

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm.*

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

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THEME FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. 3-25 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 3-26 8:30 am – Joe Jung
- Fri. 3-31 8:00 am – Urban Wittenauer
- Sat. 4-1 5:00 pm – Bonnie Casey; Donald Braun & Don Bruss
Sun. 4-2 8:30 am – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**Just a reminder next weekend
is Palm Sunday and there will
be no anointing of the sick.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 3-19-2023

Sunday Envelopes (23) -\$1,507.00

Loose – \$164.00

Youth-0

Scholarship- 0

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,219.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 1st, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Lector/Narrator: Ruth Wittenauer

Voice: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

Sunday, April 2nd 8:30am

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Lector/Narrator: Kay Haudrich

Voice: Cindy Grohmann

Servers: Donius, Doerr, and Gregson

Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich

Camera: Mike Karban

Please pray for the following:

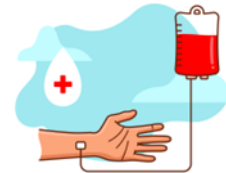
Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysnoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohman, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkens, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger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

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

l the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



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.



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023
1-5pm Hecker Community
Red Cross Blood Drive
Hecker Community Center

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Fifth Sunday of Lent – year A

Saint Peter is talking with God about three guys who are about to enter heaven.

“They’re not very smart, but they are nice, and I’m not sure I should let them in our not.” God says, “well we do have standards here. Ask them some simple questions and if they answer correctly let them in.” Peter greets the men and asks the first one, “tell me what Christmas is for?” The man says, “Oh, oh! That’s when we put on costumes and go around and collect candy. That’s my favorite holiday.” “Sorry,” Peter says and gestures towards the sign with the arrow pointing down. He asked the next man, “What is Thanksgiving about?” Guy says, “I got this. Turkey. We eat turkey and then we open all these presents that have piled up underneath the tree. We celebrate that guy’s birthday; give me a minute I’ll think of his name.” Peter shakes his head and points to the same sign. Then he looks at the last guy and says, “Tell me what the purpose of Easter is?” The man wrinkles his brow and closes his eyes, thinking hard. His face lights up and he explains, “That is when a Jesus rolls the stone away from the grave, walks outside and if He sees His shadow there will be six more weeks of winter.”

The story of the raising of Lazarus is the third long narrative in the gospel of John, which we read during Lent. Interestingly, it is only John's Gospel that reports the raising of Lazarus. There are many interesting characters in the narrative: Jesus, his disciples, Martha, Mary, Lazarus, and a group of Jews who come to mourn Lazarus' death. But of all these characters, it is Martha who speaks our "common language": "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." When we are faced with situations that we deem unbearable, it is easy to question the existence of God. Some people would argue, If God were present in our society or perhaps if He cared as we believe, he would not allow so many people to die of cancer.

Martha, like many us today, believe that God is in control of the affairs of the world. He can heal our brokenness, and he can speak a word, and everything would come to a stop. Martha was convinced that if Jesus had arrived early, he could have healed Lazarus, and he would not have died. But He chose to arrive late, and Martha could not understand. Therefore, Martha knows what it is like to experience frustration, pains, and uncertainty. However, she speaks to Jesus, who identifies himself as "the resurrection and life" in a hopeful tone. "I know my brother will rise again" Nonetheless, Jesus speaks of the resurrection as a present reality—"I am," which makes Martha, Mary, and those present fascinated about the hope of a new life.

As we live side by side with pain, suffering and death in this life, Martha invites us to trust Jesus, who is the resurrection and life, and with whom all things are possible. She does not promise us that everything will be instantly restored, and the dead come back to life like her brother, Lazarus. But she suggests that there is one greater than the world that we can always trust. He has the final answer.



Congratulations to Waterloo Junior High School third quarter recipients of the Students of Character! Special congratulations to our very own Camden Mudd!



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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION...PLEASE NOTE & SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

SERVERS -- IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR ANY MASS/SERVICE BEGINNING WITH PALM SUNDAY MASSES, PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START. YOU WILL BE GIVEN ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AT THAT TIME.

