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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 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi):

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not His body? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven, so too do we feed on the best of wheat, the bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri. 6/9 8:00 am – Jerry Mollet and Roy Schreder

Sat. 6/10 5:00 pm – Frank Gregson, Charlie Kreher, and Eileen Wagner

Sun. 6/11 8:30 am –For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Fri. 6/16 8:00 am- John Rheinecker, Mike & Wally Amann, and Ruth Cortner

Sat. 6/17 5:00 pm- For All the Fathers in the Parish

Sun. 6/18 8:30am- For All the Fathers in the Parish



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 6-4-2023

Envelopes (44)-\$3,699.00

Loose- \$192.00

Youth- \$10.00

Scholarship- \$905.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-\$1,100.00

Scholarship Fund - \$3,311.50

(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 17th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Lector: Elaine Rader

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister Wine:

Camera:

Sunday, June 18th, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector: Bernadette Gregson

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister Wine: John Kiser

Camera:

Prayer List Guidelines: All prayer requests will remain on our prayer list for three months. If at the end of three months, you would still like to have someone prayed for, please contact the parish office to have the name added back to the list. If someone can be removed prior to the three months, please call the office. We would love to keep this list as up to date as possible. Thank you!

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, 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 Ruth Wittenauer.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!! St. Augustine's Kirchenfest is set for Saturday, August 19th!! Please see Aaron Eckart if you would like to volunteer/more details!

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

A four-year-old was in church when the wine and communion wafers were passed out. He was very interested in this and started to get up. His mother leaned over and told him that he was not old enough to partake in the Communion.

Later, when the collection plate came by, he ignored it. His mother again leaned over and tried to coax the nickel out of him. He steadfastly refused, stating, "If I can't eat, I'm not paying."

The Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ assumes a particular attention as we begin the National year of Eucharistic revival.

What is Eucharistic revival? The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to the divine invitation of re-centering our lives on the Real Presence of the Eucharist. Based on the revival's four "pillars," "four invitations" for the parish year are: reinvigorating worship, personal encounter, robust faith formation and missionary sending. We will take these themes one by one as we go through the year.

Several times, people have asked me to explain the word "Transubstantiation" to them.

Transubstantiation is the doctrine that teaches that the bread and the wine after the prayer of consecration by the priest at Mass, substantially assume a new spiritual essence—the body and blood of Christ. Like the disciples of Jesus, many people have difficulty understanding and believing in this spiritual essence or new reality. In John's gospel chapter 6, Jesus teaches about the bread of life by explicitly talking about "eating his flesh" and "drinking his blood." Many were disturbed by his words. "When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?... The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life (John 6:60-70 NAB).

The bread and wine become a real presence of Jesus in the community of believers celebrating the Eucharist. This happens through the power of the words spoken by the priest, just as he commanded them to do. The bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ which are, in turn, meant to transform us when we receive them. Therefore, each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we memorize the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, we give thanks for such great gift, and we commune together at a common meal, also around Jesus who is actively present through the Eucharistic sacrifice. The Eucharist is a "symbolic reality" of Christ continuous presence in the Church. Whenever we eat the bread and wine at the Eucharist celebration (or brought to us at home or the hospital), we receive into ourselves the very life of Christ.

The opening words from the website of the National Eucharistic revival suggest, that our world is hurting, and we all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Therefore, Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist (<https://eucharisticrevival.org/>). How we can return is the reason for the Eucharistic Revival.



On behalf of the Jerry Mollet Family we would like to thank everyone for their support, services, prayers, and being there for us during this most difficult time as we mourned the loss of our husband, father, and grandfather. A heartfelt thank you to Father Linus Umoren, Father O'Sang, Sister Joan Weiler, choir members from St. Augustine's and Ss. Peter & Paul, the Honor Guard for their presence, all of those who contributed to and worked the funeral luncheon, and to all of you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We want you all to know that we appreciate everything that you have done and continue to do for our family. May God continue to bless you all!

-Diane and the Mollet Family

We wish to thank Father Linus, Father Von, Sister Joan and the choir for the lovely funeral Mass for Roy. To the parish family, the men who stood honor guard, the ladies who provided food, and to those who showed their care for Roy in many ways, you helped make a difficult time a holy and sacred one.

God bless all of you for caring.

-Betty and the Schreder children



At the end of 8:30am Mass THIS Sunday, being Corpus Christi, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and close with Benediction.

