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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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants, like a tender shoot from the cedar which will bear fruit and become a majestic cedar. So shall the just one flourish, like a cedar. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 6-12 | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 6-13 | 8:30 am – Frank Gregson, John Rheinecker, and
Wylma Wachtel |
| Sat. 6-19 | 5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson; Clyde Kreher; and
Joe Wittenauer |
| Sun. 6-20 | 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |



PARISH COUNT: 91

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 6-6-21

Sunday Envelopes (45) - \$2,932.00

Loose – \$55.00

Scholarship Fund - \$1,155.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 19th; 5pm

Set Up: Joan Powell

Ushers:

Greeters: Joan Powell

Lector: Emma Day

Sanitizers:

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

Sunday, June 20th; 8:30am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart

Ushers: Marvin & Elaine Gregson

Greeters: Marvin & Elaine Gregson

Lector: May Stellhorn

Sanitizers: Grohmanns

Camera: Grohmanns

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Carol Grohmann, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Lisa Davenport, Penny Hofstetter, Arline Wittenauer, Paden Schultz, Michelle Knepelkamp, Donna Kaiser, and Ginger Amann.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, Coast Guard and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corp.

Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

These young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish on June 9th and 10th.

**Congratulations to:
Ryan Biffar; Andrew Donius; and Ashley Murphy.**



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time—Year B

The Gospel this weekend centers on faith and the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Jesus tends to allow the crowd to discern for themselves the meaning and the significance of the gift of the kingdom.

Two parables about the seeds are presented to us in the Gospel reading this weekend. The emphasis in the parable of the seed is on the seed as a “capsule of life.” It does not only have life within it but allows the life to grow. Thus, Jesus tells the crowd to consider how someone scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. When the crop is ripe for harvest, the owner wields his sickle at once.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. The mustard seed was considered by the first century farmers in Jesus’ part of the world as the smallest seed. But as small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree and provides a nesting place for birds.

Growth is not an overnight phenomenon. It requires time and nurturing to develop properly. The development of virtues and the love of God is gradual. But when life is rooted in God it flourishes and produces fruit even into old age. So, the reign of God, the kingdom of God begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide.

Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. When we tell people about the love of God and welcomes people in our Church, the Kingdom of God is spreading. Although the mystery of the kingdom of God unfolds within human history, we need the eyes of faith to recognize it. Just as the life force that thrust the branches of the mustard seed farther and farther cannot be seen, so also is the kingdom. We observe the reign of the kingdom in the manifestations that we see even when we cannot say how it happens.

PHASE 5 GUIDELINES

Effective this weekend, June 12-13, 2021

We have been given the go-ahead by the Diocese of Belleville to lift the restrictions under which St. Augustine's Parish has been operating over the past 12 or so months. This means that:

- ❖ We can resume **100%** capacity. You may sit anywhere you would like on the main floor of church.
- ❖ You will **NO LONGER** have to call, text, or email your reservation request. There will **NO LONGER** be a seating chart for each Mass.
- ❖ **Vaccinated** individuals are **NOT** required to wear masks unless they feel more comfortable doing so.
- ❖ **Unvaccinated** individuals **should** wear a mask and **maintain** social distancing.
- ❖ Regarding the Sign of Peace, it is highly recommended that worshipers continue to offer the sign of peace with a bow, wave, smile or other appropriate gesture.
- ❖ Holy Communion will remain **ONLY** under the form of the consecrated **HOST** for the foreseeable future.
- ❖ Communicants should continue to **sanitize** their hands right before receiving Communion.
- ❖ **Sanitizing** following each mass **will continue** as in the past.

We will begin the process of scheduling Extraordinary Ministers and Ushers (to take up the collection) in the next few days. St. Augustine's plans to continue to offer the Live Streaming option for all their Masses.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“for we walk by faith, not by sight.” In the Second Reading from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Paul exhorts the early Church community in Corinth to have courage on their faith journey with the same goal in mind: to desire to always please Christ as we remain aware of our final judgment and eternal reward. While suffering is to be expected at times in life, we must be mindful of the life that God calls each one of us to live out. We must live in **just relationship** with each other, as equals. God does not call us to be “door mats.” National statistics reveal that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the US experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, or spouse. These numbers are staggering. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Refamiliarize yourself with behaviors that are abusive by reading www.foryourmarriage.org/domestic-violence/. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made it clear that “violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form-physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well.” (When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women). For abused persons, you may find help with the National Domestic Violence Hotline that refers to local sources of help in all 50 states. Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). For those who abuse, admit that the abuse is your problem and not your partner/spouse’s. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for information on where to find help. Abuse is cyclical. Stopping it in its tracks or removing yourself from an unsafe living environment benefits not only you, but those who love you.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is 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>.





