

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm.

Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

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THEME FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 3-18 5:00 pm – Esther Eckart; Denny Karban; & Wylma Wachtel

Sun. 3-19 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Fri. 3-24 8:00 am – Lawrence & Marie Kaiser

Sat. 3-25 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 3-26 8:30 am – Joe Jung



After 20 years, the Holy Water container has been repaired! A huge thank you to Lowell Powell and Ralph Eckart! The Holy Water container is located between the choir steps and bathroom. Please feel free to bring your own little containers to fill.

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 3-12-2023

Sunday Envelopes (66) -\$2,043.00

Loose – \$156.00

Scholarship-(2) \$35.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$1633.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25th; 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

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Sunday, March 26th; 8:30am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich

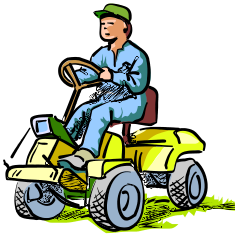
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Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Walter Krynoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkes, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, and Ethel Mae Kreher.

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

Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



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you

REMINDER – please make sure that all flowers at the St. Augustine Cemetery are attached to the monuments or are in vases attached during the upcoming mowing season (April to October). Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

In my 80 years of life, God continues to amaze me with the generosity of others. I anticipate the blessings that can only come during my 8th decade of life. Receiving your greetings, cards, gifts, and especially the keyboard from the parish brings me great joy. In learning to use the new keyboard, I hope it will not make many mistakes. Kudos to those who decorated the hall and provided the refreshments.

Visiting with you was a pleasure. St. Augustine parish is the best!

Sr Joan

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Lent-Year A

One day two blind men started fighting. Pretty soon a crowd surrounded them. Then one of the members of the crowd yelled out "I bet 10 bucks on the one with the knife." Both men ran away.

The story of the man born blind is the second of three long narratives from the Gospel of John, which we read on the Sundays of Lent. Last Sunday, we read the story of the Samaritan woman at the Well. In these stories, we observe the development and the resultant new life of the principal characters. At the end of these stories, the readers come to the appreciation of the experience of the principal characters.

I know someone who was born blind. I also know someone who has a physical disability right from childhood because of polio. My honest description of these two people is that their life is precious and full, and both of them in different ways move and joyfully function in that life. Perhaps you also know someone who is physically disable but full of life.

When we encounter these people who are different yet joyful, the critical questions is how are they able to live and move among others whose experience of the world is radically different? However, how can we understand their world and describe ours to them? Sometimes we must place ourselves there—in a world and in an experience that is different from the one we know to have a close imagination.

The man born blind in the story knew how different he was, but he was overwhelmed with the tremendous miracle of sight, which was for him like the gift of new life. The moment he began to see, people tried to convince him about who Jesus was. They said Jesus was a sinner and that he didn't observe the Sabbath. The man insisted, "I know one thing. I was blind, and now I see." I imagine him chanting the "Amazing Grace Song." From this experience, we can say that God's amazing grace does not pass over the body without leaving permanent marks. When we experience God's grace in an exceptional way, people may want to control our narrative. They may not want to believe our experience because it's subversive and unmerited. If we can see and experience God's love and hold on to that confession, it will be everything for us in the new world of faith. That is all that Jesus asks us for.

2023 SCHEDULE FOR LENT, TRIDUIM, EASTER

- **WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT:**
St. Augustine Stations of the Cross held at 7pm
- **FRIDAYS DURING LENT:**
St. Augustine - Mass at 8 am followed by Stations of the Cross
Ss. Peter & Paul -- Stations of the Cross following the 8am Mass and at 6:30pm through March 31st.
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST – Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm – Ss. Peter & Paul**
- **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH**
7:00 PM MASS, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul - 7:00 pm Mass
- **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7th**
7:00 PM STATION OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul - 3pm Stations of the Cross and 7:00 pm Service
- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH**
7:00 PM MASS, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul -- 8:00 PM Mass
- **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th**
8:30AM MASS, ST. AUGUSTINE
Ss. Peter & Paul - 8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass





**St. James' Spring
Quilt/Cash Bingo**

Sunday, March 26th, 2023

Held in the Parish Center

423 W. Madison St.

Millstadt, IL 62260

Doors open at 10:30AM

Bingo starts at 1:00PM

Beautiful Handmade Quilts

Basket Boutique

Fried Chicken Dinner &

Refreshments

We will **not** be accepting canned
goods.

