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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 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saving presence of God who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress, let us turn to the Lord with faith, to him whom even the wind and the sea obey. He did and rose for our sake that we might live and not perish.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 6-19 | 5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson; Clyde Kreher; and
Joe Wittenauer |
| Sun. 6-20 | 8:30 am – For All Fathers in our Parish and
For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sat. 6-26 | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 6-27 | 8:30 am – Gilbert & Heddy Birkner and Evelyn Wittenbrink;
Cletus Kreher; and Verena Kreher |



PARISH COUNT: 108

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 6-13-21

Sunday Envelopes (90) - \$3,690.00

Loose – \$148.00 Youth (3) - \$16.48

***Scholarship Fund - \$1,255.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)***

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 26th; 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Ushers: Annette Schreder

Greeters: Cindy Grohmann

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Sanitizers: Kern Family

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

Sunday, June 27th; 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Ushers: Dale & Kay Haudrich

Greeters: Dale & Kay Haudrich

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Sanitizers:

Camera:

I am working on the schedule for July and August...sent out emails & text messages to fill the spots for the weekends. If you haven't responded yet, would you please let me know if you are able to volunteer! I am especially in need of servers and camera operators! Thanks!!!

Joan Powell – 473-2217 or staug@htc.net

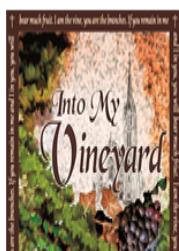
Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, 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, Paden Schultz, Michelle Knefelkamp, Donna Kaiser, Ginger Amann, Walter Krysnoski, and Mark Triller.

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.



Into My Vineyard

Formation for Lay Ecclesial Ministry in our Parishes

This year, *Into My Vineyard* will provide a one-year program of lay ecclesial formation **focusing on lay parish administrative and managerial assistance**. The six-session program will begin in September 2021 & conclude in the spring of 2022. These sessions are held on Saturdays; four will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Belleville and one each at Mt. Vernon & West Frankfort.

If anyone from our Parish is interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office at 473-2217 or by email to staug@htc.net. Application forms & brochures are available in the Parish Office.

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time

I once came across the saying: "There are no atheists in foxholes." The first truth about this saying is that most people inadvertently turn to superior powers for help in times of fear, extreme stress, or trouble. John Newton, for instance, the writer of the famous **Amazing Grace** song wrote the words of the song from personal experience. He grew up without any religious conviction, but a variety of twists and coincidences formed his life's path. When Newton left the Royal Navy service, he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. On one of his journeys in 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast. It was so severe and life-threatening that he called out to God for mercy. This experience marked Newton's conversion. He later studied Christian theology and became an abolitionist.

Unfortunately, faith does not always have believers covered precisely because faith is not like insurance coverage. If faith is merely for health and property coverage, and all we must do is pay the premium through works of charity and religious devotion, then that faith is flawed. Bad things happen to good people. So why do we have to believe at all?

This weekend reading from the book of Job is a small part of a big story of life and faithfulness. Job was a good man who believed and trusted in God. He was healthy and wealthy. But one day, misfortune struck him and his family. Job became bankrupt, his children died, and he became sick with serious diseases. These experiences prompted Job to question God why he should continue to be faithful.

God's response as we read in this weekend's reading is not impressive at all. The series of questions we read this weekend does not help Job. Perhaps Job wanted some explanations from God. But God did not and does not explain things as science would do. As Christians, we do not know why many things happen to our loved ones or us. God's questions for Job are to show Job that he really cannot understand the immensity of God. Job's greatest frustration was the absence of God in his suffering. When we suffer, it appears as if God is absent from us, and we wonder if we did anything wrong to deserve some punishment. God's questions are to reaffirm his presence with Job. That God spoke to Job was enough to reaffirm Job's privileged place in God's heart. Thus, God's questions make Job feel small before the greatness

PHASE 5 GUIDELINES

Effective starting 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

“On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Let us cross to the other side.” Mark’s Gospel 4:35-41, illustrates the story of Christ stilling the storm on the Sea of Galilee, a sea that is known for violent wind storms amid the hills of northern Israel. Christ, is peacefully asleep on a pillow, while the disciples frantically yell at him, in today’s language, ‘don’t you care that we are going to die?’ Christ answers their pleas by calming the storm and then asking the disciples why they are afraid? Do they not yet have faith? They immediately realized Christ’s supreme authority over even the ocean, a force so fierce that no human, other than Christ, could contain. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Where in our lives, do we need Christ to take us “to the other side”? Could it be responding more generously to the cries of the poor, or to a neighbor in need? Is it taking time with a family member who you may not always agree with? Could it be taking a stronger stand for the unborn and mothers in need in our area? Whatever Christ is calling you to, know that through prayer, He will help you cross safely to the other side.

