seek to connect with God, who is the creator of all things. When we find this relationship, it demands us to rid ourselves of everything that would block the full experience of that relationship. The finding, selling, and buying of the treasure symbolize the value for what is most precious.

The kingdom of heaven, the reign of God, is the prize that gives meaning to all our searches, and it draws us to the future. Nothing in this world can be compared with it. When we have discovered it, we must share it with others. In giving, we lose nothing. Instead, we gain abundant blessings.

THE
ASSUMPTION
OF MARY
AUGUST 15TH



Holy Day of Obligation for ASSUMPTION MASSES

Assumption Vigil Mass (SSPPCC) Monday, August 14th @ 6:30pm

Assumption Mass (St. Augustine's) Tuesday, August 15th @ 8am

Assumption Mass (SSPPCC) Tuesday, August 15th @ 8 am

Assumption Mass (SSPPCC) Tuesday, August 15th @ 9:30am



**Finance Committee
Meeting
Monday, August 21st,
2023
7pm, Parish Office**

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

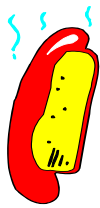
**Parish Council
Meeting
Tuesday, August 22nd,
2023
7pm, Parish Center**



Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School First Day of School Tuesday, August 15th

Gibault Catholic HS Freshman & New Student Orientation Aug 15-16th

Gibault Catholic High School First Day of School Thursday, August 17th



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 [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.



Picnic



ANNUAL KIRCHENFEST ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

618-473-2217 -- Hecker, Illinois – 15 miles south of Belleville on Route 159

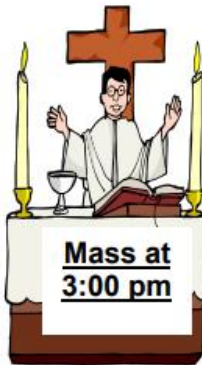
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS AND BUILDING –
2 BLOCKS EAST OF CHURCH

Saturday, August 19th, 2023

**OLD-FASHIONED
FRIED CHICKEN &
PORK SAUSAGE
DINNER**

Family Style Buffet
MAX 4 PIECES OF MEAT
(1/2 CHICKEN OR ¼ CHICKEN & 2
SAUSAGES)
WITH DRESSING, DESSERTS,
DRINKS, ETC.

Served indoors in A/C –
Hecker Community Center
Building – serving begins at
3:00 pm–No tickets will be sold
after 7:00 pm.



**Mass at
3:00 pm**

16TH ANNUAL TIKI TROT
5K Competitive & Fun
Run/Walk and
Half-mile Youth Run/Walk
ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION

[https://www.athlinks.com/
event/hecker-tiki-trot-5k-
17247](https://www.athlinks.com/event/hecker-tiki-trot-5k-17247)

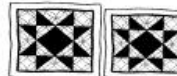
For info
email tikitrot@yahoo.com

Pre-register by 8/1 receive
T-shirt



**Music by
The Saloonatics
7-11PM**

Come see our
Kids Korner
Games! Cake
Stand, Silent
Auction,
Baskets,
Country Store,
Sandwich
Stand etc.
Most stands
opening after
3pm Mass!



6:30 P.M. QUILT BINGO

BL#51810

CONTACT INFO ON DAY OF PICNIC ONLY

If you have questions about the weather affecting
any of the activities, call Parish Office at

618-473-2217.

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.

FAMILY EVENT!

THE MAGICAL WIZARD WORLD IS COMING TO TOWN AUGUST 3-6!

Children, teens, parents, grandparents will enjoy this hilarious adventure through the world of wizards and magic! It's a parody based on the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, but familiar characters from other family-favorite films pop in and out, so it's fun for everyone! 52 talented performers, an orchestra and an optional audience costume contest! *H.P. and the Deathly Halloween*. Aug. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 6 at 2:00 p.m., Belleville East H.S. Performing Arts Center. Admission only \$10 for adults, \$8 for children (age 4 and under-free!) Tickets at the door or order in advance for best seats: www.takeabowshowcase.org or 618-409-0015

-St. Mary's of Belleville



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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!

