

## WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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

**Parish Office Hours:** Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (Hours subject to change)

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**Theme for the Second Sunday of Lent:** Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery- the dying and rising of Jesus.

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 3/14	8:00am- Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus and Charlette Tritley
Saturday, 3/15	5:00pm- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 3/16	8:00am- Jerry Mollet and Duane Mollet, A Special Intention, and A Special Intention
Friday, 3/21	8:00am- Urban & Shirley Wittenauer
Saturday, 3/22	5:00pm- Helen Schulte
Sunday, 3/23	8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's



### **OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM** **3/9/2025:**

Weekly Envelopes- \$3,657.00  
Loose- \$161.00  
Youth- \$3.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)- \$2,497.14*

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

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND**

**Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, 5pm**

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

**Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, 8am**

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

**\*\*The liturgical/set-up schedule is located on the bulletin board in both entrances to church and inside the Priest Sacristy \*\***

**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, Debbie Harbaugh, Jerry Castens, and Robin Booth.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, United States Coast Guard, Austin Grohmann, United States Marine Corps, and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corps.



**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Wednesday evening @ 7pm during Lent- beginning **this** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in assisting with this, please contact Kevin Schreder at 618-406-7037.

Stations of the Cross will also take place every Friday following 8am Mass during Lent.

# FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

## Reflection for Second Sunday of Lent

*At the parish council meeting, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Kevin, to open the meeting with prayer. Kevin did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Kevin replied, "I am sorry but I wasn't talking to you."*

Our Gospel, this weekend, narrates the story of the transfiguration. God's glory is with us. In the transfiguration, God reveals his face so that we can know him as he is. In the event of the transfiguration, Jesus "face changed in appearance, and his clothing became dazzling white." It is a beautiful and amazing scene. The apostles are surprised when they see the glory of God and feel the mystery of God's love for them. The voice of God speaks from the cloud and invites the disciples into a life of participation in the very mystery of Christ: "This is my chosen Son, listen to him."

Christianity is a religion of relationship with the divine Person. Moses and Elijah, who appear to converse with Jesus, symbolize eternal life. Also, the Law and the prophet converge in Christ. Consequently, when we listen to Christ, we claim our proper place in the divine life. Lent calls us to listen to Jesus. Therefore, the questions for us this season are: Are we giving God sufficient time to speak to us? Is the Lord asking something of us during this Lent? Be reminded that Jesus is with you when you are afraid and when you suffer. Yes, He is there even when we cannot see or feel his presence or his love. It might take us some time to come to this knowledge. It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus, and the longer they were with Him, the better they got to know him. It is the same with us. We grow gradually in our knowledge of Jesus and the understanding of what He asks of us. His promise to us is that if we journey with him with true devotion, he will change our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body in the resurrection.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**-We are looking for a Tiki Trot Chairman for Kirchenfest...please reach out to Aaron Eckart if you are interested @ (618) 920-5258.**

**-Please do not use any faucets or toilets in the rectory while sewer maintenance is underway.  
Thank you.**



St. Joseph Freeburg  
Knights of Columbus  
Council #13197  
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

**Palm Sunday, April 13th  
St. Joseph Parish Center  
6 North Alton  
Freeburg, IL  
8 am to 12 noon**

***All You Can Eat***

Pancakes, pork sausage, eggs  
Biscuits and gravy, fruit salad,  
Juice, coffee, milk

Adults-\$14 Children 5 to12-\$6 Children under 5-Free  
*Carryout's available*



**2025 SCHEDULE FOR LENT, TRIDUUM, EASTER**  
**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY- HECKER**

- **WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT Beginning March 12th:  
St. Augustine Stations of the Cross held at 7:00pm**
- **FRIDAYS DURING LENT:  
St. Augustine - Mass at 8:00 am followed by  
Stations of the Cross**
- **PALM SUNDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Saturday Mass 5pm, Sunday Mass 8:00am**
- **HOLY THURSDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:30 PM STATION OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 7:00pm, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **EASTER SUNDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
8:00AM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE**

# 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

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

### **The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

***Serve the Lord with gladness.***

***-Psalm 100***

***The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.***

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 33**  
(\$6,570.00 Pledged as of 3/6/2025)