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>.





During middle school, people often asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. The Holy Spirit gave the grace to ask a more fundamental question: *Who* do I want to be? I realized that I simply wanted to be as joyful and free as my religion teacher. One day, I worked up the courage to ask her; what makes you so happy? Her response transformed my life: "My relationship with the Lord." Upon graduating high school, I entered religious life and embraced our Marian charism. My vocation is the greatest gift God could have ever given me!

Sr. Alexa Zaldivar; Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary; *Columbia Magazine*, April 2021



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. 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 guest speaker. 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, chlentges@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.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

As we approach July 4, let us celebrate the hope, peace and freedom of our great nation and pray for those who make our freedom possible. We wish you and your family a blessed and happy Independence Day.

-Agencies and Ministries Supported by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

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

Pledges to Date: 25

\$4,755.00

84% of our goal



**The Village of Hecker's 125th
Celebration has been rescheduled for
Saturday, September 4th, 2021**

Parade at 4pm

Picnic at 5pm

**Mass at St. Augustine's on Saturday,
Sept. 4th will be held at 3:00 pm.**

**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, 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/>

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.



SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE!

SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH, WATERLOO

**FRIDAY, JULY 9TH &
SATURDAY, JULY 10TH**
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

**In the School Gym
Proceeds benefit Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Grade School**

Items may be brought to the gym Mon-Wed, July 5th-7th from 8am to 8pm. NO TV's, computers, or large furniture (sofas, beds, etc.) are accepted. Any help for set-up or sale is greatly appreciated!

COMING EVENTS

June 26th – Annual Picnic; St. Maurus Parish, Perryville, MO; Buffet meal 3-7:30pm; Bingo, Games, Country Store, Raffle, Music etc. For Info call 573-768-5476.

July 3rd – Picnic; St. Michael's Paderborn; Chicken Dinner Outside only dining 3-7pm; Bingo 6pm; Mass 3:30 & 5pm; Raffle.

July 10th – CARRY OUT ONLY Chicken Dinner; St. Damian's; 3-7pm; \$12.

***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**

122. Development must not aim at the amassing of wealth by a few, but must ensure "human rights – personal and social, economic and political, including the rights of nations and of peoples". [99] The right of some to free enterprise or market freedom cannot supersede the rights of peoples and the dignity of the poor, or, for that matter, respect for the natural environment, for "if we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all".[100]

123. Business activity is essentially "a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving our world". [101] God encourages us to develop the talents he gave us, and he has made our universe one of immense potential. In God's plan, each individual is called to promote his or her own development, [102] and this includes finding the best economic and technological means of multiplying goods and increasing wealth. Business abilities, which are a gift from God, should always be clearly directed to the development of others and to eliminating poverty, especially through the creation of diversified work opportunities. The right to private property to the universal destination of the earth's goods, and thus the right of all to their use. [103]

The rights of peoples

124. Nowadays, a firm belief in the common destination of the earth's goods requires that this principle also be applied to nations, their territories and their resources. Seen from the standpoint not only of the legitimacy of private property and the rights of its citizens, but also of the first principle of the common destination of goods, we can then say that each country also belongs to the foreigner, inasmuch as a territory's goods must not be denied to a needy person coming from elsewhere. As the Bishops of the United States have taught, there are fundamental rights that "precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person as created by God". [104]

125. This presupposes a different way of understanding relations and exchanges between countries. If every human being possesses and inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or elsewhere. My own country also shares responsibility for his or her development, although it can fulfil that responsibility in a variety of ways. It can offer a generous welcome to those in urgent need, or work to improve living conditions in their native lands by refusing to exploit those countries or to drain them of natural resources, backing corrupt systems that hinder the dignified development of their peoples. What applies to nations is true also for different regions within each country, since there too great inequalities often exist. At times, the inability to recognize equal human dignity leads to more developed regions in some countries to think that they can jettison the "dead weight" of poorer regions and so increase their level of consumption.