

**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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Reconciled to God through the blood of Christ, we are a chosen people, a “Holy Nation” the sheep of God’s flock. We are called, as were the Twelve, to go forth and bear witness to the reign of God.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

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

Fri. 6/23 8:00 am- Joe Wittenauer, Dave Bruss, and Don Haudrich

Sat. 6/24 5:00 pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s

Sun. 6/25 8:30am- Agnes & Cletus Gregson, Joe Jung, and John Link



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 6-11-2023**

Envelopes (45)-\$1,619.00

Loose- \$198.00

Youth- \$11.00

Scholarship- \$23.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$3,334.50*

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

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

**Set Up:** Sr. Joan Weiler

**Lector:** Emma Day

**Servers:** Mehrmanns

**Extraordinary Minister:** Sr Angela Laquet

**Extraordinary Minister Wine:**

**Camera:** Dana Mehrmann

### Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am

**Set Up:** Donna Rheinecker

**Lector:** Donna Rheinecker

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Tiffany Gregson

**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.*



**REMINDER: Choir practice  
Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

WITH DEEPEST  
*sympathy*

Please pray for the soul of Susan Ulrich, sister-in-law of Dorothy Christiansen and Aunt and Godmother of Kay Rist. Susan passed away on June 8, 2023. May her soul rest in peace and her family be comforted with our prayers.

Thank you,  
Kay Rist, Dorothy Christiansen & Family

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.**

***Reflection for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time***

*A woman at the airport waiting to catch her flight bought herself a bag of cookies, settled in a chair in the airport lounge and began to read her book. Suddenly she noticed the man beside her helping himself with cookies from the cookie bag between them. Not wanting to make a scene, she read on, ate cookies, and watched the clock. As the daring “cookie thief” kept on eating the cookies she got more irritated and said to herself, “If I wasn’t so nice, I’d blacken his eye!” With each cookie she took, he took one too. When only one was left, she wondered what he would do. Then with a smile on his face and a nervous laugh, he took the last cookie and broke it in half. He offered her half, and he ate the other. She snatched it from him and thought, “Oh brother, this guy has some nerve, and he’s also so rude, why, he didn’t even show any gratitude!” She sighed with relief when her flight was called. She gathered her belongings and headed for the gate, refusing to look at the ungrateful “thief.” She boarded the plane and sank in her seat, then reached in her baggage to fetch her book, and what she saw made her gasp with surprise. For there in front of her eyes was her bag of cookies. Then it dawned on her that the cookies she ate in the lounge was the man’s and not hers, that the man was not rude but a friend who tried to share, that she was the rude one and the ungrateful one.*

This weekend Jesus inaugurates a new dimension to his mission. He invites his disciples to be part of his mission. He sends them out to continue to do what he himself had been doing.

Matthew uses the word apostle for the Twelve. Apostle means “one who is sent.” Thus, Matthew draws our attention to the mission of the twelve much more than their personal traits and heritage. Through the mission of the Apostles Jesus intends that the sick be cured, lepers be cleansed, demons be driven out, and the dead be raised to life. What is interesting here is the transition of the mission from the Father to the Son, and to the Apostles or the Church. Moreover, they are to begin from the known land to the unknown land, “Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.” This raises the question as to the best place to begin mission? Is mission primarily about going to a distant country or another city? Who is a missionary? Imagine that Mission begins where we find ourselves. It begins with the person who sits with us on the plane or works with us in the office. As the Church is sent by Jesus to the world, every member of the Church is a missionary whose mission is to preach the love of Christ. “The kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” Imagine how many people have been cured, how many demons have been driven out, and how many dead have been raised through simple acts of charity.

# Prayer of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted His Only Son;  
In you Mary placed her trust;  
With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
Show yourself a father  
And guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
And defend us from every evil. Amen



Attention Parishioners of St. AUGUSTINE, the Knights of Columbus are seeking your help. Every year we supply workers for the Monroe County Fair 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 818-473-2925...Thanks!



## 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!

Dear Friends in Christ:

Did you know that our local Deacons are hosting the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE) Conference at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights, July 16-19, 2023. One of the highlights of the conference is a presentation by Mr. Vince Ambrosetti, an internationally recognized singer, songwriter, and Christian music producer with a record label known as International Liturgy Publications. Mr. Ambrosetti was invited to sing at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta's funeral. We are inviting you to come join the deacons and their wives for an evening of inspiring Christian music and an uplifting presentation on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. A donation of \$10.00 per person will be appreciated. There is a limited number of seats available so you will need to email me to reserve your spot followed by payment.

Please send your name, address and telephone number along with the number of seats you would like to reserve by e-mail to: [NDICE.conference@yahoo.com](mailto:NDICE.conference@yahoo.com)

Make checks payable to: NDICE and mail to: Deacon Corby Valentine, 706 Kessler Rd., Freeburg, IL 62243.

Thanks in Advance,  
Deacon Corby Valentine- President Elect. NDICE

### **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

“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](#)

## 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>



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



**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.

## The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

Each year the success of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal depends upon the generous response of every Catholic household – it depends on you!! Every dollar donated to The Appeal is restricted and supports only the work of 17 diocesan ministries which serve thousands of people throughout southern Illinois each year. To learn more about the good works your gift makes possible, visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal poster or call Judy Phillips at 618-722-5007 – she'd love to hear from you!

Pledges to Date: 26

\$5,150.00.00

80% of our goal



Jesus, in today's Gospel, sends forth the disciples to become "shepherds" of His people. He exhorts us to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" for "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few". We are charged with praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life but also to work for the "harvest". Today, encourage someone who might be interested in ordained and consecrated life to investigate that vocation.

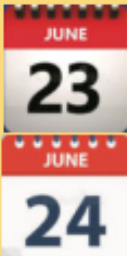


**HAVE YOU HEARD OF SERRA CLUB?** The Serra Club of St. Clair County is an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations & inform our community of the need for all vocations. We honor our 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://serrastclair.org)



News from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church:

**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



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>

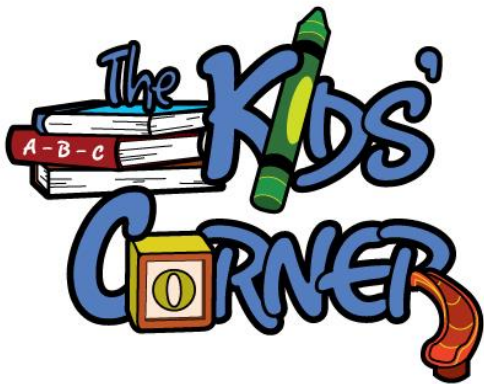
*We cherish your prayers as we plan and prepare for a  
STELLAR VBS!*

For more information, please contact Catherine at the parish office, 939-6426 ext. 15 or [cburkart@ssppcc.org](mailto:cburkart@ssppcc.org)

*Mausoleum*  
Dedication Service  
*back to*  
God our Father  
*on*  
Father's Day  
June 18, 2023 | 1:00 PM  
*Bishop Michael McGovern | Presiding*

Three photographs showing different views of the new mausoleum building, which is a modern, single-story structure with large windows and a flat roof, situated on a grassy area.

*The Good Shepherd*



# Following Jesus

This week I will follow Jesus by doing this

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Color in the foot day by day as you follow Jesus!

Lord God