**100% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!!!!**  
(\$6,569.00 is the Parish Goal)



This week is the feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.” (Matt 1:24) “It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel’s Messiah. It’s the same grace that empowers us to accept God’s call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph’s yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don’t know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a “doer of the word” (James 1:22d).” (The Word Among Us)



**Serra International** is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women who promote vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. Our local club, the **Serra Club of St. Clair County**, works to affirm our Priests and Religious, educates our youth on listening for the call to this life, and prays to increase each member’s personal holiness. Would you like to join this important work of the Church? We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month for Mass and a meeting at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Shiloh, IL. Contact Marvin Winkeler at 402-214-1155 or [mewinkel51@gmail.com](mailto:mewinkel51@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.serrastclair.org](http://www.serrastclair.org) for information.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS IN 2025

**March 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> - St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo)**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> - St. Vincent de Paul (East St. Louis)**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> – Life Network- Waterloo**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> -- HNS Outreach for Thanksgiving & Christmas**

# Gibault Catholic High School News

We are still taking applications and scheduling shadow visits – seventh graders are also encouraged to shadow for a day! Registration for all New students for the 25-26 school year is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Recommendations will be mailed this week, and the sign up will be sent out next week. All scholarship applications are due to Gibault by Monday, March 31st. Please address them to Pam Kueker. Here is the link for the Future Hawks Newsletter - check out some upcoming events! Click here: [Future Hawks Newsletter](#)

## **Join the Softball Team at Home Games!**

We would love for your daughter or son to join the softball team at home games! Please remember to bring a helmet for your child, as they will need to wear it while retrieving bats for the team. They are also welcome to join the team for warm-ups before the game. The team will be on the field for warm-ups no later than 3:30 PM. If your child is unable to make it by 3:30, please ensure they arrive by 4:15 PM at the latest so they can be introduced with the starting lineup.

We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you! Signup today

at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAAD23A5FDCF8-55121680-hawk#/> **It is a busy time to be a Hawk!**

## **BELLEVILLE TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)**

Do you remember the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Catholic retreat program? Are you a teenager or young adult (age 17 or older) who is looking for an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you ever experienced a TEC retreat and would like one of your loved ones to have the same opportunity? Are you a youth leader who is looking for a retreat program to offer to your Christian youth community? Are you just looking for an opportunity to help share your faith with the young people of the Belleville Diocese? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact the Belleville Diocesan TEC board for additional information about upcoming retreat weekends. [Belleville.tec@gmail.com](mailto:Belleville.tec@gmail.com) or contact [bellevilletec.org](http://bellevilletec.org) to apply.

## News from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church



### **XLT Adoration**

**Please join us in church for our next XLT Adoration on Wednesday March 19 from 7 – 8 pm. It will be a great addition to your Lenten prayer. This form of Adoration includes contemporary Christian music, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession in church, reading and reflection on the Eucharist, a brief period of quiet Adoration, and Benediction.**



**Marriage is a sacred covenant that gives a visible sign of God's presence and grace in our lives.**

**To prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, we are offering engaged couples the opportunity to participate in Pre-Cana at Ss Peter & Paul.**

**This one-day program meets the requirements for Marriage Preparation in the Diocese of Belleville.**

**Sign up now!**

**Sat, June 28, 2025**

**Cost \$75**

**Contact Dawn Helfrich @ [helfrich@htc.net](mailto:helfrich@htc.net) or 618-334-0261**



# Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO

Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm

Delicious Lunch! Have fun and support St. Luke's Parish!

**Menu:** Pulled Pork on Bun with Pickle,  
Slaw, Corn Chips,  
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

**Tally: \$10** (includes lunch or lunch carryout)

**Cards & BINGO** with prizes

Bring canned goods  
for the Food Pantry



In case of bad weather, an post will be made on the parish website.



**Life Network of Southern Illinois**

Invites you to our 2025 Spring Fundraiser

*Thursday, April 3, 2025*

**THE FALLS RECEPTION CENTER**

300 Admiral Weinel Blvd. · Columbia, IL 62236

With guest speaker Dr. William Lile, D.O., FACOG

*"Pro-Life Doc"*

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Event begins at 6:30 p.m.

*An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended.*

*Dinner is complimentary (Sunday attire).*

**RSVP by March 24, 2025**

*Adults only please as seating is limited.*

*"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." – Genesis 1:27*

**POC is Donna Rheinecker**