

**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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

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**THEME FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Because of sin, sickness and death have entered the world, but are overcome through the resurrection of Jesus. He hears the cry of those in need, healing the sick and raising the dead to life. He made himself poor that we might become rich.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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| 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;<br>Cletus Kreher; and Verena Kreher |
| Fri. 7-2  | 8:00 am – Intentions of Arline Wittenauer; Don Bruss;<br>and Eileen Wagner                    |
| Sat. 7-3  | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's  |
| Sun. 7-4  | 8:30 am – Virgil Gregson, Philip Rheinecker, and<br>Bonnie Casey                              |



**PARISH COUNT: 121**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 6-20-21**

Sunday Envelopes (69) - \$3,065.00

Loose – \$45.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,255.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)*

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

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>; 5pm**

**Set Up:** Donna Rheinecker

**Ushers:**

**Lector:** Donna Rheinecker

**Extraordinary Minister:**

**Sanitizers:** Lori Amann & Mary Schaltenbrand

**Camera:** Lori Amann

**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>; 8:30am**

**Set Up:**

**Ushers:** Dale Haudrich

**Lector:** Kay Haudrich

**Extraordinary Minister:** Dale Haudrich

**Sanitizers:**

**Camera:**

### **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 Knepelkamp, 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.*



### **CONFESSION TIMES & WEEKDAY MASS**

- **Beginning, Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the previous schedule for Confessions will resume. Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm and on Sundays from 8am to 8:15am.**
- **Starting Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be an 8:00 am Mass every Friday morning.**

# THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you for all the cards, gifts and best wishes on my birthday.

A special thank you to Fr. Linus & Fr. Evaristus for all they do at St. Augustine's.

You are in my prayers every day!

Signed: Arline Wittenauer

# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

**Reflection for the Thirteenth Sunday**

The gospel this weekend presents two miracle stories to us. At the center of the stories are women who had different problems. Let us say women who died in different ways. However, the two stories are brought together so that they can give meaning to each other. Going by the narratives, the younger woman, the daughter of Jairus, apparently died before time. She still had not fulfilled her dreams and perhaps, had yet to "mourn her virginity." The cause of her death is not mentioned, but we know that the father is concerned and wants Jesus to do something about it. The older woman, on the other hand, is socially dead. She "was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly in the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse" (Mk 5: 25-26 NAB).

Because she suffered hemorrhage for so many years, she would have been unclean and invariably ostracized from the community and temple worship. We don't know about her husband. But perhaps, she was divorced or separated from him to avoid social stigma. Interestingly, she had spent all that she had, yet she did not get better. Instead, she was getting worse. Imagine the kind of life this woman lived. She probably had considered death was better than such a painful life.

Poor woman! She is the one that first touched Jesus with an intention in her heart— "if I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (Mark 5:28 NAB). This story is the only healing narrative where Jesus does not initiate the healing. Now, the touch-down of these two stories is that Jairus and the woman acted in faith, and Jesus responded with compassion. Through compassion, Jesus compasses what is thought impossible. God's graciousness towards us calls us to be generous and compassionate toward others. Service to others can certainly drain our energy sometimes, but Jesus has given us a model to follow; to be men and women of compassion.



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**“God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being.”** In the First Reading from Wisdom, 1:13-15, justice and righteousness are the themes, as we know that God did not create death, but was created through the envy of the devil. God created all things wholesome and good and that we are made in the image of God to be imperishable. Sin and death are the consequences of human choice, but in the end the righteous ones will triumph through the grace of God. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** What does the Church teach about the sacredness of life, especially at the moment of conception? Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person. Since the first century, the Church has affirmed the moral evil of abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. God, the Lord of life, has entrusted men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. From the Book of Jeremiah: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” From Psalm 139: “My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.”

## 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>.





When I was 15, my father died suddenly; it's a low point in my life, but also a turning point. My mom, who had converted to Catholicism several years earlier, encouraged me to speak to our parish priest. I quickly saw a transformation within myself and began to think, God is helping me through this Catholic priest, there must be something to this Catholic Church. After my confirmation, the Lord said to me in prayer, "Anthony, you see what I've done for you through the priesthood; now go and do likewise." I was ordained in June 2018 and I wake up every morning thanking God for allowing me to be his servant. Fr. Anthony Stewart; Diocese of Nashville; *Columbia Magazine Feb. 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 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 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, [clhentges@yahoo.com](mailto:clhentges@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.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Picnic; St. Michael's Paderborn; Chicken Dinner Outside only dining 3-7pm; Bingo 6pm; Mass 3:30 & 5pm; Raffle.

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

**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

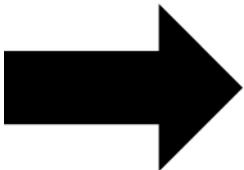
***Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$5,630.00.***

**Pledges to Date: 27      \$4,870.00      87% of our goal**



**The Village of Hecker's 125<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration has been rescheduled for  
Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Parade at 4pm  
Picnic at 5pm  
*Mass at St. Augustine's on Saturday,  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> will be held at 3:00 pm.***

**Hecker Fire Dept. Muster  
Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Noon at Back Street Wine & Dine**



**The All Class School Reunion has been  
rescheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Details to follow after the first of 2022.**



# SEARCHING FOR...

- ❖ A volunteer from the ladies in the parish to accept the office of President for the Blessed Virgin Altar Sodality.
- ❖ A volunteer or volunteers who would be interested in representing St. Augustine's Parish in the newly formed CRS (Catholic Relief Services) chapter in the Belleville Diocese.

