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St. Vincent de Paul Help Line 618/792-4059

House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618/939-8680

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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: Moses ratifies the covenant by offering a thanksgiving sacrifice and by sprinkling blood over the people. The new covenant, the law's obligation, is ratified in the blood of Christ, the unblemished offering poured out for us.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 6-5 | 5:00 pm – Fran Rendleman; Noel & Agnes Roscow; and
For All Graduates |
| Sun. 6-6 | 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sat. 6-12 | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 6-13 | 8:30 am – Frank Gregson, John Rheinecker, and
Wylma Wachtel |



**DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL staug@htc.net
THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES.
THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

PARISH COUNT: 99

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 5-30-21

Sunday Envelopes (30) - \$1,325.00

Loose – \$20.00 Youth (2) - \$6.00

Scholarship Fund - \$1,055.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 12th; 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Ushers: Scott Gregson

Greeters: Cindy Grohmann

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Sanitizers: Lori Amann & Mary Schaltenbrand

Camera: Lori Amann

Sunday, June 13th; 8:30am

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Ushers: Dale & Kay Haudrich

Greeters: Dale & Kay Haudrich

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Sanitizers: Kay Rist & ?

Camera: ???

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, 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, Arline Wittenauer, Paden Schultz, Michelle Knefelkamp, Donna Kaiser, and Ginger Amann.

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.

PRAY FOR...

Please pray for our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

Those being confirmed at Ss. Peter & Paul on June 9th/10th are: Ryan Biffar; Andrew Donius; and Ashley Murphy.

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Several times, people have asked me to explain the word “Transubstantiation” to them. Transubstantiation is the doctrine that teaches that the bread and the wine after the prayer of consecration by the priest at Mass, substantially assume a new spiritual essence—the body and blood of Christ. Like the disciples of Jesus, many people have difficulty understanding the meaning of the Eucharist. The term Eucharist means thanksgiving. It also connotes a meal, sacrifice, and a memorial event.

Today is the feast in which the Church praises Christ for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. While on Holy Thursday we commemorate its institution at the Last Supper, today is for giving thanks and adoration. In John’s gospel chapter 6, Jesus teaches about the bread of life by explicitly talking about "eating his flesh" and "drinking his blood." Many were disturbed by his words. “When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?... The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life...But there are some of you who do not believe.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So, Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:60-70 NAB).

The bread and wine become the real presence of Jesus in the community of believers celebrating the Eucharist. This happens through the power of the words spoken by the priests, just as Jesus commanded them to do. The bread and wine transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ is meant to transform us when we receive them. Whenever we eat the bread and drink the wine at the Eucharistic celebration (or brought to us at home or the hospital), we receive into ourselves the very life of Christ.

This feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord reminds us that we have a special means of thankfulness—the Eucharist. Every time we gather to praise God in prayer and song, we remember all that God has done for us. The Eucharist communicates God’s love for us, a love so great that it nourishes us and reassures us of His availability to every person who hungers and needs to regenerate his own strength.



To the St. Augustine Parish Family:

After much thought, discussion, and prayer, we made a proposal to Fr. Linus to make some changes to the format of our annual Kirchenfest. Our picnic date of August 21st will be kept but what we are offering will be scaled back from previous years.

At the time of our decision making, we remain in the bridge phase according to the State of Illinois and the Diocese of Belleville. In that phase we would only be allowed to have an outside event with no more than 30 people per 1,000 square feet.

We will be having the Tiki Trot **ONLY** on Saturday, August 21st. Then on Sunday, August 22nd, we will be having a “drive-thru” chicken dinner at the Hecker Community Center. We will also have a raffle with tickets being mailed out.

Times, schedules, and details will be shared once those have been determined. We will need volunteer workers for these events so please volunteer as possible.

We will be sending a letter out to our parishioners, as well as, a letter/flyer to our mailing list that we have used in previous years. The letters will cover all the pertinent details and will also include raffle tickets.

We realize that some outside events in our local area are being held as usual while others are not. Our concerns have been and continue to be the safety of our volunteer workers, and we felt that waiting another year to continue the tradition of the full Kirchenfest was the wisest decision at this time.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call the names/numbers below.

Denny Biffar, Picnic Chairman
618/920-9082

John Kaiser, Picnic Chairman
618/971-7591



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Christ entered once and for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.” In the Second Reading to the Hebrews, 9:11-15, before Christ’s death and resurrection, only the high priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies to offer sin sacrifices for himself and for the people. Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement was considered one of the most important days of early Judaism. But today, we know that Jesus’ sacrifice was so much greater and perfect. Christ is the perfect high priest who passed into the heavenly tabernacle. Christ is the perfect sacrifice, who with His own body and blood has redeemed the world. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Pope Francis calls us to The Eucharist, which, “communicates the Lord’s love for us: a love so great that it nourishes us with himself; a freely given love always available to everyone who hungers.” We have been fed through Christ’s self-gift. We must respond with thanks, in works of charity and action to defend the dignity of all human life. You are invited to join the Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity Committee to pray “A Requiem for Black Children of God” composed by Bishop Ferd Cheri on Sunday June 13 at 2 pm at St. Augustine of Hippo in East St. Louis. All are welcome. The prayer service will be livestreamed on St. Augustine’s Facebook page.

