

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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Sunday: Saints Peter and Paul., Apostles:

Peter, rescued from the power of Herod, and Paul protected from his enemies proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Friday, 6/27 8:00am- Jimmy Neary, John Rheinecker
- Saturday, 6/28 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Sunday, 6/29 8:00am- Urban and Shirley Wittenauer
- Friday, 7/04 8:00am- Mel Parker, Annabelle Hoffarth, Philip Rheinecker
- Saturday, 7/05 5:00pm- Lucille & Ralph Recker
Emma and Clarence Sandidge
- Sunday, 7/06 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/22/2025:

Weekly Envelopes- \$1,370.00
Loose- \$500.00
Youth- \$4.00

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

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, July 5th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mallory Kern

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Angie Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Gary Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, July 6th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart

Servers: Doerr's

Lector: Jonella Donius

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Shelly Fizer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Margie Holle

Camera:



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 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 today!

PLEDGES TO DATE: 21 60 % OF OUR GOAL MET

\$4,035.00 pledged of 6/22/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Feast of Saint Peter and Paul

There is a beautiful story about Saint Teresa of Avila. She was on her way to find another monastery when suddenly she fell from her horse into the muddy ground. Now, being the Spaniard that she was, she had a quick temper and exclaimed: "Oh my Lord! When will you cease scattering obstacles in our path!" To which the Lord replied: "Do not complain, daughter. This is how I treat my friends." Her response was one of extreme familiarity, "If this is how you treat your friends, it is no wonder you have so few.

Saint Peter and Paul are two great Saints who worked so hard to build the Church of Christ, but their life was not free of trials and heavy cross. One clear fact about these two saints is their uniqueness. Although they both knew Christ, loved Christ and followed Christ, they brought in their personalities to their relationship with Christ and his Church. We notice that in the scripture one tradition defends stability and continuity, the other promotes enrichment and expansion. While stability defends survival, the enrichment and expansion made the survival worthwhile. Peter and Paul's approach to evangelization appears to represent these traditions.

Peter was from Galilee. His trade was fishing. Although some scholars often conclude that Peter was uneducated, there is every reason to believe that he had a good education and if we consider Christ as a Rabbi, He spent time teaching his disciples.

In the rabbinic tradition, disciples learned not only the teachings of their rabbi but also their way of life. The goal of discipleship was to become like the rabbi, absorbing his wisdom and striving to discover the art of daily living. This included prayer and study. Peter's faith was firmly based on his direct encounter with Jesus in his ministry. He saw Jesus, ate with him, saw his miracles and witnessed his resurrection from the dead. Jesus changed Peter's name from Simon to Peter – Rock. However, he is sometimes called Simon Peter. The changing of a person's name had great significance. He was to be the head of the Church.

On the other hand, Paul, whose name was formally Saul was a self-righteous Pharisee from Tarsus. He fanatically persecuted the Church until the Lord appeared to Him on the road to Damascus. This experience resulted in his conversion. Hence Paul became a fiery evangelizer throughout the Mediterranean world from the Holy Land to Rome and to Spain. His zeal, courage, and wisdom gained him the title "Apostle to the Gentiles." Both Peter and Paul died as martyrs for the faith in Rome. Peter was crucified upside down in the courtyard to the left of St. Peter's Basilica and Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called Tre Fontane. Peter was buried in the nearest cemetery which was on top of Vatican Hill and St. Peter's Basilica was later built on top of Peter's tomb, with the main altar being directly on top of his tomb.

Whenever you see statues of Peter and Paul as we have them in our Church in Waterloo, Peter is holding a key, symbolizing his role as head of the Church, and Paul is holding the Bible and sword symbolizing his preaching. Paul wrote Thirteen books in the Bible while Peter is credited with writing two books. As we honor these two Saints and pillars of the Church, we acknowledge that they were ordinary people called to extraordinary vocations. They responded and God used them in ways they could never have imagined. God is also calling us today to serve him in some way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Both Finance and Parish Council Meetings will be on Thursday, July 3rd, 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 19th, 2025.

-Kirchenfest is planned for Saturday, August 16th, 2025! Save it on your calendar!



**Our 5th Sunday
Collection will be THIS
weekend, June 28th/29th
for St. Vincent de Paul
(East St. Louis)**

RETREAT

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on August 15-17, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

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

“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.”

USCCB, “[Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty](#)”

“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, “If 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



Congratulations to Father Linus!

Sunday June 29th, Father Linus is celebrating his 28th year anniversary of his ordination and commitment to God. Today is a significant milestone in his life.

**Thank You
Lori Rohzon**

The Parish of St. Augustine's would like to thank Lori for the time she spent as parish secretary and all the extra duties she took on to make sure our parish ran smoothly. We truly appreciate her efforts to meet our parish family needs. We wish Lori the best of luck with her education and goals to become a CRNA, and we will miss her smiling face and sweet attitude.



St. Michael's Parish Picnic

The annual St. Michael's Catholic Parish Picnic & Homecoming in Paderborn is Saturday, July 5 on the parish grounds. 4576 Buss Branch Road, Waterloo. Fried chicken is served from 3 to 7 pm., Mass is celebrated at 4 pm and quilt cash bingo begins outdoors at 5pm. In case of inclement weather, bingo will be moved to the air-conditioned hall at 7 pm. Call 618-473-2798 for more details.