

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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

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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 of the urgency of the call to conversion on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 3/21	8:00am- Urban and Shirley Wittenauer
Saturday, 3/22	5:00pm- Helen Schulte
Sunday, 3/23	8:00am- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Friday, 3/28	8:00am- Urban and Shirley Wittenauer
Saturday, 3/29	5:00pm- For our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 3/30	8:00am- Delmar and Wilma Wachtel



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 3/16/2025:

Weekly Envelopes (40)- \$2,140.00
Loose- \$194.00
Youth- \$3.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$2,728.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, March 29th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Servers: Mallory Kern

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Angi Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker

Sunday, March 30th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Lector: Shelly Fizer

Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister (W): Bernadette Gregson

Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary

****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

Held every Wednesday evening @ 7pm, and every Friday following 8am Mass throughout Lent.



FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for Third Sunday of Lent -C

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 kneecap 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.

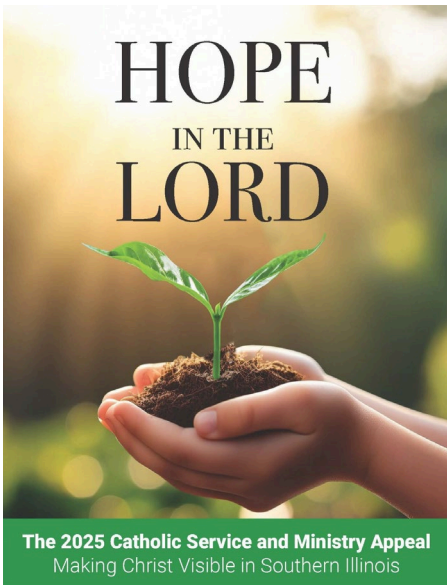
ANNOUNCEMENTS



-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.

-Next weekend there will be a second collection for 5TH Sunday on both March 29th/30th - collecting for St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo)



The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness.
-Psalm 100

PLEDGES TO DATE: 9

32% OF OUR GOAL MET

\$2,160.00 Pledged as of 3/21/2025

\$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target



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 12th and April 13th, 2025
Saturday Mass 5pm, Sunday Mass 8:00am**
- **HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th, 2025
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th, 2025
6:30 PM STATION OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 7:00pm, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, April 19th, 2025
7:00 PM Mass, ST. AUGUSTINE**
- **EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th, 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

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).



“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

St. Teresa Church, Marydale DRIVE-THRU Chicken Dinner

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Serving 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$15.00 per Meal

Packaged meal includes: ½ Fried Chicken (4 pieces), Dressing,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw

Handmade Quilt Raffle

Located six miles north of Carlyle on Route 127



Packaged Meal Includes: 1/2 Fried Chicken,
Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, & Slaw



“Suffered Under Pontius Pilate

Lenten Reflections on the Gospel Accounts of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ”

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.

2:00 PM

Sunday, March 30, 2025

The Cathedral of St. Peter

(In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

Bishop Braxton’s lecture will examine the very different accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus as found in the Gospel according to Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. He will examine the similarities and the differences between these Gospel texts and provide explanations for the reasons why they are different. He will discuss: “Was it necessary for Jesus to die?” “In what way does meditation on the suffering of Jesus help Christians accept pain, sickness, and suffering in their personal lives?” “Were the Jewish people responsible for the death of Jesus?” “Has the Gospel of John been used to defend antisemitism?” “Why was Jesus’s death necessary for the forgiveness of sins?” ALL ARE WELCOME.

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 2nd and 3rd. 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!

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!

It is a busy time to be a Hawk!



King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Creating SABBATH SPACE in Our Lives –

5-week Spring Video Study featuring Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025

10:00 am – 12 Noon

Do we take the time to rest, to ponder, to reflect on what is important to us and gives us joy?

Allow Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI to lead us on a journey of refreshing our souls by creating “Sabbath Space.”

Cost: \$25 for series; \$5 per session

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/deanvideo-spring2025/>

Local Parish Fish Fry Fridays!



- **Immaculate Conception, Columbia**

March 5 (Ash Wednesday): 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 7, March 21, April 4 and April 18; 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

411 Palmer Road

Columbia, IL 62236

- **St. Joseph Parish, Freeburg**

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11; 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

6 N. Alton Street

Freeburg, IL 62243

- **St. Mary Parish, Chester - Knights of Columbus**

February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11; 5:00 p.m.

209 Church St.

Chester, IL 62233

- **St. Mary Parish, Valmeyer**

March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11; 4:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

101 South Meyer Ave.

Valmeyer, IL 62295

- **St. Teresa Parish, Belleville**

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, and April 4 ; 4:00 p.m.

St. Teresa Parish Center

1108 Lebanon Ave.

Belleville, IL 62221



DAY OF RECOLLECTION

For young men discerning their vocation

Need time to reconnect with God this Lent?
Join us for a day of silence & prayer to focus on
discerning God's will for your life

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 | 9AM-3PM
ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, O'FALLON, IL

Please RSVP to mskorch@diobelle.org by 4/1/25