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>.



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, June 12, 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/>



Today we celebrate the gift of Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. We rejoice that Jesus gave His Body and Blood for our redemption. This is the remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy. This is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests; we are challenged to encourage our youth to consider a calling to Holy Orders. Pose the question: Have you ever considered being a priest?



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. 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 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

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to The 2021 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!

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

Pledges to Date: 24

\$4,655.00

83% of our goal

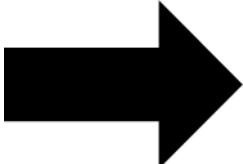


**The Village of Hecker's 125th
Celebration has been rescheduled for
Saturday, September 4th, 2021
Parade at 4pm
Picnic at 5pm**

**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.



SS PETER & PAUL PARISH, WATERLOO

**** GOLD RUSH RAFFLE ****

The SS Peter & Paul Parish (Waterloo) GOLD RUSH raffle fundraiser started on May 1! Ticket sales are online by clicking on this link: <https://GoldRush2021.givesmart.com>.

There is also detailed information about the 9 drawings for \$1,000 or more. Tickets are \$100 each, and your tickets will be put back into each drawing. This means you can win more than once! The first 2 \$1,000 drawings will be on the Saturday of our Parish Picnic on June 12, 2021.

For more information, please contact Staci Wittenauer at wittens@mac.com or 618.791.7131. Thank you for your support of our local parishes!

**Friday & Saturday, June 11th & 12th
Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic**

Friday, June 11th

4pm -- Fish Fry, Hamburgers & BBQ

7:30pm – Quilt & Cash Bingo in Air Conditioned Gym

7pm – Music – DJ

Saturday, June 12th

4pm – Mass

4-7pm – Sit Down Fried Chicken Dinner; Burgers & BBQ on parish grounds served all night

7:30pm – Quilt & Cash Bingo in Air Conditioned Gym

7:00 pm – Music – Trixie Delight

BIG Raffle Drawing; Gold Rush Early Bird Drawings



NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Enrollment News -- We're still enrolling the Class of 2025 and are accepting transfer students for the fall! For more information or to schedule a private tour, contact Kelly Day at 939-3883 or kday@gibaulthawks.com.

2021 Gibault Summer Golf Classic -- We hope you will be part of our 2021 Gibault Summer Classic! This year's event will be held on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. For sponsorship information or player registration, visit www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com



Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference

We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering.
Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

800-640-3044.

Purchase SPPCS “Scrip Cards” for your shopping and gift giving needs!

Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider purchasing “scrip cards” to use in place of cash, checks or credit cards for purchases you make.

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family's account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you. **St. Augustine's contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern. You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.**

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**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**

The value of solidarity

114. I would like especially to mention solidarity, which, "as a moral virtue and social attitude born of personal conversion, calls for commitment on the part of those responsible for education and formation. I think first of families, called to a primary and vital mission of education. Families are the first place where the values of love and fraternity, togetherness and sharing, concern and care for others are lived out and handed on. They are also the privileged milieu for transmitting the faith, beginning with those first simple gestures of devotion which mothers teach their children. Teachers, who have the challenging task of training children and youth in schools or other settings, should be conscious that their responsibility extends also to the moral, spiritual and social aspects of life. The values of freedom, mutual respect and solidarity can be handed on from a tender age...Communicators also have a responsibility for education and formation, especially nowadays, when the means of information and communication are so widespread". [87]

115. At a time when everything seems to disintegrate and lose consistency, it is good for us to appeal to the "solidity" [88] born of the consciousness that we are responsible for the fragility of others as we strive to build a common future. Solidarity finds concrete expression in service, which can take a variety of forms in an effort to care for others. And service in great part means "caring for vulnerability, for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people". In offering such service, individuals learn to "set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable...Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, 'suffers' that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people". [89]

116. The needy generally "practice the special solidarity that exists among those who are poor and suffering, and which our civilization seems to have forgotten or would prefer in fact to forget. Solidarity is a word that is not always well received; in certain situations, it has become a dirty word, a word that dare not be said. Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labor rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money...Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history, and this is what popular movements are doing".[90]

117. When we speak of the need to care for our common home, our planet, we appeal to that spark of universal consciousness and mutual concern that may still be present in people's hearts. Those who enjoy a surplus of water yet choose to conserve it for the sake of the greater human family have attained a moral stature that allows them to look beyond themselves and the group to which they belong. How marvelously human! The same attitude is demanded if we are to recognize the rights of all peoples, even those born beyond our own borders.