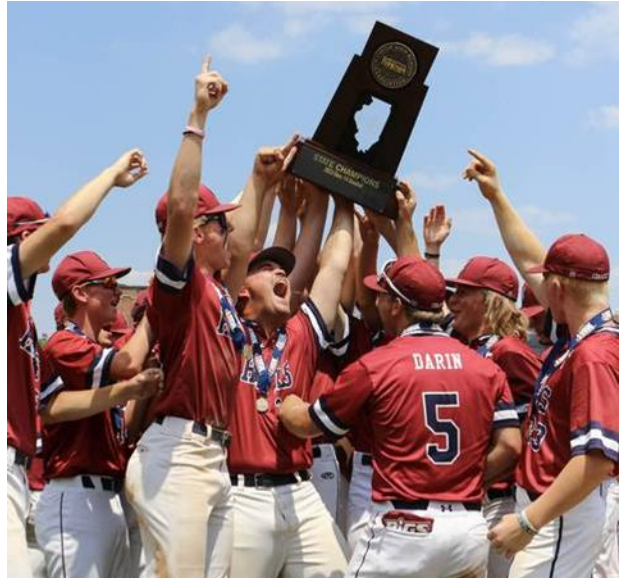
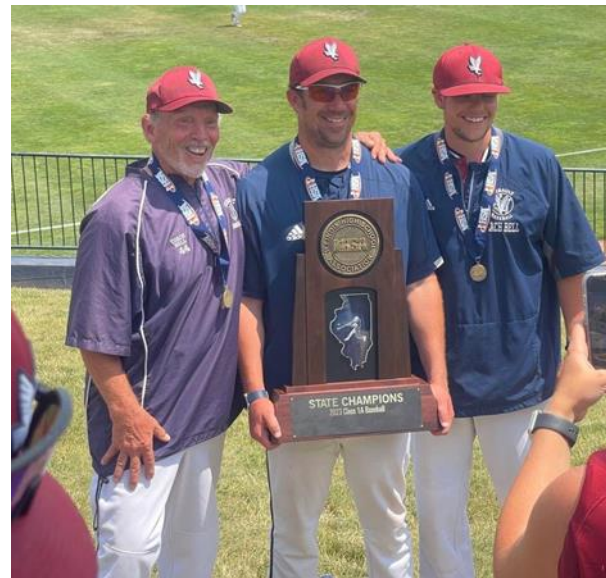
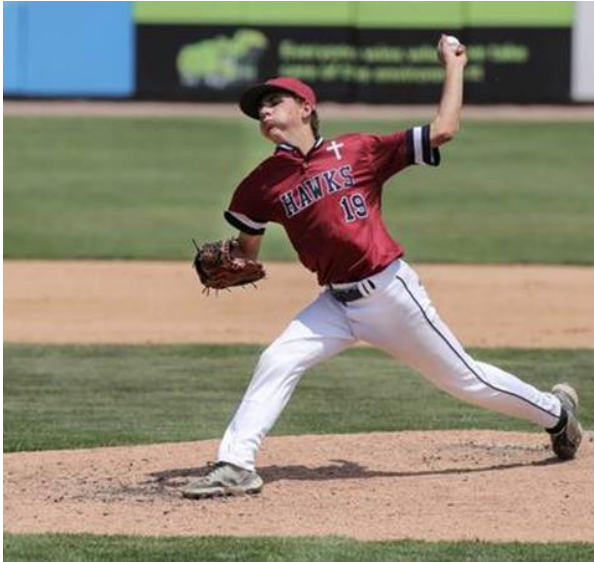
A Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is the service in which Jesus Christ is adored in the consecrated Host exposed on the altar, after the priest has incensed the consecrated Host and in which the priest blesses the faithful with the Sacred Host. The liturgy includes singing the ancient Latin hymns, O Salutaris and Tantum Ergo (O saving victim and Down in Adoration) followed by the benediction proper. The celebrant holds the monstrance wearing a humeral veil covering his shoulders, arms and hands, and then blesses the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament by tracing the sign of the cross with the monstrance held steadily upright before him. The liturgy concludes with the Divine Praises and singing the Holy God we praise they name.

This is to inaugurate the National year of the Eucharistic revival. What is Eucharistic revival? The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to the divine invitation of re-centering our lives on the Real Presence of the Eucharist. Based on the revival's four "pillars," "four invitations" for the parish year are: reinvigorating worship, personal encounter, robust faith formation and missionary sending. We will take these themes one by one as we go through the year.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

A HUGE Congratulations to Brady Biffar (proud parents Vicki and Jeff) Assistant Coach Eric Schreder, and the entire Gibault Hawks baseball team for bringing home the 1A State Championship win!!! #1 in the STATE!!!

#gibaultproud





DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.
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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:



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

Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$6,403.00

A donation to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal assists people throughout southern Illinois through the work of 17 diocesan ministries and programs. Your donation can be a one-time gift or a pledge and be made in cash, by check, credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or stocks and securities. If you haven't yet done so, please consider making your gift today! Thank you for your generosity.

Pledges to Date: 25

\$5,115.00.00

80% of our goal

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.



Today we celebrate the gift of Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. We rejoice that Jesus gave His Body and Blood for our redemption. This is the remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy.

This is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests; we are challenged to encourage those who may have a calling to Holy Orders. Pose the question: "Have you ever considered being a priest?"



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 pray for vocations & 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. Our club meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a Mass at 11:45am; lunch, a brief meeting & a prominent speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). PRAY FOR VOCATIONS! We have a new webpage: serrastclair.org

LOCAL EVENTS

Annual Picnic and Homecoming

Saturday, July 1, 2023

St. Michael's Paderborn, IL

"All You Can Eat" Fried Chicken Dinner
Serving from 3-7pm in our air-conditioned Hall

"Hand-Stitched" Quilt/CASH Bingo
6pm-???

