

**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 of the MOST HOLY TRINITY:** We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our God in all the earth!

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 6/13	8:00am- Urban & Shirley Wittenauer
Saturday, 6/14	5:00pm- For All Fathers of the Parish
Sunday, 6/15	8:00am- For All Fathers of the Parish
Friday, 6/20	8:00am- Cletus & Agnes Gregson
Saturday, 6/21	5:00pm- Joan & Gary Wittenauer's 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Jerry & Duane Mollet, and Joe Wittenauer
Sunday, 6/22	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/8/2025:**

Weekly Envelopes - \$4,060.00

Loose- \$187.00

Youth- \$4.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-*  
**\$3,200.14**

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

### Saturday, June 21, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers:

Lector: Emma & Ellie Day

Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Wittenauer Family

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### Sunday, June 22, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Vicki Biffar

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ryan Grohmann



### **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, Dorothy Christiansen, Gary Wittenauer, and Jerry Castens.

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](http://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](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 20 59% OF OUR GOAL MET**

**\$3,985.00.00 Pledged as of 6/6/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target**

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**Father Linus Umoren, C.M.**

## **Reflection on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**

*A Bishop is at a parish for Confirmation and decides that in his homily he will quiz the teenagers he is supposed to be confirming. So, he asks them, "who can tell me what the Trinity is?" They all look at their shoes. So, he calls on one young man who mumbles a reply, the bishop says, "I'm sorry, I didn't understand that." The boy sighs, and replies, only slightly louder, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." The bishop, wanting the boy to speak up so everyone can hear him, says, "I'm sorry, I still didn't understand." And the boy, rolling his eyes, says loudly and clearly, "You're not supposed to understand it. It's a mystery."*

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates the foundation of our faith. The Trinity is a term that the Christian theologians, especially in the patristic era, coined to talk about God who reveals himself in a relationship. Thus, the feast leads us to the understanding of the true nature of God. The early Church explained the mystery of the Trinity in so many ways. These include philosophical and anthropological analogies. For example, some theologians argue that the revelation of God is either supplemented or superseded by later revelation, which shows the one God in some sense to be three "persons." However, these explanations cannot define the essence of the Trinity altogether. We may never fully comprehend the nature of the Trinity, but we can describe the manifestation of God in three distinct persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore, Christian prayers begin or end with the invocation of the Trinity or the praise of the Triune God. For example, the doxology. The history of God's people reveals a God who desires to enter an intimate relationship with his people, who comes into their account not just as a transcendent being but always present as God who took human flesh. Jesus teaches about the nature of God in his willingness to forgive us, adopts us, and empower us with the Holy Spirit. Most of what we know about God's life is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. He teaches about God with emphasis on his relationship. God is Our Father, who art in Heaven. Therefore, the Trinity is an expression of the relationship between the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and by extension, with all adopted sons and daughters of God.

We know that God creates because we are part of creation's mystery. We know that He saves because we have experienced the salvific work of Jesus. We also know that God sustains and cares for us through the gift of love in the world. Our faith in the Trinitarian God is an invitation to experience God in His distinct self-expression. The God of history who has revealed himself to communities and individuals through the ages in separate ways continues to act here and now as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-There will be a Kirchenfest meeting on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30pm, inside the Parish Center. Please contact Aaron Eckart if you have any questions/concerns.

-Both Finance and Parish Council Meetings will be on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, beginning with finance @ 6:30pm followed by Parish Council @ 7:30pm, both meetings inside the Parish Center.

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

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

*Special  
Offering*

**Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Collection will June  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> for St. Vincent  
de Paul (East St. Louis)**

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

***If you took a bottle, please RETURN them by the weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup>! You can leave them at the church entrances near the bulletin holders or bring to the Parish office...thank you for supporting Life Network of Waterloo!!!***

You are encouraged to take home one of the baby bottles which have been placed at the entrances to church. We just ask that you **return the bottle to church no later than Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-473-2217, or email [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net). Thank you!!



## 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

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

["Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"](#)

On June 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, the World Day for the Sanctification of Priests is celebrated. On this day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation and the faithful are invited to pray for all priests that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and His Church. Every day our priests pray for us and our intentions as they preside over Mass, hear confessions, anoint the sick, or bury our loved ones; don't forget to tell your priest you are praying for him!





## **From the Deacons Desk**

In case you missed this at the end of May, while many of us were honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country on Memorial Day weekend, the Illinois General Assembly quietly filed an amendment to Senate Bill 1950 (House Amendment #2), to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. Our lawmakers were poised to try to push this dangerous bill through during the final days of the legislative session. On May 29 The Illinois House of Representatives passed SB



1950 (the assisted suicide bill) and it was sent to the Senate where it was scheduled to pass or fail within 48 hours. Thanks to the prayers, tireless efforts, and engagement with our legislators, the assisted suicide bill did not pass the Senate. It was not called for a vote in the Illinois Senate before adjournment. During that week when all this occurred, there was a flood email blasts from the Catholic Conference of Illinois (CCI) urging Illinoisans to contact their legislators and ask them to oppose this terrible

bill. Did you know that you can sign up to receive updates and messages from the CCI Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN) to stay informed on issues affecting the Church and her mission at both the state and federal levels? This link <https://www.diobelle.org/news/2248-join-i-can-the-illinois-catholic-advocacy-network> or the QR code will take you to our diocese website where you can read more about CCI and I-Can and sign up to receive alerts from them. I would encourage you to sign up and take a stand against issues that oppose the teachings of the Catholic Church.

*-Deacon Tom*

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**

We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome

**SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:**

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

**800-640-3044.**

**Purchase SPPCS "Scrip Cards" for your shopping and gift giving needs!**

**Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider purchasing "scrip cards" to use in place of cash, checks or credit cards for purchases you make.**

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family's account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you.

**St. Augustine's contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern. You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.**

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