Today's parable of the sower invokes an image of how parents can "plant the seed" of a vocation in their own family. We are all called as the Church to spread the Word of God through our "sowing" the seed of our faith and sharing it with others. Hopefully, our personal mustard seed will blossom into the "largest of plants" as we live out our own vocations as Priest, sister, parent, single person.



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!

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- St. Anthony, Lively Grove – August 2020 thru July 2021. \$40 per ticket; Contact Cheryl Hentges, clhentges@yahoo.com or 618/824-6637.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2021. \$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 2021. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius, St. Libory – March 2021 thru February 2022. \$40 per ticket. Contact Vicki Knepper 618/960-8420.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, June 30th; 6:30pm

Ss. Peter and Paul is hosting a 2nd Theology on Tap at Stubborn German, with featured speaker Bishop Michael McGovern. All single, married or College age Young Adults in your 20's and 30's are invited. Text or email David Miskell for additional details 618-406-4250, david.miskell@htc.net.



The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to The 2021 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!

Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$5,630.00.

Pledges to Date: 24

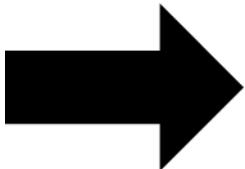
\$4,655.00

83% of our goal



**The Village of Hecker's 125th
Celebration has been rescheduled for
Saturday, September 4th, 2021
Parade at 4pm
Picnic at 5pm**

**Hecker Fire Dept. Muster
Saturday, July 17th, 2021
Noon at Back Street Wine & Dine**



**The All Class School Reunion has been
rescheduled for Saturday, April 30th, 2022.**

Details to follow after the first of 2022.

A Message on Behalf of Mount Carmel and Holy Cross Cemeteries

The historical and beautiful Catholic cemeteries of Mount Carmel in Belleville and Holy Cross in Fairview Heights are offering a 25% discount on pre-need grave and crypt sales during May and June. It shows prudent and practical foresight to pre-plan your burial arrangements, especially now with very affordable payment terms. Contact our Catholic cemeteries office staff at 618-397-0181 for additional info or to set an appointment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Urban Programs (CUP) is looking to fill several Front Desk Volunteer positions. If you are open to making a long-term weekly commitment to this ministry, please contact Jenn Lyke at 618.398.5616 or jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org. Volunteer service will take place at "The HUB" location which is located at Highway 157 and Vieux Carre Drive in East St. Louis.

Men's Blue Jeans and Casual Clothing/Accessories Needed

The Belleville Council Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** in providing essentials to the poor they serve. At the present time there is a desperate need for gently-used **men's blue jeans and casual clothing and accessories: slacks, shirts, socks, belts and shoes**. Items can be dropped off at: SVDP Thrift Store; 3718 State Street, East St. Louis; M-F 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon or SVDP Office; 8800 West Main Street, Belleville (across from Blessed Sacrament Church); Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you have questions or need additional info, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126.

Part-Time Accounting/Bookkeeper Position Available

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council, a Catholic, non-profit 501c-3 that serves the poor, has a part-time bookkeeper/accounting position available at the Council Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville (across from Blessed Sacrament Church). Candidate should be detail-oriented and experienced in the areas of accounts receivable/accounts payable, payroll/payroll taxes and financial reporting and enjoy interacting with people. If interested in applying, please call 618-394-0126 and leave a message or text 618-799-8505.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Guild Center

In Search of St. Paul Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.

Saturdays, June 12, July 10 and August 21, 10 am - Noon

It's not a certainty that all the letters bearing Paul's name were actually written by him. There are historical, literary and theological indicators that distinguish Paul's genuine letters from the others. In this series we will look at three distinct phases or "faces" of the message of Paul, as we attempt to arrive at the message of the "real" Paul. In so doing we will see the consistencies between "real" Paul and the message of Jesus.

Cost: \$30 for series; \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/scripture-study-mark-etling/>

***Over the next few bulletins, we will be including portions of the recent
Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis...***
**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

RE-ENVISAGING THE SOCIAL ROLE OF PROPERTY

118. The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity. Differences of color, religion, talent, place of birth or residence, and so many others, cannot be used to justify the privileges of some over the rights of all. As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.

