

## 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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**The Ascension of the Lord:** Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Jesus ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, entering into the heavenly sanctuary. We are to be his witnesses, mindful of the great hope to which we are called.

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 5/30	8:00am- Don Braun
Saturday, 5/31	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 6/1	8:00am- Mel Parker and Annabelle Hoffarth
Friday, 6/6	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet
Saturday, 6/7	5:00pm- Norbert Wittenauer
Sunday, 6/8	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**Anointing of the Sick  
will be held following  
both Masses NEXT  
weekend**

### **OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 5/25/2025:**

Weekly Envelopes - \$2,853.29  
Loose- \$260.00  
Youth- \$3.00

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

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

### Saturday, June 7th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Servers: Mallory Kern

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister: Angie Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Gary Wittenauer

### Sunday, June 8th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Shelly Fizer

Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr



### **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: 18    59% OF OUR GOAL MET**

**\$3,935.00.00 Pledged as of 5/30/2025    \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target**

# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

## **Reflection for the Seventh Sunday of the Easter (Ascension of the Lord)**

*God calls from the heavens, "it is time." But Jesus and his friends can't hear over all the partying. On day 39, the same thing. "Son, come sit by my right hand in heaven. Still nothing.*

*On the 40th day, God hears that the music is booming and knows they will likely ignore him again. So he grabs a very loud megaphone and yells, "May I have your ascension please! May I have your ascension please."*

The ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after the resurrection of Christ.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day, we shall be where Christ is. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), "...Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever" (CCC 665-667).

The Biblical accounts of the ascension focus not so much on the event's details as on the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. One would notice, for example, that Luke places the location of the ascension in Jerusalem while Mathew and Mark say that it took place in Galilee. However, what is essential in this narrative is the substance that the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven, and his disciples witnessed it.

This weekend, the first reading recounts the last moments of Christ with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Luke is interested in indicating that the earthly presence of Jesus came to an end at a specific time. Consequently, before He departed, Jesus gave the divine instruction to the apostles, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised." The apostles were to be faithful and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in proclaiming and witnessing these things.

Jesus knew that his apostles needed help to succeed. He knew how the human heart could be delicate and forgetful. So, Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable them to carry out his instructions. The mission that Jesus entrusted to the apostles two thousand years ago is the same mission he entrusts to us when we are baptized. To be a Christian is to be an evangelizer. Thus, Pope Francis exhorts in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients... Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love" (E.G, 120).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-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!

# **Cleaning House?** **St. Vincent de Paul** **Needs Your Household Items** **and Home Decor for a** **Sale Benefiting Our Ministries.**

## **DROP OFF TIMES ARE:**

Thursday, June 19 • 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 20 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Items not accepted include:**

mattresses, bed frames, large appliances,  
entertainment centers, couches, recliners,  
computers, TVs, large sporting items, car seats,  
text books. NO CLOTHES.

**DROP OFF AT CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH CENTER**

205 Rasp Street • Shiloh, Illinois

**Questions, please call the office**  
**at 618-806-3898**



**SS PETER & PAUL  
CHURCH  
PICNIC**

**LIVE MUSIC, HOT FOOD, COLD BEER,  
INDOOR BINGO & GAMES FOR ALL AGES**

PICNIC STARTS AT 4:00 PM EACH NIGHT | CHICKEN DINNER (SAT ONLY) 3:30-6:30 IN SPPCS GYM

PROUDLY WELCOMING WATERLOO SINGERS CO - SATURDAY @ 5:30

**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 6**

FEATURING

**WHITE STONE REVIVAL**

**FISH FRY &  
BURGER STAND**

**BINGO @ 7:00**

IN AIR CONDITIONED GYM

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 7**

FEATURING

**BRYAN TOBEN BAND**

**CHICKEN DINNER  
& BURGER STAND**

**BINGO @ 7:00**

IN AIR CONDITIONED GYM

## 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

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "[Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion](#)"

"I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, "OK, I will do it". Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase."

Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, Columbia, May 2016, pg. 42.