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

Pledges to Date: 30

\$5,680.00

89% of our goal!



“Growing up, I had a lot of misconceptions about nuns. Primarily, I assumed women became nuns only if they couldn’t find a boyfriend. Why else would a woman give up the joys – marriage and family – as celibate priests, with none of the “superpowers”? Then, in college, I actually *met* nuns and I was stunned. They were beautiful! And smart! And had personalities! I opened the door of my heart. Not much- just a crack. But it was a crack big enough for Jesus to get his toe in and open it a lot wider. I often recalled the words of my spiritual director: “We all have a natural call to marriage, but some of us have a supernatural call to celibacy.” My desire for a spouse helps me lean into Christ as my Bridegroom. And my desire for children molds me into a spiritual mother to many more children than I could otherwise have.”



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!

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS

- **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. Francis Catholic Church Picnic-** Aviston, IL
Saturday, August 5th, 2023, Mass at 4pm,
Quilt Bingo at 6:30pm, Every game for a quilt!
- **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. Michael's Catholic Church**
Saturday, August 12th, 2023 Random, IL
Polka Mass at 4pm, Dinner serves at 3pm, Quilt/Cash Bingo at 6:30pm
- **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
- **St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church-** St. Rose, IL
Saturday, August 12th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, Chicken Dinner and Quilt/Cash Bingo to follow
- **Holy Childhood of Mascoutah, IL**
Saturday, August 26th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, Dinner and Quilt/Cash Bingo to follow
- **St. Theresa/St. Luke-** Belleville, IL
Mass at 4pm, Dinner and Quilt bingo to follow
- **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 to be sold.





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:

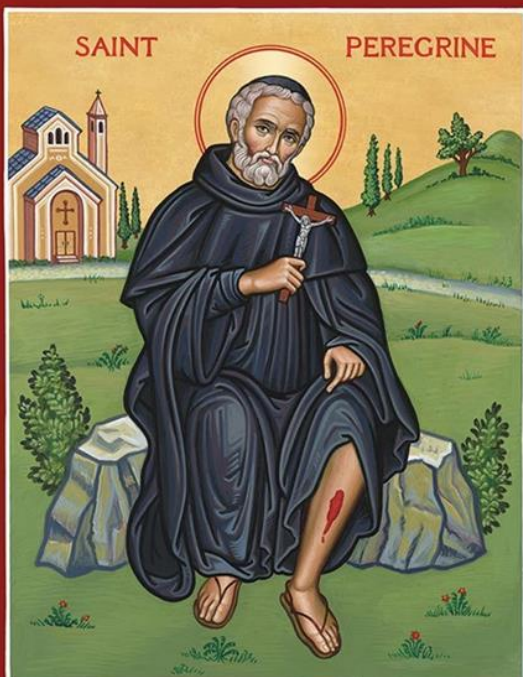
St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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@farmcredtil.com



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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.

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>

122nd St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Seminary) Picnic

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Perryville, MO at the Seminary Grove will be held on:

Friday, August 4th 6-11pm

Saturday, August 5th 1-11pm

Sunday, August 6th 11am-8pm

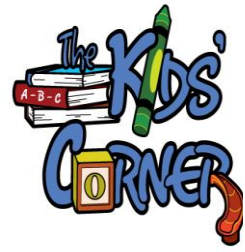
Chicken and beef dinners- Buffet style- all you can eat. Serving times:

Saturday 3-7pm, Sunday 11-5pm

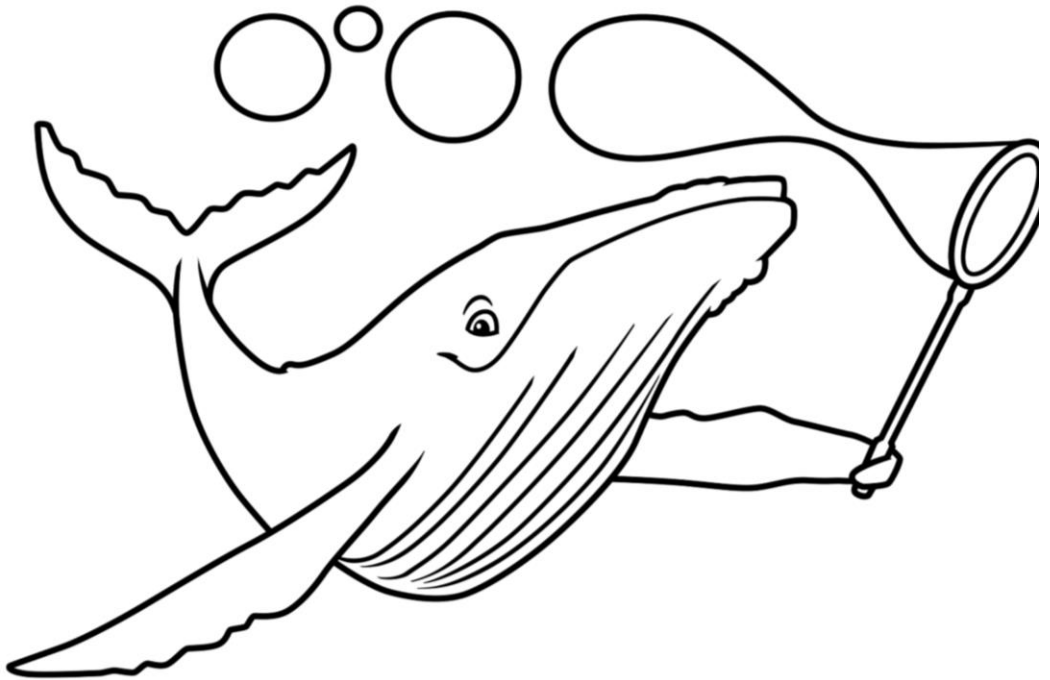
\$13.00 Adults/ \$6.00 Children (9-12)

You will find rides and amusement attractions as well as our very own Antique Carousel. Live entertainment, and washers Fri, Sat, and Sun.

Quilt bingo Fri, Sat, and Sun.



**GOD IS ALWAYS
WITH YOU.**



**“The Lord your God
is with you wherever
you go.” (Joshua 1:9)**

House of Neighborly Service & The Back Porch



WHO IS HNS?

- A 501c3 organization
- Staffed by volunteers
- Serves at-risk Monroe County residents
- Office hours Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm
- Located at 217 W. Mill in Waterloo
- Phone 618-939-8900, Help Line 618-939-8680



WHAT DO WE DO?

- Assist through our emergency food pantry
- Provide assistance with household expenses
- Assist with resume writing and job searches
- Provide free budgeting assistance
- Assist residents of senior apartments
- Provide Thanksgiving/Christmas assistance
- Provide summer lunches
- Provide household items and clothing
- Provide pass-thru fund avenues
- Much, much more!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sign up to volunteer
- Participate in fundraisers
- Donate financially
- Donate food items
- Call our office and discuss your skills to share!
- We have a wide variety of needs!



WHO IS TBP?

- TBP is a 501c3 organization
- We are a sister to HNS
- A resale store that benefits our community
- Staffed by volunteers
- Store Hours are M-F 8:30-4:30 and Sat. 9-2
- Located at 215 W. Mill in Waterloo
- Phone 618-939-FIND



WHAT DO WE DO?

- Collect gently and like new items to resell
- Provide items to families in need
- Raise funds to support outreach at HNS
- Provide volunteer opportunities
- Support other nonprofits with our extras
- Work side by side with HNS to help our local neighbors

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sign up to volunteer
- Intake, staging and sales need help!
- Donate gently used and like new items
- Shop our store
- Stop in and talk to a manager!