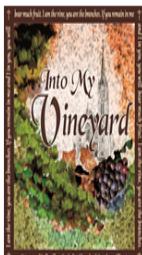
Please contact Joan at the Parish Office; 473-2217 or [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) if you would be interested in either of the above opportunities.

## HECKER QUASQUICENTENNIAL – SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Currently, the Village of Hecker is seeking parade participants for the 125<sup>th</sup> event to be held on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Would any volunteer or volunteers from the Parish be interested in putting together an entry for the parade that would be a representation of our church/parish?

If so, please contact Joan Powell at 473-2217 or [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) as soon as possible.



## *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](mailto:staug@htc.net). Application forms & brochures are available in the Parish Office.

## ***THEOLOGY ON TAP***

***Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>; 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 9<sup>TH</sup> &  
SATURDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Administrative Assistant Job Opening**

Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Waterloo, is seeking a passionate, talented and mission-driven professional to join our pastoral staff.

This person is responsible for executing day-to-day administrative operations for the parish. The Administrative Assistant is a steward of the parish office, acting as a minister of hospitality to the parish and community.

Candidates should be dedicated, hard-working, enthusiastic, and organized. Ideal candidates will create a flexible working environment to accommodate day-to-day tasks. They will also have the capacity to establish positive relationships with parishioners, families, and other staff members. Candidates should approach challenges with a growth mindset and seek to grow.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED; 2+ years of clerical experience; Proficient in Microsoft Word and Publisher

Please send resumes to: Emily Kimutis, Business Manager, Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 204 W. Mill Street, Waterloo, IL 62298 or [pbm@sspcc.org](mailto:pbm@sspcc.org) or 618-939-6426, ext. 20

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Hecker IL  
Join us as we bring back 2 favorite events from our Annual  
Kirchenfest

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| <b>Tiki Trot 5K</b><br><b>Saturday, August 21</b><br><b>8:00 pm</b> | <b>Fried Chicken Dinner</b><br><b>Sunday, August 22</b><br><b>11:00 am – 4:00 pm</b> |
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Join us for the 14<sup>th</sup> running of the

## Hecker Tiki Trot 5K



The Tiki Trot is run on a flat out-n-back course lit by 200+ burning tiki torches. The course is closed to traffic so you feel safe running in the cool evening air. There is no other race like it.

**8:00 PM – 5K Competitive (or just for fun) Run**  
**\$25.00 registration includes t-shirt**

Follow Hecker Tiki Trot on Facebook for registration details.



Join us for a drive-thru chicken dinner

Sunday, August 22, 2021

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

(or until sold out)

Hecker Community Center

230 East Washington St. Hecker, IL 62248

(No one allowed inside the building except workers)

**SET MENU (No Substitutions)**

**½ Fried chicken, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes w/gravy, applesauce  
and ...the famous St. Augustine Dressing!**

**Cost is \$12.00 per plate.**

***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**

126. We are really speaking about a new network of international relations, since there is no way to resolve the serious problems of our world if we continue to think only in terms of mutual assistance between individuals or small groups. Nor should we forget that “inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations”. [105] Indeed, justice requires recognizing and respecting not only the rights of individuals, but also social rights and the rights of peoples. [106] This means finding a way to ensure “the fundamental right of peoples to subsistence and progress”, [107] a right which is at times severely restricted by the pressure created by foreign debt. In many instances, debt repayment not only fails to promote development but gravely limits and conditions it. While respecting the principle that all legitimately acquired debt must be repaid, the way in which many poor countries fulfil this obligation should not end up compromising their very existence and growth.

127. Certainly, all this calls for alternative way of thinking. Without an attempt to enter into that way of thinking, what I am saying here will sound wildly unrealistic. On the other hand, if we accept the great principle that there are rights born of our inalienable human dignity, we can rise to the challenge of envisaging a new humanity. We can aspire to a world that provides land, housing and work for all. This is the true path of peace, not the senseless and myopic strategy of sowing fear and mistrust in the face of outside threats. For a real and lasting peace will only be possible “on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the service of a future shaped by interdependence and shared responsibility in the whole human family”. [108]

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**A HEART OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD**

128. If the conviction that all human beings are brothers and sisters is not to remain an abstract idea but to find concrete embodiment, then numerous related issues emerge, forcing us to see things in a new light and to develop new responses.

**BORDERS AND THEIR LIMITS**

129. Complex challenges arise when our neighbor happens to be an immigrant. [109] Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development. Yet until substantial progress is made in achieving this goal, we are obliged to respect the right of all individuals to find a place that meets their basic needs and those of their families, and where they can find personal fulfilment. Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. For “it is not a case of implementing welfare programs from the top down, but rather of undertaking a journey together, through these four actions, in order to build cities and countries that, while preserving their respective cultural and religious identity, are open to differences and know how to promote them in the spirit of human fraternity”. [110]