

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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

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

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THEME FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 3-26	5:00 pm – Charlie Kreher and Denny Karban
Sun. 3-27	8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Fri. 4-1	8:00 am – Deceased Knights of Columbus Members
Sat. 4-2	5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson and Catherine Mechler
Sun. 4-3	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: 3-20-22

Sunday Envelopes (28) - \$1,370.00

Loose – \$152.00 Youth - \$27.00

Scholarship Fund - \$2,427.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2021)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 2nd; 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

Sunday, April 3rd, 8:30am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler

Lector:

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Camera: Mike Karban

Looking for volunteers to Lector for Sunday, April 3rd and Sunday, April 10th; for a Narrator for Sunday, April 10th; Camera Operator for Good Friday, April 15th; and Servers: 1 for Holy Thursday, 2 for Good Friday; 3 for Holy Saturday; and 2 for Easter Sunday. If you would be able to volunteer for one or more of these dates, that would be much appreciated! Please call the Parish Office 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net as soon as possible!!!!

I have received 12 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday...thank you to those who have graciously volunteered!!!!

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.

PRAY FOR Esther Eckart, long-time parishioner, who died on Saturday, March 19th and was buried on Friday, March 25th. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

PRAY FOR Daniel "George" J. Reinhold, brother of Angie (Marvin) Parker, who died recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May his soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

An Angel of the Lord telephoned the editors of four major national newspapers with this message: God says the world will end tomorrow.”

***The New York Times* carried a front-page headline which read: “THE WORLD WILL END TOMORROW, RELIABLE SOURCE SAYS.” A box read: “analysis on page 11.”**

***The Wall Street Journal’s* front page headline read: “WORLD ENDS TOMORROW; MARKET PLUNGES. The headline in *USA Today* read: “WE’RE GONE!” The headline in *The Washington Post* read: “WORLD ENDS TOMORROW; CONGRESS APPROVES TERM-LIMITS, SCHOOL PRAYER.”**

We are already halfway to the celebration of the paschal festivities. One emphasis seems to run through the readings of the past three weeks—the love of God. This weekend's gospel presents God's love with a powerful image in the story of the prodigal son. Some people have suggested that the story be titled "The prodigal father." There is an excellent sense in this idea because the father in the narrative demonstrates an overwhelming feeling of love, forgiveness, and acceptance. The role of the father and the son reflects the path that leads to Easter.

First of all, the son is aware that the father loves him. He will be willing to give him his inheritance, even if the demand is premature. He asked, and he was given. The son takes his share and departs to a life of isolation. Let us bear in mind that the place of isolation creates an opening for temptation. As he goes and gets separated from family and the real love of the father, he begins to replace fun for love, pleasure for happiness, and isolation for independence. These change the trajectory of his life. When he came to his senses, he realized how his isolation had trapped him. He had abandoned real love. So he decided to go back. Go back to where? Additionally, he was not sure of what to expect. Therefore he took a risk, which resulted from his experience of the other side. The other side always looks better. But it takes wisdom to know all that glitters is not gold. However, his first shock was that the father was willing to take him back not as a sinner but as a returning son when he came back. God is the father in this story, and we all play the part of the prodigal son from time to time. But the father's open hand awaits us. That is the meaning of Lent and Easter.

Bishop Reintroduces Obligation to Participate at Mass

On April 10, Palm Sunday, Bishop Michael McGovern will lift the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all the faithful in the Diocese of Belleville. This means that the faithful, unless ill or having a good reason for omitting participating at Mass, will attend Mass in person. The faithful who are sick, homebound or gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times. If someone is homebound, sick or concerned about their health, they are encouraged to participate in the Sunday Eucharist through a Mass that is broadcast over television or radio or livestreamed.



Attendance at Mass in person is an important part of practicing our Catholic faith. Recently our safety protocols were updated so that the faithful will feel secure in being in church for the celebration of the Eucharist. Individual parishes may continue live streaming as a means of supporting the spiritual needs of those who cannot attend in person. Though we should take the obligation to attend Mass seriously, no one is morally obligated to attend Mass when doing so presents a grave risk to their health or the health of others.

When our Lord Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, he said to his apostles: “Do this in memory of me.” Through the centuries, the Church has fulfilled the Lord’s command with the gathering of the faithful for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The celebration of the Mass is preeminent and central in our spiritual lives; the obligation to participate at the Sunday Eucharist flows from this.

