

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: You have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence, do not fear those who can take away your mortal life, for the Lord will protect and defend you unto life everlasting.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. 6/24 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s
Sun. 6/25 8:30 am- Agnes & Cletus Gregson, Joe Jung, and John Link
- Fri. 6/30 8:00 am- Norbert Wittenauer, Jerry Mollet, and Urban Wittenauer
- Sat. 7/1 5:00 pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s
Sun. 7/2 8:30am- Joe Jung, Art & Louise Kuhn, and Jerry Mollet



**Anointing of the Sick
will be next weekend
following both Masses**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 6-18-2023

Envelopes-\$3,937.00
Loose- \$304.00
Youth- \$11.00
Scholarship- \$27.00
Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-\$1,700.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$3,361.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*
Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 1st, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Barb Bruss
Extraordinary Minister Wine:
Camera:

Sunday, July 2nd, 8:30am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart
Lector: Janella Neary
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
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, 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, and Ethel Mae Kreher.

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.



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

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Twelfth Sunday of the Year A

When we get married, I want to share all your worries and troubles and lighten your burden," a young woman said to her boyfriend. "That's very kind of you, darling," her boyfriend replied. "But I don't have any worries or troubles." "Well, that's because we aren't married yet."

This week and for the next two weeks, the readings at Mass will focus on the theme of discipleship. The Gospel of Mathew significantly highlights this theme.

I have this friend who is a minister in the United Church of Christ. He also works as a chaplain in a hospital. His work is very demanding. If he is not working at the hospital, he is working at the Church, either visiting elderly Church members or attending one church meeting or program. Having known him for as long as three years, I can say he enjoys pastoral ministry. But occasionally, he would tell me, "I think if there were reincarnation, and I had to come back to life, I would have nothing to do with the Church, family, and people. I would want to live a quiet life of my own. It does not worth burning yourself out for people."

I quite understand where my friend was coming from and what he felt since I am a minister myself. As a minister, you meet people at their good, bad, and ugly condition of life; and there could be nothing as draining as these encounters. Most of the people you meet do not have a personal relationship with you. Ministry has no "clinical format." Instead, individual cases and circumstances create the format and the plan differently. That is the difficulty of discipleship.

In the first reading this weekend, Jeremiah shares his prophetic experience. The life of faith is not always serene. It is not merely a quiet submission to God's will. God does not seem to respond to Jeremiah's lamentation. Consequently, his prophetic tasks take him to the edge of despair. Moreover, all those who were his friends are on the watch for his missteps. Jeremiah's response to his pains and disappointment tells us that there is room for lament in faith. Although God does not come to Jeremiah in the burning bush or a thunder cloud, Jeremiah knows that God's grace is sufficient. In the same way, God's claim upon our lives is our comfort.

Matthews's gospel this weekend identifies two fears that the early disciples had: the fear of false accusation/persecution and the fear of bodily harm and death. In either case, Jesus teaches us that the way to overcome this fear is by keeping one's mind focused on the mission of God. The power of the enemy does not know eternity. Rather, what we must be sure of in this life is that God loves us, and he is unwilling to change his love for us for anything else.

Charity Car Show

Ava Kern

June 25, 2023



Ava Kern is a 4 year old from Hecker who was diagnosed with leukemia in January, 2022 and has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments on a weekly basis since diagnosis. She is scheduled to continue through March 2024 before her treatment is completed.

In between hospital visits, Ava enjoys spending time at home with her sisters, Mallory (6yo) and Camryn (1yo).

Registration 8am-12Noon
\$20 to Show \$10 to Display

35 Classes, Specialty Awards
50/50 and Baskets

All monies given to family at awards!!
Contact John @ 618-444-4146 for further info

Westpark Bowl/
Columbia City Saloon
1101 Valmeyer Rd
Columbia, IL 62236



No Coolers - No Burnouts

Not Responsible for personal property or accidents



Attention Parishioners of St. AUGUSTINE, the Knights of Columbus are seeking your help. Every year we supply workers for the Monroe County Fair, taking place July 23-30, 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 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT MONTH...

July 29th & 30th – St. Vincent de Paul Waterloo & Newman Center-SIU-C

In July, there are 5 Sundays; so once again, we will conduct a 2nd Collection at Masses the weekend of July 29th and July 30th. This collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) and Newman Center of SIU-C. We appreciate your generosity during these 5th 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 5th Sunday Collection. Thank you!

2023 BELLEVILLE, IL DIOCESE PARISH PICNIC CALENDAR

JUNE 2023

9,
10

SS Peter & Paul - Waterloo, IL
Cash/Quilt Bingo, 7:30PM Each Night

11
Sun

St. Ann - ?, IL
Mass at Noon
Potluck meal to follow (no bingo)

17
Sat

St. Dominic - Breese, IL
Mass at 4:30PM,
Chicken Dinner 3:30 – 7:30PM
Quilt Bingo at 6:30PM

JULY 2023

1
Sat

Saint Michael – Paderborn, IL
Mass: 3:30 & 5:00PM
All U Can Eat Chicken Dinner: 3 – 7PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo begins at 6PM

8
Sat

St. Damian - Damiansville, IL
Dinner begins at 3:30PM
Quilt Bingo at 6:30PM

15
Sat

St. Bruno's – Pinckneyville, IL
Mass at 4PM, Dinner from 3:30 – 6:30PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo at 7PM

22
Sat

St. Charles Borromeo – Dubois, IL Polka
Mass at 4PM

25
Tue

AUGUST 2023

5
Sat

St. Francis - Aviston, IL
Mass at 4PM, Quilt Bingo at 6:30PM
(every game for a quilt!)