119. In the first Christian centuries, a number of thinkers developed a universal vision in their reflections on the common destination of created goods. [91] This led them to realize that if one person lacks what is necessary to live with dignity, it is because another person is detaining it. Saint John Chrysostom summarizes it in this way: “Not to share our wealth with the poor is to rob them and take away their livelihood. The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well”. [92] In the words of Saint Gregory the Great, “When we provide the needy with their basic needs, we are giving them what belongs to them, not to us”. [93]

120. Once more, I would like to echo a statement of Saint John Paul II whose forcefulness has perhaps been insufficiently recognized: “God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, without excluding or favoring anyone”. [94] For my part, I would observe that “the Christian tradition has never recognized the right to private property as absolute or inviolable, and has stressed the social purpose of all forms of private property”. [95] The principle of the common use of created goods is the “first principle of the whole ethical and social order”; [96] it is a natural and inherent right that takes priority over others. [97] All other rights having to do with the goods necessary for the integral fulfilment of persons, including that of private property or any other type of property, should – in the words of Saint Paul VI – “in no way hinder [this right], but should actively facilitate its implementation”. [98] The right to private property can only be considered a secondary natural right, derived from the principle of the universal destination of created goods. This has concrete consequences that ought to be reflected in the workings of society. Yet it often happens that secondary rights displace primary and overriding rights, in practice making them irrelevant.

Rights without borders

121. No one, then, can remain excluded because of his or her place of birth, much less because of privileges enjoyed by others who were born in lands of greater opportunity. The limits and borders of individual states cannot stand in the way of this. As it is unacceptable that some have fewer rights by virtue of being women, it is likewise unacceptable that the mere place of one’s birth or residence should result in his or her possessing fewer opportunities for a developed and dignified life.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian organization of the U.S. Catholic Bishops that seeks to end poverty, hunger and disease. For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. We reach 121 million people each year. Our mission is grounded in Catholic values, which call on us to foster compassion and dignity among the world's most marginalized people.

Catholic Relief Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and donations to CRS are tax deductible to the full extent allowable under the law.

Within the Belleville Diocese, there is an effort to encourage new volunteers to support the work that CRS does. I'm sure many are aware of the annual Rice Bowl Campaign during lent.

Locally, we are seeking anyone interested in participating...below is what they are looking for:

1. Attend a monthly national call on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon followed by a Chapter (local area) call at 1pm. Each call last about an hour so that would mean a two hour commitment.
2. Chapter Meetings consist of:
 - a. Reviewing the National Call
 - b. Getting new members to join
 - c. Fundraising (such as Rice Bowl during Lent)
 - d. Advocacy with our elected officials

The local (Belleville) Chapter was formed about 6 months ago. The hope is to have more than one Chapter in the Belleville Diocese; possibly even a Chapter in each Vicariate, since we are a large Diocese distance wise.

Currently all meetings have been held via Zoom. If you would be interested in learning more about this very worthwhile organization or have additional questions, please contact the Parish Office at St. Augustine's. You may call 473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net.



To the St. Augustine Parish Family:

After much thought, discussion, and prayer, we made a proposal to Fr. Linus to make some changes to the format of our annual Kirchenfest. Our picnic date of August 21st will be kept but what we are offering will be scaled back from previous years.

At the time of our decision making, we remain in the bridge phase according to the State of Illinois and the Diocese of Belleville. In that phase we would only be allowed to have an outside event with no more than 30 people per 1,000 square feet.

We will be having the Tiki Trot **ONLY** on Saturday, August 21st. Then on Sunday, August 22nd, we will be having a “drive-thru” chicken dinner at the Hecker Community Center. We will also have a raffle with tickets being mailed out.

Times, schedules, and details will be shared once those have been determined. We will need volunteer workers for these events so please volunteer as possible.

We will be sending a letter out to our parishioners, as well as, a letter/flyer to our mailing list that we have used in previous years. The letters will cover all the pertinent details and will also include raffle tickets.

We realize that some outside events in our local area are being held as usual while others are not. Our concerns have been and continue to be the safety of our volunteer workers, and we felt that waiting another year to continue the tradition of the full Kirchenfest was the wisest decision at this time.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call the names/numbers below.

Denny Biffar, Picnic Chairman
618/920-9082

John Kaiser, Picnic Chairman
618/971-7591