

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

HECKER, ILLINOIS 62248

REV. LINUS UMOREN, ADMINISTRATOR

PARISH OFFICE 473-2217 FAX 473-9141

E-MAIL ADDRESS: staug@htc.net

PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.staugustineofcanterburyhecker.com>

**To contact Father Linus Umoren, CM; when not in Parish Office,
Cell #618/666-2217**

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

House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618/939-8680

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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

VOL. 57 NO. 12 – MARCH 20TH, 2022

THEME FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but on the other, of the urgency of the call to conversion. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 3-19	5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 3-20	8:30 am – Wylma Wachtel and Celesta Kabureck
Fri. 3-25	8:00 am – Wally & Mike Amann; Virgil Gregson and Betty Summers
Sat. 3-26	5:00 pm – Charlie Kreher and Denny Karban
Sun. 3-27	8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
DURING LENT...**

**Every Tuesday evening at 7:00
pm and every Friday following
the 8:00 am Mass.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 3-13-2022

Sunday Envelopes (50) - \$2,700.00

Loose – \$107.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,427.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2021)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 26th; 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister:

Camera: Lori Amann

Sunday, March 27th; 8:30am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich

Camera:

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Penny Hofstetter, Michelle Knepelkamp, Walter Krysnoski, Zach Wheat, Bruce Vierheller, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Gary Wittenauer, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann and John Link.

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.

KIRCHENFEST 2022

Please watch for future announcements in the bulletin regarding some updates regarding our Kirchenfest. We now have a chairperson and exciting plans to share with you all in the near future!



PRAY FOR Patricia Dougherty, sister of Alice (Donnie) Biffar who died recently. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

Richard persuaded his son to go to mass with him every weekend. On one of the weekends, the little boy asked, "Dad did you go to mass every weekend?" I sure did, son," his father replied. "I get it! I'll bet it won't do me any good either," the boy said

It serves them right! Does that phrase sound familiar? I have heard people say this or even read from peoples' body language the assumption that a calamity serves the victim right. In high school, I witnessed one of my classmates—Raphael, fight with another classmate—Dennis. Dennis was stronger than Raphael. He was older and appeared physically intimidating. When Raphael realized that he was losing the fight, he attacked Dennis verbally. Dennis got enraged and drew out his belt to beat Raphael in retaliation. At the same time, Raphael picked up a stone and threatened to throw it at Dennis. But Dennis ran away, and after running for about 500 ft, he hit his foot against the curb. Dennis fell and hurt himself badly. Consequently, his knee cap was damaged. Surprisingly, Raphael walked away, shouting to him, "it serves you right."

In this weekend's Gospel, the people who broke the news of the disaster to Jesus conveyed it with the same "serves-them-right" attitude. Jesus could not contain himself in the face of such ignorance and self-justification.

"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish just as they did" (Luke 13:2-5 NAB).

When a natural disaster or personal misfortune hits someone, it is uncharitable to suppose that they deserve it even if they were our worst enemy. Anything could happen to anybody. We live in a real-world where many things happen in spite of the law of logic or the code of carefulness. When we live a life free of tragedy or misfortune, it is not because we are the best people or know the rules of being better than others.

Perhaps it is just God's mercy and love. In this time of Lent, God's mercy invites us to repentance and a caring attitude towards one another.

PARISH SECRETARY

The position of Parish Secretary for St. Augustine's Parish is available due to the retirement of Joan Powell effective on or before December 31st, 2022. Anyone who might be interested in learning more about the position should contact the Parish Office at 618/473-2217 or via email to staug@htc.net. There would be extensive training required. If you or someone you know, might be interested in completing an application form, please contact the Parish Office.

MAINTENANCE PERSON

We are looking for a volunteer to perform maintenance checks on the parish grounds and buildings on a regular basis. You would be working from a checklist and the exact schedule is flexible and will be determined once the position is filled. You would be checking for any issues that might arise and follow up with either fixing yourself if possible or calling the right person to assist. If you would be interested in this, please contact Joan Powell, Parish Secretary, 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

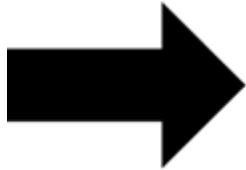
Pope Francis invites the Church worldwide to reflect and share on how we, as the people of God, are on this journey of faith together. Parishes throughout the world are meeting in small and large groups to pray, listen, share, and begin discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Catholic Church. This is called the Synod for Synodality.

Ss. Peter & Paul in Waterloo is hosting such a gathering on Sunday, March 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the school gym. This will be an opportunity for each of you to share your thoughts and to be heard.

This is an opportunity for our local church, our diocese, and the worldwide church to listen to all of us in the pews, to hear what we think about our hopes, our dreams, and our concerns with the church. What is the future direction of the Catholic Church? What should the Catholic Church do differently? What has the Catholic Church done right?

This gathering is not a time to solve problems. It is a time to listen to each other in an open and non-judgmental way, to provide input to the Bishops who will gather next year in Rome to address the needs, the hopes, the concerns of the Catholic Church throughout the world.