St. Joseph – Prairie du Rocher, IL
Dinner starts at 3:30PM, Mass at 4PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo from 5 – 11PM

St. Anthony – Lively Grove
Polka Mass 4PM, Chicken Dinner 4 – 8PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo, 6:30 – 11PM

12
Sat

St. George- New Baden, IL
Mass at 4PM, Dinner begins at 3PM
Quilt/Gift Card Bingo at 6:30PM

St. Michael's – Radom, IL
Polka Mass at 4PM, Dinner 3 – 7:30PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo at 6:30PM

St. Rose of Lima – St. Rose, IL
Mass 4PM, Chicken Dinner ?PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo, ?PM

19
Sat

St. Augustine - Hecker, IL
Annual Kirchenfest
Mass at 3PM, Dinner begins at 3PM
Quilt Bingo at 6:30PM

26
Sat

St. Theresa/St. Luke - Belleville, IL
Mass at ?PM, Dinner begins at ?PM
Quilt Bingo at ?M

SEPTEMBER 2023

1,
4

Immaculate Conception – Columbia, IL

8,
9

St. Joseph's - Freeburg, IL
Mass at ?PM, Dinner begins at ?PM
Quilt/Cash Bingo at ?

23
Sat

St. Augustine, - Belleville, IL
Details available mid-July

OCTOBER 2023

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SS Peter & Paul - Waterloo, IL
Cash/Quilt Bingo, 7:30PM Each Night

11
Sun

St. Ann - ?, IL
Mass at Noon
Potluck meal to follow (no bingo)

17
Sat

St. Dominic - Breese, IL
Mass at 4:30PM, Dinner 3:30 – 7:30PM
Quilt Bingo at 6:30PM

OTHER EVENTS IN 2023

7/23

St. James - Millstadt, IL
Quilt/Cash Bingo, 1PM (doors open at 10:30)

9/10

St. James - Millstadt, IL
Quilt/Cash Bingo, 1PM (doors open at 10:30)

Aug 4-6

Seminary Picnic – Perryville, MO
seminarypicnic.org



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

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



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>

News from Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church



Confirmation

Confirmation & Parish Patrons Celebration

Please plan to join us on **June 29**, the Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, our patron saints, for our Confirmation Mass at 6:30 pm with Bishop McGovern. If you have never been to a Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGovern, you have missed a beautiful uplifting liturgy, so don't miss this unique opportunity on June 29. We will gather in the school gym after Mass to welcome and congratulate our 41 newly Confirmed young adults and to celebrate our patrons Saints Peter & Paul. Deserts and beverages will be served. Please join us to celebrate this special day, special feast and socialize with your fellow parishioners.

Congratulations to Olivia Biffar on her upcoming Confirmation!!!



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.

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 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



“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.



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 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 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



Picnic



ANNUAL KIRCHENFEST ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

618-473-2217 -- Hecker, Illinois – 15 miles south of Belleville on Route 159

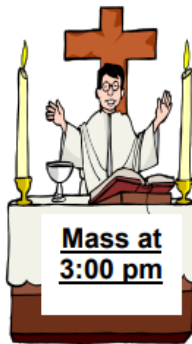
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS AND BUILDING –
2 BLOCKS EAST OF CHURCH

Saturday, August 19th, 2023

**OLD-FASHIONED
FRIED CHICKEN &
PORK SAUSAGE
DINNER**

Family Style Buffet
MAX 4 PIECES OF MEAT
(1/2 CHICKEN OR ¼ CHICKEN & 2
SAUSAGES)
WITH DRESSING, DESSERTS,
DRINKS, ETC.

Served indoors in A/C –
Hecker Community Center
Building – serving begins at
3:00 pm-No tickets will be sold
after 7:00 pm.



Mass at
3:00 pm

16th ANNUAL TIKI TROT
5K Competitive & Fun
Run/Walk and
Half-Mile Youth Run/Walk
ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION

[https://www.athlinks.com/
event/hecker-tiki-trot-5k-
17247](https://www.athlinks.com/event/hecker-tiki-trot-5k-17247)

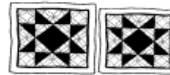
For info
email tikitrot@yahoo.com

Pre-register by 8/1 receive
T-shirt



Music by
The Saloonatics
7-11PM

Come see our
Kids Korner
Games! Cake
Stand, Silent
Auction,
Baskets,
Country Store,
Sandwich
Stand etc.
Most stands
opening after
3pm Mass!



6:30 P.M. QUILT BINGO

BL#51810

CONTACT INFO ON DAY OF PICNIC ONLY

If you have questions about the weather affecting
any of the activities, call Parish Office at
618-473-2217.

JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

God doesn't own a phone but I talk to him. He's not on Facebook, but he's still my FRIEND. He's not on Twitter, but I still follow him.



Little Church Mouse © God Bookland / Hunch 2016



Find 5 Mistakes



1. There is a mouse on the left.
2. There is a rose in the center.
3. There is a candle on the right.
4. There is a spider net above the candle.
5. The turtle blows square bubbles.