Bishop Michael McGovern encourages our faithful, for whom it is possible, to return to the celebration of Mass on Sunday April 10. How fitting that we should be renewed in our commitment as a Catholic, Eucharistic and sacramental people as we enter into Holy Week.

For more information, please see our diocesan website:
www.diobelle.org.

**PLANNING MEETING FOR THE 2022 KIRCHENFEST...
ALL STAND CHAIRMEN SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND!!!**

**Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 7:00 pm – we will meet at Hecker
Community Center**

Aaron Eckart has volunteered to be the Kirchenfest Chairman. We will be including community organizations in chairing some stands, as well as, providing volunteer workers for other stands. As you are aware, it takes a lot of volunteers to make the Kirchenfest such a success, and our available volunteers seem to decline each year.

If you have never worked at our picnic before, please don't hesitate to call Aaron at 618/920-5258 or Joan at the Parish Office, 618/473-2217 or send an email to staug@htc.net -- we will be happy to find you a place to work!!!

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.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

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>.

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

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2022 *Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37*

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 2022 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 166 pledges for a total of \$6,580.

Pledges to Date: 15

\$2,955.00

45% of our goal



Today's Gospel features one of the most memorable and quoted parables: The Prodigal Son. This display of Fatherly love is so reassuring to us as we travel through life. The premier forgiveness of the Father for both His sons provides us with comfort even in our transgressions. As we strive to live our vocation (priesthood, married, consecrated life, single), we can always treasure the knowledge that the Father will always celebrate our return to Him no matter what we have done or failed to do.



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!**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
Religions in America -- Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.
Saturdays, 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.
- 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. 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.

April 8th – Fish Dinner; St. George's New Baden; 4-7pm; \$12 adults \$6 Kids 6-10 & ages 5 & under free.

St. Louis Cardinals Giveaway; Valued over \$1,000! St. Stephen's Flora, IL is selling only 400 tickets at \$20 each or 6/\$100; Drawing July 1st, 2022. Winner receives 4 tickets to Cards vs Phillies on 7/9/22 on 3rd Base Line with a Parking Pass. 4 passes to tour the Cardinal Hall of Fame Museum, \$100 cash for the Ball Park; Autographed Game Model Yadier Molina Catcher's Helmut; Buy online at cardinalsraffle.com.

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.

**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**



**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...



Enrolling for 2022-2023 -- There's still time to become at Hawk! We are accepting applications for incoming freshmen and transfer students. We invite you to spend the day as a Shadow Visitor or bring the whole family for a Private Tour. See how you can "Find your home at Gibault!" Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for more information!

Gibault's 50th Spring Musical -- It's our 50th Spring Musical! Join us for a fan favorite, "The Wizard of Oz." Performances April 6 at 5 p.m.; April 7-9 at 7 p.m.; and April 10 at 2 p.m.. The April 6 show features a special dinner theatre performance, and we'd love to see our theater alumni turn out for this celebration. For dinner theatre tickets or advance performance tickets, visit <https://actorsattic.square.site>.

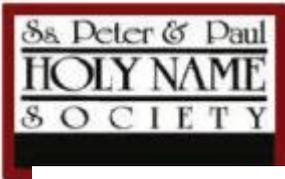
Poker Run -- The Gibault Women's Club's Poker Run is Sunday, April 24. Take a scenic afternoon drive through Monroe County, with stops along the route to draw cards. Best hand wins, no skill necessary! All vehicles are welcome. Designated drivers get free soft drinks and entered in a special drawing! Register online at <https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site> or stop by the Gibault office.

Host Families -- Gibault is seeking host families for our international students for the 2022-2023 school year. Current Gibault families receive a \$1,000 discount off their tuition for hosting. For more information on how you can help a student experience Gibault, contact Patty at plderousse.educatus@gmail.com.

We're #gibaultproud of: Grant Higerson (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight and **Kaden Augustine (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** for representing Gibault at the State 3-Point Contest!



FISH FRY - April 8th
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

Pre-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 greenj325@gmail.com

Living the Faith
JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS:
BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. It’s a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
3. It’s a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
4. It’s a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers.”
5. It’s about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control—it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

Items No. 6-10 will be in next week’s bulletin!