It is a huge undertaking, and rightfully so because it is important for the future of our church. Care about your kids, grandkids your neighbors and friends...and yourselves...our future depends on this! **We need you! Don't count on someone else voicing what your opinions are. Step up and speak up!**



NEW DATE -- The All Class School Reunion has been rescheduled for SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2022. Mass will be held at 11:00 am. Further details to follow!

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2022

Our goal is 166 pledges for a total of \$6,580.

Pledges to Date: 13

\$2,845.00

44% of our goal



I was in 3rd grade when I decided to become a missionary priest like those who served my parish in the Philippines. Little did I know that 20 years later, I would find myself thousands of miles away, ministering in the mission-rich field of western Oregon. Doubts and homesickness sometimes cast shadows over my steps, and I even took time off from the seminary for a while. When I look back, I can see clearly how God has journeyed with me, giving me strength through the sacraments and through people he sent my way the grace I receive through my priestly ministry far outweigh the challenges. Fr. Tetzl Umingli; Archdiocese of Portland; Columbia Magazine; July/Aug. 2020



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. 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 guest speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**



DIOCESAN EVENTS

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!!! 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>.

Messenger Subscription Renewal Is Ongoing...

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend started Feb. 5-6. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org

Please make checks payable to the Messenger not to St. Augustine’s. If you turn your envelopes in to the parish, they will be mailed to the Messenger’s Office! The cost is still only \$25 for print or digital and \$30 for both! **PLEASE SEND YOUR RENEWAL IN SOON SO YOU DON’T MISS ANY ISSUES!!**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
***Religions in America* -- Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.**
Saturdays, March 26, April 2 & 9, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon

The saga of the religions of America is like a complicated and unfinished jigsaw puzzle. It includes many colorful, overlapping images – Puritans, conquistadores, revival preachers, Deists, utopians, immigrants, abolitionists, social reformers, Black churches, televangelists, “nones.” As we work to connect the pieces of the puzzle, we know that the religious influences of the past continue to shape our religious, political and social life today. In this series we will examine the major events, movements, ideas and persons who have helped to shape the religions of America.

Cost: \$50 for series; \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center – IN PERSON
Lazarus Come Forth: Our Path to a Better Future Couples Retreat
Presenters: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI, Karen & Scott Seaborn
Friday, April 29 – May 1 5 pm – 2 pm Sun

Come join us as a couple, to ponder, through the lens of the story of Lazarus, how Jesus once again steps into our world of loss and death and calls us to new life, while also entrusting us the continued task of unbinding and setting free...tasks which will lead us to a better future.

Cost: \$350 per couple (includes lodging and meals).

Register online at snows.org/programs, or call 618-394-6281 to register.

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2022. \$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 2022. \$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.
- Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights – January thru December 2022. \$30 each or 4 for \$100. Limited tickets in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.

Two weekends only! Visit this Lenten Relic Display

The Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you to a very special Lenten experience in Perryville, Missouri, to venerate sacred relics that include: a piece of the True Cross, a fragment of the table at which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, and particles from Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, and Calvary. The relics will be on display at the historic **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on April 2, 3, 9, and 10.** Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279.

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 20th – Designer Purse Bingo; Doors Open at noon; Bingo starts at 1pm; Holy Family Gym; Cahokia; \$30 in advance/\$40 at door (see flyer for details); Includes 10 games of bingo, 2 drink tickets & dauber (\$5 per additional 6 cards); Bring Own Snacks.

Mar. 27th – Bingo; St. Boniface Gym; Evansville; Food at 11am; Bingo at 1:30pm.

Mar. 27th – Quilt/Cash Bingo; St. James Millstadt; 1pm; Opens 10:30am; Fried Chicken Dinners; Bring Own Covers; Donate 1 canned good item & receive 1 free card per tally.

April 5th – Noon Luncheon; St. Luke's Belleville; Play Cards/Board Games; \$10 Tally; See Flyer for Menu.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center has operated at full capacity almost every night, helping homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves hundreds of hungry people each week. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to help us provide any of these much-needed items:

Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup and bottled water. In addition, **laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues** are always in short supply.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at:

St. Vincent de Paul Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen

3718 State Street, East St. Louis 62205

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP Council office at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the poorest among us.

You may have noticed in previous bulletins, that there are several positions available within the Diocese of Belleville offices...I have consolidated the list to just give the position available. If you wish to find out more details, please check the bulletin board at the front entrance to church, they are posted there.

- ❖ Administrative Assistant for the Tribunal, Part-Time Position
- ❖ Director of Worship, Full-Time Position
- ❖ Administrative Assistant for the Office of Worship, Full-Time Position
- ❖ Accounting/Bookkeeping, Part-Time Position, Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Call 618/394-0126)
- ❖ Administrative Assistant Office of Human Resources, Full-Time Position
- ❖ Seasonal Groundskeeper, Part-Time Position, Pastoral Center Grounds



**QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING
BENEFITTING SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC GRADE
SCHOOL
TUESDAYS AT OUTSIDERS IN WATERLOO
TICKET SALES END AT 6:30 PM
DRAWINGS HELD AT 7:00 PM**



**ATHLETES OF THE MONTH
SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC
GRADE SCHOOL**

*Karmon Grohmann, 8th Grade,
Girls Volleyball and Tim Donius,
8th Grade, Boys Volleyball*

**CONGRATS ON THIS RECENT
RECOGNITION!!!**

**2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN SCREENING
MONDAY, MARCH 28TH; 10AM-5PM OR
TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 8AM-3PM**

Screening takes approximately 45 minutes. Call the SPPCS Office to reserve a time slot; 618/939-7217. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022 to attend Kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year.