- ❖ **Palm Sunday Mass – Saturday, April 1st, 5:00pm**
 - Confessions will be from 4-4:30pm
 - Pick up your palms as you enter Church

- ❖ **Palm Sunday Mass – Sunday, April 2nd, 8:30am**
 - There will be NO confessions today
 - Weather permitting, pick up your palms from church, and then gather on the sidewalk in front of the Parish Office. There will be a procession from that location into Church.

If you know someone who would like palms delivered to their home, please contact the Parish Office.

- ❖ **Holy Thursday Mass – Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 pm**
 - There will be NO collection taken.
 - Adoration will follow the conclusion of Mass; church will remain open until 10:00pm.

- ❖ **Good Friday Stations & Service – Friday, April 7th; 7:00 pm**
 - There will be NO 8:00 am Mass.
 - Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm; followed by the Good Friday Service.
 - There will be collection taken that day; there is a separate envelope in your boxes for The Holy Land/Good Friday if you wish to use.
 - USHERS: There will be a collection BUT there is NO OFFERTORY. Please take the collection bag up to the altar following the completion of the Intercessions.

- ❖ **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass – Saturday, April 8th; 7:00 pm**
 - There will be NO votive candles lit in the stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.



Join us for the third annual

Gibault Catholic High School Women's Club Poker Run Sunday, April 23, 2023

Take a scenic afternoon drive on the back roads!

Stop by each bar and pull a poker card. Best hand wins. No skill necessary!
Jeeps, motorcycles, and cars are welcome!

Registration opens at 11:00 am at Ott's, ride starts at noon:

- Ott's Tavern, 20 E. Washington, Millstadt
- Hank and Lilly's Fountain Inn, 1912 Fountain Road, Valmeyer
- Hank and Lilly's Creekside, 1026 Main Street, Maestown
- Ratzkeller, 1019 Veterans Street, Red Bud
- Karban's Knotty Pines, 4569 Buss Branch Road, Paderborn

Turn in hands by 5:30 at Karban's Knotty Pines

Designated Drivers get free soft drinks at each bar and entered in a special drawing!

**Two hands for \$25, each additional hand \$5,
buy five hands, get one free!**

50/50 Silent auction

Prizes for three best hands!

Starting April 4, 2023, purchase hands online at:
<https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site>



For more info, call (618) 660-6703 or email bcapenberg@gmail.com
Proceeds to benefit Gibault Women's Club

Card swaps \$5 each!

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023
The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord
-Psalm 15

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

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

Pledges to Date: 23

\$4,115.00.00

64% of our goal

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. 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.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 3rd ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE: We will be giving away 40+1 beautiful hand quilted, queen-sized quilts! Tickets are \$50 each, with only 500 tickets sold. We will also have an **early bird drawing** for a quilt, so get your tickets early! Purchase your ticket prior to May 14, 2023 to have your name entered for the Early Bird drawing. If your name gets drawn as a winner, it goes back in for the remaining draws! The quilts can be viewed on the St. Boniface Parish website at www.stbonifacechurch.net. To purchase your ticket, you can either place your check/cash in an envelope in the collection basket (please make sure to include your name and phone number with cash ticket purchases) or mail a check to: St. Boniface Parish, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245. Please include a valid phone number with your purchase. You can also purchase a ticket at Germantown Trust & Savings Bank, either at Germantown, Bartelso or Breese location. The tickets cannot leave the bank, so they will need to be purchased and filled out at the bank. The 40 winners will be drawn on Sunday, June 4th, 2023.



NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Junior High Mixer

Glow Crazy at our Glow Volleyball night on March 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the Gibault gym! All 6th – 8th graders are invited to play or watch. Reserve your space at: <https://bit.ly/gchsglow>

State Championship Shirts

Gibault Catholic Basketball State Championship commemorative shirts are now available! All styles feature the state championship logo on the front and team roster on the back. Place your order online at: <https://gibaultbb23.itemorder.com/>. Store closes on April 2! Proceeds benefit Gibault's Post Prom.