(In case of inclement weather,
play will move into the air-conditioned Hall at 8pm)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Red Bud, IL



Quilt Bingo: 24 Games, 24 Quilts!

Don't miss our Quilt Bingo on

Sunday, July 16th in our Parish

Center! We'll be playing 24 games for 24 quilts! Doors open and lunch available at 11 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m. More chances to win: Early Bird Raffle Games, Colorball Raffle Game, Queens Raffle Game, Quilt at the Door Raffle, Lotto Ticket Board Raffle.

We need desserts for our guests! Requesting pies and cakes only! Please bring pies/cakes to the cafeteria the morning of July 16th. Questions: 618-504-9101.

News from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church:



Please join us on Corpus Christi Sunday June 11 for our annual Eucharistic Procession. Right after 10 am Mass we will expose the Blessed Sacrament, process in song up to the courthouse, return to church for brief period of quiet adoration, and close with Benediction around noon.

-Deacon Tom

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

SsPPCC

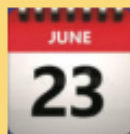
Eucharistic Procession
June 11
11 am

JUNE
11

On June 11, we start our Year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival, keep an eye out in the bulletin, parish website, and Facebook page for opportunities for you to learn more about, experience, or maybe re-engage you in your faith, especially focused on our belief and understanding in the Eucharist. If you haven't had an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, this will be an opportunity for what might be transformative year for you.

SsPPCC News Continued...

Mary & Martha Society Events:



RUMMAGE SALE:

June 23 & 24

8 am – 1 pm

SPPCS Gym



“Bag Sale” & Bargains on
Saturday at Noon!

Donations of items accepted:

- Saturday, June 17, 9 am – 1 pm
- Monday thru Wednesday,
June 19 – 21, 9 am – 3 pm and 6 – 8 pm

Please have items in CLEAN condition.

*We cannot accept TVs, computers or
large furniture.*

Helpers are needed and welcome!

Contact Info:

Carol 618-939-8930

Pat 618-401-5228



REMINDER – please make sure that all flowers at the St. Augustine Cemetery are attached to the monuments or are in vases attached during the upcoming mowing season (April to October). Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Vacation Bible School,

June 19 - 23, 2023

9 am - 12 pm

Registration is now open for the 2023 Stellar
Vacation Bible School Program at
Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church!

VBS Registration is open! To register visit:

<https://www.ssppcc.org/vacation-bible-school->

To make the week as STELLAR as possible, we need volunteers who can give the time, energy, and love to the students that attend! Middle School, High School, and Adult volunteers are needed. We are looking for volunteers to help with a multitude of tasks. Please look over the listed tasks and join us in making VBS a success:

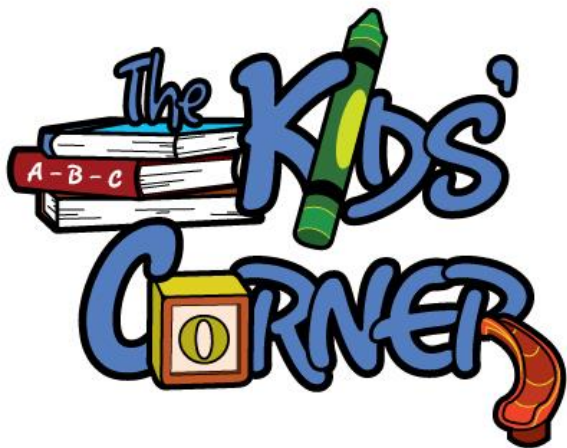
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4BA5AD29A7F94-2023>

*We cherish your prayers as we plan and prepare for a
STELLAR VBS!*

For more information, please contact Catherine at the parish office, 939-6426 ext. 15 or cburkart@ssppcc.org



**Just a note...St. Augustine's
Parish Secretary will be out of
town June 14-18th! Thank you!**



WORD SCRAMBLE

Have fun unscrambling these words!

- NTLE _____
- SESUJ _____
- SORSC _____
- THAIF _____
- TSAEER _____

ANSWERS: 1-LENT 2-JESUS 3-CROSS 4-FAITH 5-EASTER



Biehle Picnic

St. Maurus-Biehle, Missouri

10198 Hwy B

Saturday, June 24, 2023

3:00-11:00 PM

4PM for Game Booths



I-55 to Biehle Exit, 2 Miles South on Hwy B

Buffet Style, All-You-Can-Eat Supper Served in Our
Air Conditioned, Handicapped Accessible Hall

3:00-7:30 PM Rain or Shine

Meal Featuring: Fried Chicken,
Dressing, and Kettle Cooked Beef

Adults \$13.00 Children (Ages 6-11) \$5.00

Children Ages 5 and under Free

Supper Carry Outs Available

Outdoor
Seating
Available



Matching
Funds by
Western
Catholic
Union

Lunch Stand

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chicken Strips & French Fries

11:00 AM-10:30 PM



Activities

Food Bingo Games for all ages
Corn Hole Tournament

To register for tournament call 573-579-0058 or 573-788-2265

Music by Callie & Kevin



Mass at 3:00PM
Celebrant – Rev. Patrick Christopher