

**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, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm.**

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**THEME FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Sat. 7/8 5:00 pm – Raymond Braun & Dale Braun, Lucille & Ralph Recker, and Noel & Agnes Roscow
- Sun. 7/9 8:30 am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Fri. 7/14 8:00 am- Rosalie Neff
- Sat. 7/15 5:00 pm- Roy Schreder and Mary Morales
- Sun. 7/16 8:30am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 7-2-2023**

Envelopes (79)- \$3,500.00

Loose- \$185.00

Youth- \$11.00

Scholarship-\$5.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-  
\$1,700.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$3,411.50*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder  
Lector: Kevin Schreder  
Servers: Mehrmanns  
Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister Wine:  
Camera: Dana Mehrmann

### Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar  
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.*

**\*\*ATTENTION KC Members: July meeting has been rescheduled from July 12 to July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm\*\***

**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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

*Johnny, a very bright 5-year-old, told his daddy he'd like to have a baby brother and, along with his request, offered to do whatever he could to help. His dad, a very bright 35-year-old, paused for a moment and then replied, "I'll tell you what, Johnny, if you pray every day for two months for a baby brother, I guarantee that God will give you one!" Johnny responded eagerly to his dad's challenge and went to his bedroom early that night to start praying for a baby brother. He prayed every night for a whole month, but after that time, he began to get skeptical. He checked around the neighborhood and found out that what he thought was going to happen, had never occurred in the history of the neighborhood. You just don't pray for two months and then, whammo- a new baby brother. So, Johnny quit praying. After another month, Johnny's mother went to the hospital. When she came back home, Johnny's parents called him into the bedroom. He cautiously walked into the room, not expecting to find anything, and there was a little bundle lying right next to his mother. His dad pulled back the blanket and there was -- not one baby brother, but two!! His mother had twins! Johnny's dad looked down at him and said, "Now aren't you glad you prayed?" Johnny hesitated a little and then looked up at his dad and said, "Yes, but aren't you glad I quit when I did?"*

There is something I have grown to be comfortable with in life; it is the fact that the world never stops moving and changing. Day in and day out, everything keeps changing, people grow, emotions swing, and inventions get complex. As these things continue to change, we feel restless and dissatisfied with life. Restlessness has many faces. Sometimes it appears as if the whole world and its problems are on our shoulders. Other times, we feel so obsessed about a relationship that isn't really ours to have. Moreover, restlessness can fire us beyond our boundaries and when this happens, we feel that no one understands us.

There is a piece of good news in today's gospel passage. Jesus reaches out to people who are weary and restless in life. He says, "...come to me and learn from me. I am meek and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29 NAB) Does life seem to drain you of energy, spirit, and of love? Are you overpowered by anxiety and there seems to be no way out? Jesus tells us that worry can be self-consuming. Like "Batman," we would like to fly, be in different places, and possess all that our heart desires. Unfortunately, we eventually find ourselves in a limited situation. But is God in control and does he understand us? I believe He does. Therefore, when we are weary with too much to do, the grace of God steps in to stabilize us. When we face tough decisions, God gives us the counseling we need. When we are exhausted by setbacks, God gives us hope. And when we grieve the death of a dear one, faith in the resurrection keeps us strong. Human life is not completely easy. That is why as people of faith, we are invited to constantly thank those in our lives who support and inspire us. At the same time, our challenging experiences bring us to the learning desk so that we can have even more reasons to give thanks to the God who loves us.



**We are still needing an Adult Basket and Margarita Stand chairman. If interested please contact Aaron Eckart.**

**UPCOMING 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT MONTH...**

**July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Newman Center-SIU-C**

In July, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Masses the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>. This collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) and Newman Center of SIU-C. We appreciate your generosity during these 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



# DIOCESAN INFORMATION

## **RESPECT 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”

## **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.

**Congratulations to Father Linus!  
26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination!**

June 29, 2023  
Feast Day of Our Patron Saints Peter and Paul  
8th Grade Confirmation  
Anniversary of Fr. Linus' Ordination

(Left to Right: Deacon David, Deacon Tom, Bishop McGovern, Fr. Linus, Fr. Eva)



**UPDAT**

another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!"

**Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. Columbia, September 2022**



**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](http://serrastclair.org)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

**LOCAL UPCOMING CHURCH PICNICS/EVENTS**

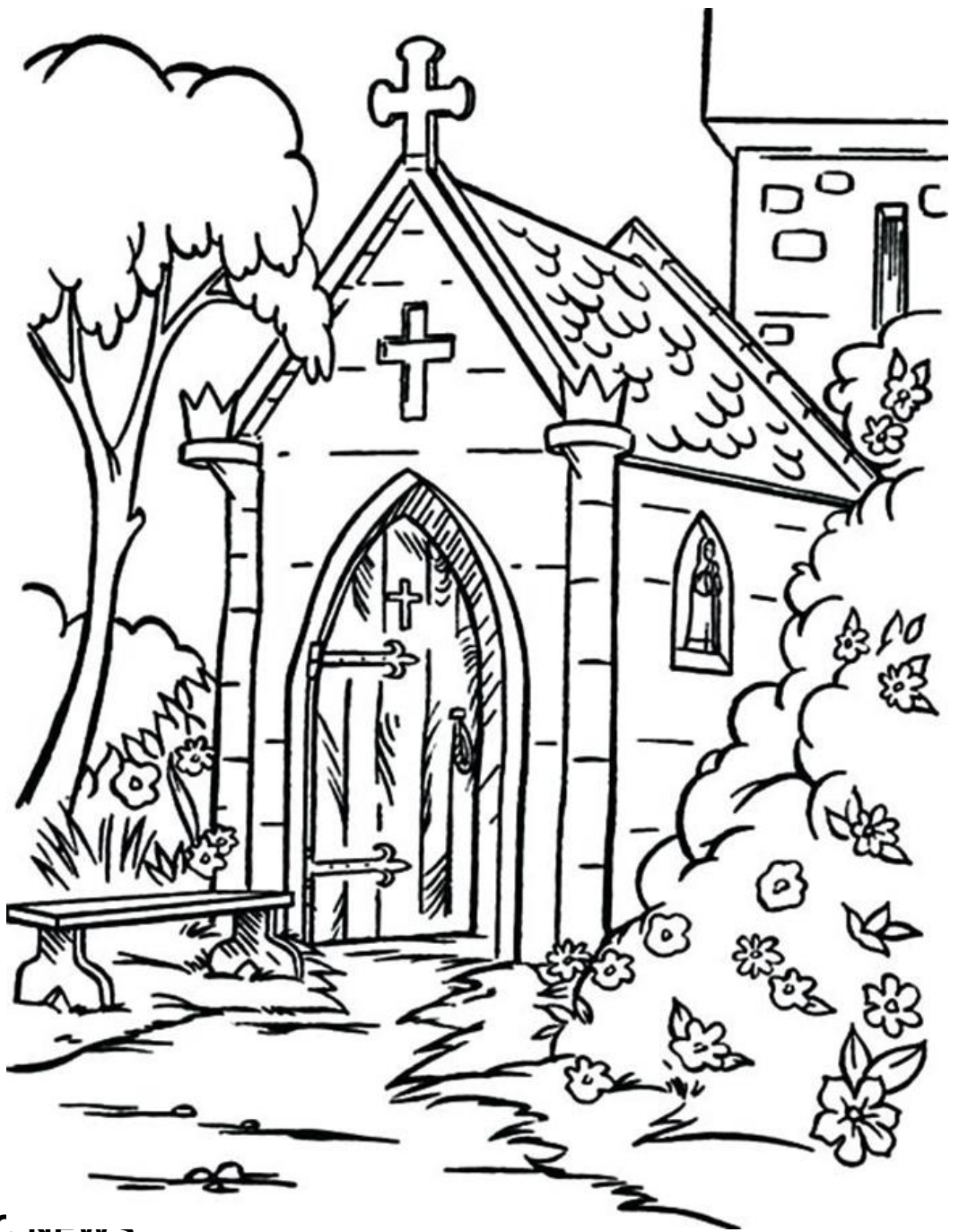
- St. Luke Sodality Lunch and Card Party and BINGO  
226 N. Church St., Belleville, IL 62220  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 Door Open 10:30am, Lunch served @ noon, event ends at 3pm. Cost is \$10.00
- St. Anthony's Parish Picnic, Church Grounds,  
Route 153, Lively Grove, IL 62268  
Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Chicken Dinner served 4-8pm, Quilt Bingo starting at 6:30pm, Dinner Rain or Shine!
- St. George Parish Picnic, 200<sup>th</sup> North 8<sup>th</sup> St,  
New Baden , IL 62295  
Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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



**Color and bring back to the  
Parish office to be displayed!!  
Be sure to sign it!!**







**SSPPCC NEWS**



**First Friday Breakfast: August 4**

**Quilt Bingo!**

**24 Games, 24 Quilts!**

# Rummage Sale

Sponsored by: Corpus Christi Catholic Church Ladies Club

**Pre-Sale** Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 6 - 8 P.M.

***\$3.00/person - Admission***

**General Public** Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**Bag Sale** Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

***\$5.00/bag – 13-gallon trash bag***

*Corpus Christi Catholic Church*

*Parish Center*

205 Rasp Street

Shiloh, IL

*If you have any questions and/or are interested  
in donating contact the Parish Office at 618-632-7614.*