Enrollment News

It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Learn more during a Shadow Visit or Private Tour. 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

We're #gibaultproud of: Brock Murphy (Immaculate Conception Parish) for his final four finish in the JVN State Debate Tournament and **Kyra Newton (Immaculate Conception Parish)** for being selected for the People's Choice Award at the Art du Jour Contest.





DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT 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).

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



COME & SEE

A VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT
with the DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

FOR WOMEN AGES 18-30

Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, silent retreat day, conferences by the Sisters, experience of the Pauline apostolate, community time and recreation, and more!

MAY 26-28
ST. LOUIS, MO


Daughters
OF ST. PAUL

REGISTER:
CONNECT.PAULINE.ORG/VOCATION-EVENTS



“I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me say “yes” to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church.” Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash. *Columbia November 2018*

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



2023 VALMEYER

LENTEN FISH FRY DATES

4:00 to 7:30 pm



Wed. Feb 22

St. John's United
Church of Christ
Sponsored by St. John's UCC
Carryout Only
Food served until 7:00
for this night only

Fri. Feb 24

The Corn Crib
Sponsored by Valmeyer's
Lion's Club
Carryout Only

Fri. March 3

St. John's United
Church of Christ
Sponsored by St. John's UCC
Carryout Only

Fri. March 10

St. Mary's
Parish Center
Sponsored by Knights of
Columbus

Fri. March 17

St. Mary's
Parish Center
Sponsored by Knights of
Columbus

Fri. March 24

St. Mary's
Parish Center
Sponsored by Knights of
Columbus

Fri. March 31

St. Mary's
Parish Center
Sponsored by Knights of
Columbus



Sides and Desserts
Subject to
Location

All Fish Frys at
St. Mary's Parish Center
will be Dine-in and Carryout.

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.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

It's almost time for a new drawing!
Ticket sales will begin on April 1. The first drawing will be held on Tuesday, April 11. We will still be holding drawings at Outsider, contrary to much speculation. Tickets can be purchased from bartenders any day that the bar is open.

We will open up new registrations. This will stay open until we run out of registration cards. We look forward to seeing you all on April 11!
Benefits Ss. Peter & Paul School.



Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL

PLAY CARDS
BINGO

HAPPY EASTER

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: Pork Loin, Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, 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.

Sharing God's Love with Our Neighbors in Need
Community Interfaith FOOD PANTRY
All faiths welcome to receive. (Can't carry into the community!)

DID YOU KNOW...

House of Neighborly Service & The Back Porch



WHO IS HNS?

- A 501c3 organization
- Staffed by volunteers
- Serves at-risk Monroe County residents
- Office hours Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm
- Located at 217 W. Mill in Waterloo
- Phone 618-939-8900, Help Line 618-939-8680



WHAT DO WE DO?

- Assist through our emergency food pantry
- Provide assistance with household expenses
- Assist with resume writing and job searches
- Provide free budgeting assistance
- Assist residents of senior apartments
- Provide Thanksgiving/Christmas assistance
- Provide summer lunches
- Provide household items and clothing
- Provide pass-thru fund avenues
- Much, much more!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sign up to volunteer
- Participate in fundraisers
- Donate financially
- Donate food items
- Call our office and discuss your skills to share!
- We have a wide variety of needs!



WHO IS TBP?

- TBP is a 501c3 organization
- We are a sister to HNS
- A resale store that benefits our community
- Staffed by volunteers
- Store Hours are M-F 8:30-4:30 and Sat. 9-2
- Located at 215 W. Mill in Waterloo
- Phone 618-939-FIND



WHAT DO WE DO?

- Collect gently used and like new items to resell
- Provide items to families in need
- Raise funds to support outreach at HNS
- Provide volunteer opportunities
- Support other nonprofits with our extras
- Work side by side with HNS to help our local neighbors

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sign up to volunteer
- Intake, staging and sales need help!
- Donate gently used and like new items
- Shop our store
- Stop in and talk to a manager!