

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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us boast of nothing but the cross of Christ. Through it his grace and power are made known to his servants. Tremendous deeds shall be performed in his name. The reign of God is proclaimed, peace is given as gift, and the forces of sin are overcome.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Friday, 7/04 | 8:00am- Mel Parker, Annabelle Hoffarth, Philip Rheinecker |
| Saturday, 7/05 | 5:00pm- Lucille & Ralph Recker, Emma and Clarence Sandidge |
| Sunday, 7/06 | 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Friday, 7/11 | 8:00am- Virgil Gregson, Michael Amann |
| Saturday, 7/12 | 5:00pm- Jerry & Duane Mollet, John Link, Deceased Members of the Eckart Family |
| Sunday, 7/13 | 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |

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

Weekly Envelopes- \$1,890.00

Loose- \$436.00

Youth- \$4.00

Peter's Pence-\$40.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$3,22.14*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, July 12th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Servers: Mehrmann's
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss
Camera:

Sunday, July 13th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Servers: Lucas Gregson
Lector: Betty Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser
Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar
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, and 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 63 % OF OUR GOAL MET

\$4,235.00 pledged of 6/30/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Greeting people at the door after Sunday Mass, Father Nick was delighted to shake hands with “Seldom-Seen” Brad and even more thrilled when he complimented the priest on his sermon and said the mass was “amazing” Faced with such evidence of faithfulness, he asked why Brad didn’t come to church more often. “I’m just following the Lord’s example,” he said. “If Christ can rise up early, only one Sunday (Easter) a year, that’s good enough for me, too!”

One of the most economically stable currencies in the world is the American dollar. Besides being a legal tender, the dollar, has more to say than meets the eye, often, time when we carry the dollar, we only concentrate on its numerical strength. People know how many dollars they have in their wallets. But let us take a second look at the dollar bill. If you look at the back of a dollar bill, you find the Great Seal of the United States. The founders of America designed the seal a few months after the Declaration of Independence. On the front of the seal is an eagle, holding in its claws arrows to symbolize war and an olive branch to symbolize peace. Now at the back of the Great Seal is the pyramid. The pyramid represents the United States of America. This pyramid appears unfinished. Perhaps the designers of the pyramid intended to make a statement that America, like all nations of the world, is incomplete. Every country is far from complete despite wealth, advancement, and influence.

In the gospel this weekend, Jesus sends out his disciples to different towns and places to proclaim the coming of the kingdom. The sending is both continuous and discontinuous with Jesus the sender. This is to say that mission ordines from God through Jesus the son, but the Church is called to take part in this God’s own work in the world in a human way.

Therefore, when the visible carriers of the Christian message are constantly changing, the proclamation is built around a mandate that is direct from God. The Christian mission moves through time, and it is unfinished as the building of a nation with the image of the pyramid. Beginning with Christ, the baton was handed over to the disciples, the seventy-two as our Gospel narrative indicate, then to the Christians of all generations. Some commentators have said that the number seventy-two stand for all the known nations of the earth at that time. Thus, the instruction of Jesus calls all Christians from every nation to go out and continue to work on the unfinished God’s mission of reconciliation and redemption.

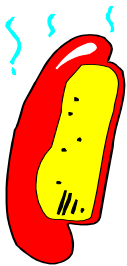
All that Jesus Christ wants of us is to continue to be witnesses of God redemptive actions. While God builds his kingdom our role as witnesses is crucial in demonstrating and participating in its expansion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend is the anointing of the sick blessing. It will take place after the Saturday evening, 5:00 mass and after the Sunday morning, 8:00 mass.

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

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



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.

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.

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

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE INFORMATION

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

“O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Prayer for Religious Liberty”

Today's Gospel shows Jesus expanding His evangelization effort in the world. 72 others are dispatched to towns he intended to visit. He tells them: “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” These words are directed at all of us. We are all charged with laboring in harvesting souls for the Lord. We are to encourage those who have that special call to the harvest in serving as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. We must “ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Please pray daily for an increase in vocations.

Bulletin Art: <https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/World-Day-of-Prayer-for-Vocations-3-1.jpeg>



THE WORD AMONG US

**There has been a delay in the shipping of the booklet,
The Word Among Us.
As soon as we receive the booklets, I will put them in the back of
Church.
Sorry for any inconvenience.**

St. Damian Parish Picnic

St. Damain Parish Picnic in Damiansville, IL
Will have their annual picnic on Saturday July 12.
Dinner is from 3:30 to 7:00 pm
Mass is at 4:00 pm
Quilt BINGO will begin at 6:30 pm

St. John the Baptist – Red Bud Parish Picnic

St. John the Baptist, Red Bud will have their annual
church picnic on Sunday July 13.
Doors open and lunch begins at 11:00 am
24 Game BINGO starting at 1:00 pm