

## WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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**Confessions:** Heard Saturdays from 4:30 to 4:50 pm (When priests are available)

### **VOL. 61 NO. 23 June 8th, 2025**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit and live by that same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to remind them of all that Jesus said and did, and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, “to renew the face of the earth.”

#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 6/6	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet
Saturday, 6/7	5:00pm- Norbert Wittenauer
Sunday, 6/8	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Friday, 6/13	8:00am- Urban & Shirley Wittenauer
Saturday, 6/14	5:00pm- For All the Fathers of the Parish
Sunday, 6/15	8:00am- For All the Fathers of the Parish



#### **OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/1/2025:**

Weekly Envelopes (59) - \$1,762.00  
Loose- \$171.00  
Youth- \$3.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-*  
**\$3,225.14**

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

### Saturday, June 14th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Min: Alice Kuehn

Extraordinary Min (W): Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Min (W): Ruth Wittenauer

### Sunday, June 15th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Extraordinary Min: Dale Haudrich

Extraordinary Min (W): Shelly Fizer

Extraordinary Min (W): Raeleen Neary

### **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.



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**

**Acts 2.4**

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**Father Linus Umoren, C.M.**

## **Reflection for Pentecost Sunday**

Tom and Alice were young and deeply in love. They had been married for four years, and their friends had given up on waiting for their love to fade. These two could keep their love fresh and alive. They were easy at showing affection in public, and many people would point to them as an example of a couple who knew how to maintain romance in their relationship. Then tragedy struck. Alice suffered a severe stroke that paralyzed half of her body. She was confined to a wheelchair. Tom became the primary caregiver. The two struggled to continue loving each other in these new circumstances. One day as Tom entered the room, he found Alice crying. "I'm so discouraged," she said. "How can I be a partner with you when I am in this condition? I can't love you as I did in the past. Even the simplest things are taken from me. I want to smile when you enter the room, but I can't do it. Only a part of my mouth turns upward, whereas the paralyzed part remains a crooked little frown." Tom thought for a moment and then knelt in front of his wife's wheelchair. He carefully twisted his mouth until it mirrored hers. Then he gently kissed her. "See," he said, "We still fit."

Pentecost derives its origin from the Greek word *Pentēkostē* meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Ex 34:22), celebrated 50 days after the Passover (Deut 16:10), marking the wheat harvest's end. When the Temple in Jerusalem was built, the feast of Pentecost was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate God's covenant with them through the law given at Sinai. The Jews believed that God gave the ten commandments to Moses 50 days after the Passover. Consequently, they observed Pentecost day as a national holiday that brought everyone together from all parts of the world to offer sacrifices and thank God for all His blessings.

Therefore, the first reading this weekend narrates the experience of the early Christians in the context of the Pentecost celebration. They were overwhelmed by their experience of the Holy Spirit in the form of wind, tongues of fire, and the gift of new languages. In the Christian tradition, the Pentecost event is the fulfillment of the promise of Christ to send the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples. It also indicates the baptism by the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church's mission to all nations.

The unique character of the Spirit of God is its flexibility. It adjusts and reshapes and reshapes herself to meet the circumstances of our lives and makes us agents of God's love in our broken world. As evidence of God's presence, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts when used in the life of Christians yield joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22). We call these the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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



**Anointing of the Sick  
will be held following  
both Masses THIS  
weekend**



### **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](http://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](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 20    59% OF OUR GOAL MET**

**\$3,985.00.00 Pledged as of 6/6/2025    \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target**

## 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

“Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.  
Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “[Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life](#)”

On Saturday, June 7th, another priest for the Diocese of Belleville was ordained - Father Levi James. We heartily congratulate him on completing his discernment and training. On this feast of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit guide his steps as he joins the ranks of our Priests. “Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful!” is our prayer for Father Levi as he begins his priestly ministry.





# 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### 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 @ 3PM

18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TIKI TROT  
5K Competitive & Fun  
Run/Walk and  
Half-Mile Youth Run/Walk  
ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION

For info  
email [tikitrot@yahoo.com](mailto:tikitrot@yahoo.com)

Pre-register by 8/1 receive  
T-shirt  
No Rain Date or Refunds



Music by  
The Saloonatics  
8PM-12AM

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.