**Bring your own covers.

Please check our website at

www.stjamesmillstadt.com

for updates...See you there!

Huge Rummage Sale!

St. John Catholic School

519 Hazel St.

Red Bud, IL

March 31st 4-10pm,

everything priced

April 1 8-2pm \$4 bag day

April 2 8-1pm \$3 bag day

No admittance fee any day!

Cash and local checks

with ID

We have "everything!"

No smoking, no pets in gym

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2023. \$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 2023. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. \$40 each; Limited tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Patrick's Ruma – January thru December 2023; \$20 per ticket; tickets available in the Parish Office at St. Augustine's. Questions call Kathy Schmidt at 618/284-7274.
- St. James, Millstadt – Quilt-A-Rama, Tickets drawn the first Monday of every month during 2023. Tickets are \$25.00 each. See your Parish Office for tickets or contact St. James, 618/476-3513.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Flyers, if available, are located in 3-ring binder at front entrance to church if you are looking for additional details)

Mar. 19th – Meat Raffle, benefits St. Patrick's Ruma; held at The Bale Out, 7533 Rt. 154, Baldwin; 2pm

Mar. 25th- St. Boniface Euchre Tournament, Knights of Columbus Hall, Evansville, Sign-up @6pm, play starts 7pm, \$10.00 per person, no partner needed.

Mar. 26th – Designer Purse Bingo; St. Agatha's Parish Hall New Athens; Opens 11:30am; Bingo at 12:30; \$40 in advance or \$50 at door. Price includes 10 games, dabber & drinks; bring own snacks; Contact Debbie Matzenbacher 618/210-3318.

Edith Barber from St. John the Baptist, Smithton, is forming a small group for a prayer gathering outside Planned Parenthood on March 30th, 3pm. For more information, please contact her at barbeream@gmail.com.



First Communion at St. Augustine's is on April 16th; at the 8:30 am Mass. First Communicants are: Sylvia Doerr, Olivia Hughes, Anne Karban, and Bentley Ogilvie.

Sylvia will be making her First Communion here at St. Augustine's while Anne will make hers at Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo; and Olivia & Bentley will be making theirs at St. Joseph, Freeburg.

Please continue to keep Sylvia, Olivia, Anne & Bentley in your prayers as they continue their preparations to make their First Holy Communion.



NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment News

It's the perfect time to visit Gibault Catholic! Your 7th-8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk during a Shadow Visit. You can also bring the whole family for a Private Tour! See our campus and have your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>. Still enrolling for the Class of 2027! Visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Post Prom Raffle

Take a chance on this "Family Adventure Ready" Raffle and support Gibault's Post Prom. Prize pack includes a Blackstone Tabletop Griddle, a Tundra Wheeled Yeti, and a \$100 Kenrick's Meats & Catering Gift Card. All proceeds support Gibault Catholic High School's safe and substance-free Post Prom activities! Winner drawn on April 28. (Need not be present to win.) Stop by the Gibault office for tickets during school hours. For electronic entry, venmo Angie Kesler , @Angie-Kesler

Spring Sports

Spring sports are under way. We hope to see you cheering on the Hawks! For full sports schedules, visit www.gibaulthawks.com/calendar. Go Hawks!

We're #gibaultproud of: our Boys' Basketball Team for winning the program's first State Championship! **Way to go Ryan Biffar from St. Augustine's who is on the Basketball Team!!!!**





DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT 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).

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>.



Save the Date

March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL

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| 10:00 am | Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza |
| 12:00 pm | Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2 nd Street |
| 12-5:30 pm | Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
524 E. Lawrence Ave. |
| 1:00 pm | March around the Capitol Building |

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

“The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord” (Psalm 15).

THE 2023 CSMA CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN...

The initial mailing from the Diocese has been sent to you directly...you may return your pledge card & monies in our collection at the weekend Masses.

Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$6,403.00

Pledges to Date: 20

\$3,840.00

60% of our goal



Today (March 19) is the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. “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 1:22).” (The Word Among Us)



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 pray for vocations & 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 1st & 3rd 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 prominent speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). PRAY FOR VOCATIONS! We have a new webpage: serrastclair.org



NATIONAL SHRINE *of* OUR LADY *of the* SNOWS

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Frances George,
OMI Author Presentation and Book Signing
Presenter: Author Michael R Heinlein

Friday, April 14 2 – 4 pm

Join author Michael R. Heinlein, Most Reverend Bishop Michael McGovern and other invited guests as they speak about the late Cardinal Frances George, OMI.

Cost: No Charge

For more information, call 618-394-6281.



Once again, this Lenten Season, the Rice Bowls are available for those who wish to participate. Some are located at each entrance of Church. We just ask that you return your filled bowls prior to Holy Thursday, April 6th, 2023.



Join us for a Prayer Service and Dedication led by Bishop Michael McGovern at our new mother's care center

Saturday, March 25th at 9:00 am

2015 West Main Street
Carbondale

Open House with refreshments to follow

40 DAYS FOR LIFE *Fairview Heights, IL*

Upcoming Events

End Rally and Potluck **Join us at the fence!**



JOIN US ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28th!

Join 40 Days for Life Fairview Heights for a Closing Celebration and Potluck on March 28, 2023. The meat and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up for side dishes and other desserts.

Location: St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 1411 Cross St., O'Fallon, IL

Time: 5:30 - 6:00 bring side or dessert.

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

7:00 - 8:00/8:30 Program with guest speaker *Bishop McGovern*

Bring a side or dessert! Sign up with the QR code or RSVP to FVH40Days@yahoo.com or 618-335-9563 with your dish or dessert.



THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 4:00 PM

You are invited to the fence on March 30th to be part of something **AMAZING!** As we prepare to end the campaign, we are asking as many people to join as are able to line the fence at the site. For 1 hour, we will stand together as a large group to pray! Can you imagine what a **BOLD** witness this will be?

Both events will include a collection for Mosaic Health



Diaper and Supply Drive for MOSAIC HEALTH

We will be collecting the following NEW items for Mosaic Health at this event:

- Diapers
- Diaper bags
- Dr. Brown Baby Bottles
- Boys and girls sleepers (preferably sizes 6 - 9 months)



DID YOU KNOW...

The Fourth Sunday of Lent has had many aliases:

Laetare Sunday – The Word *Laetare* comes from the first words of the introit: *Laetare, Jerusalem* (“Rejoice with Jerusalem,” Isaiah 66:10). (An introit is a psalm or antiphon sung or said while the priest approaches the altar for the Eucharist.)

This halfway point and respite in the penitential season is marked by rose vestments instead of violet. There is a joyful note at this point in Lent because of the ancient practice of “handing over” the Apostles’ Creed to catechumens, the last and decisive step for those preparing for Baptism.

Mothering Sunday – The sponsoring community of the Church would have been deeply conscious of its own spiritual birth and life. Not surprisingly, the ancient and indulgenced custom of visiting one’s mother church or cathedral developed on this same day of *Laetare* Sunday. Small countryside chapels served as the weekly gathering places for liturgy, but on this Sunday all would go with their offerings to the mother church of the parish, where they had been baptized.

In a natural evolution of this pilgrimage, children would also return home to spend the day with mother and parents, with “mother cakes” and simnel cakes having been prepared especially for the occasion. (Simnel cakes are fruitcakes widely eaten in the United Kingdom, Ireland and other countries with patterns of migration from them, associated with Lent and Easter.)

Naturally, roses were the traditional flower for the day, because rose was the color of the vestments and the decoration on the altar. After Mass, the roses were taken to mothers. One tradition presents Mothering Sunday as an honor to Saint Anne, the Blessed Mother’s mother, when children would “go a ‘mothering’” and bring flowers, gifts and sweets to their mother. Long before Anna Jarvis held her service to honor all mothers or Woodrow Wilson in 1914 proclaimed the second Sunday in May Mother’s Day, folks were honoring mothers, spiritual and natural, and this mid-Lent Sunday had become a day of family reunion and festivity.

Fourth Sunday of