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Class of 2026 Registration -- Registration for the Gibault Class of 2026 is this week! Registration will be held on **March 21 and March 22 from 5-8 p.m.** Please sign up for a registration time on one of these dates using our Sign-up Genius Link: <https://bit.ly/GCHSreg22> There is still time to apply. Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for more information on how to become a Hawk!

Visit Us! It's not too late to visit Gibault Catholic High School! We invite 7th-8th graders and current high school students to spend the day as Shadow Visitors. Attend classes, meet teachers and coaches, have lunch in our cafeteria, and more! The whole family is welcome on a Private Tour where you can ask questions and see our campus. Schedule your Shadow Visit or Tour at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

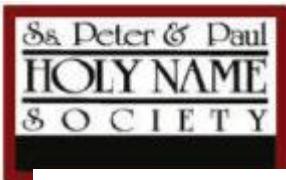
Taste of the Region -- Taste of the Region is next Saturday! Tickets are now on sale! This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 26, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Gibault. Featuring over 20 vendors and live entertainment! Tickets available at the Gibault office or online at <https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site>

We're #gibaultproud of: Elayna Hermanns (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight; **Noah Newton (Immaculate Conception Parish)** and **Brennan Wills (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** who were selected as members of the All-Sectional Scholastic Bowl Team; and our February Artist of the Month, **Ella Range (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish).**





FISH FRY
SS. PETER & PAUL GYM
WATERLOO
4:30-7:30PM



14th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Saturday, April 23 2022



ACORNS GOLF LINKS
3933 AHNE RD
WATERLOO, IL. 62298



ENTRY FEE

\$90.00

(PER PERSON)

\$360.00

(PER TEAM)

Entry fee includes:
GREEN FEE & CART,
LUNCH, DINNER & DRINKS

PRIZES AWARDED

First, Second, Third Place
 (multiple flights)
CLOSES TO THE PIN
 &
LONGEST DRIVE

CHECK IN: 12:00 PM

LUNCH: 12:30 PM

SHOT GUN START

1:00 PM

- **MULLIGANS**
- **SKINS**
- **50/50**
- **MOVE UP TO FRONT TEE #1**
(\$20 DONATION)
- **WITHIN RANGE #9**
DOUBLE YOUR MONEY IF YOU PLACE TEE SHOT WITHIN CIRCLE (SEE DALE)
- **CIGARS on #9**

CASH/CHECKS/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED DAY OF EVENT

Pra-Registration/Sponsorship payments can be made to:

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

and mail to

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Attn: Holy Name Golf

204 W. Mill St.

Waterloo IL 62298

For reservations, sponsorships or additional info, call John Green, 618/972-5836 or greenjg325@gmail.com



St. Augustine Pictorial Directory

May 19th-21st, 2022

Watch bulletin for further details closer to those dates. You will be contacted to set up your appointment!!!!

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

First Communion here at St. Augustine is on Saturday, April 23rd; at the 5:00 pm Mass.

First Communicants are: **Alexander Edwin and Wesley Mehrmann.**

Please keep Alex and Wesley in your prayers as they continue their preparations to make their First Holy Communion.

ONLINE GIVING

If you are interested in “online giving”, check with your bank to see if you can set this up under your Bill Pay Options! Should work just like it works for your credit card bills or your utilities etc. Just direct the checks to be made payable to St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church; PO Box 126; Hecker, IL 62248! Any questions, call the Parish Office at 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

“In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;

“In the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity and war;

“In the name of *human fraternity*, that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal;

“In the name of this *fraternity* torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;

“In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings, creating them free and setting them apart by this gift;

“In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

“In the name of all persons of goodwill present in every part of the world;

“In the name of God and of everything stated thus far, [we] declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard”. [285]

286. In these pages of reflection on universal fraternity, I felt inspired particularly by Saint Francis of Assisi, but also by others of our brothers and sisters who are not Catholics: Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi and many more. Yet I would like to conclude by mentioning another person of deep faith who, drawing upon his intense experience of God, made a journey of transformation towards feeling a brother to all. I am speaking of Blessed Charles de Foucauld.

287. Blessed Charles directed his ideal of total surrender to God towards an identification with the poor, abandoned in the depths of the African desert. In that setting, he expressed his desire to feel himself a brother to every human being. [286] and asked a friend to “pray to God that I truly be the brother of all”. [287] He wanted to be, in the end, “the universal brother”. [288] yet only by identifying with the least did he come at last to be the brother of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us. Amen.

*This concludes the Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti that I have been including
in the bulletin each week.*