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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, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.*
Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE.

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THEME FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on the earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 3-4 | 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 3-5 | 8:30 am – Don Braun and Joe Jung |
| Fri. 3-10 | 8:00 am – Deceased Members of the Raymond & Eleanor Braun Family |
| Sat. 3-11 | 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 3-12 | 8:30 am – David Braun |



**The anointing of the sick will
be held this weekend,
March 4th & 5th following both
Masses.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 2-26-2023

Sunday Envelopes () -\$

Loose - \$

Youth- \$9.00

Scholarship Fund - \$1,563.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!



**NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY, March 16th
@3pm**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 11th; 5pm
Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn
Camera:

Sunday, March 12th; 8:30am
Set Up: Margie Holle
Lector: Betty Schreder
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle
Camera: Mike Karban

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Aria Wagner, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysnoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Damon Stapleton, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkas, 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 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



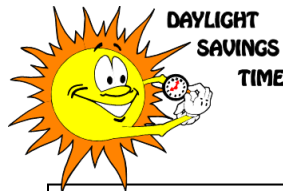
Thank you for donating to Life Network- we collected 21 filled baby bottles for a total of \$312.82!!

Blessed Virgin Altar Sodality

Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center

Thank You

Thank you for your 5th Sunday collections from January 29th- we collected a total of \$392.00- \$196.00 went to St. Vincent de Paul of East St. Louis, and \$196.00 went to St. Vincent de Paul of Waterloo.



REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND...SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH...CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!!!!

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Second Sunday of Lent

The preacher's 5-year-old daughter noticed that her preacher father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me to preach a good sermon." "Well then, how come He doesn't do it?" she asked.

Our Gospel this weekend narrates the story of the Transfiguration. In this event, God reveals himself so that we can know him as he is. Consequently, God is not removed from our world; His glory is with us. In the event of the transfiguration Jesus "face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white." This scene is beautiful and amazing. Thus, the apostles are surprised because they see the glory of God and feel the mystery of God's love. God speaks from out of the cloud saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him. This proclamation is an invitation to the disciples to participate in the very mystery of Christ's sonship.

Christianity is a religion of relationship with God and with each other. Moses and Elijah who appear in a conversation with Jesus symbolize the eternity of life in the divine person. Moreover, the Law and the prophet converge in the person of Christ. Therefore, when we listen to Christ, we claim our true place in the divine life, and realize our essential connection to others.

The season of Lent calls us listen to Jesus and to see him in his glory. However, the 21st century culture makes us think that we've got it all figured out because of technological capabilities. As a result, we are unable to recognize the glory of the Lord even when it is revealed to us. There are things happening all around us all the time that continue to reveal the working of God.

Perhaps during this season, we may ask ourselves these questions: Are we giving God sufficient time to speak to us? Is there any way I can see His glory in the world? Jesus is always with us when we are afraid and when we suffer. He is with us when we can't feel His presence or his love for us. He is also there for us when we are having difficulty finding purpose in our lives. It might take us time to come to this knowledge. It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus and the longer they were with Him the better they got to know him. The same thing happens to us. We also grow gradually in our understanding of Jesus and in understanding what He is asking of us. Today in his Transfiguration, he promises that if we journey with him, he will change our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body in the resurrection.

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.
- **MONDAY, MARCH 13TH - Reconciliation at 7:00 pm—Ss. Peter & Paul**
- **Thursday, March 16th – Parish Penance Service**
7:00 pm – St. Augustine
- **Friday, March 17th – Bishop McGovern has dispensed the abstinence from meat for today only!**
- **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

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.



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.

A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND HEALING

Join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome, April 14 - 21, 2023, with a post-tour to Medjugorje, April 21 - 25. In Lourdes, we will visit the site where Our Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. While in Rome, we will visit Vatican City, the Holy Stairs, Trevi Fountain, the Vatican Museum, and more. In Medjugorje we will be at the site where six young visionaries began reporting visions of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in 1981. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://www.pilgrimimages.com/amm/lourdesandrome/>.



Save the Date

March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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

Mar. 4th – Trivia Night; St. Joseph Lebanon; Opens 6; Starts 7pm; 8 per table for \$100; Bring own drinks & snacks; call Natalie Ruth @618/233-9574 or church office 618/537-2575

Mar. 5th – Fried Chicken Dinner & Lucky Bucket Raffle; St. Boniface, Evansville, KC Hall, 11am-2pm.

Mar. 7th – Noon Lunch & Card Party; St. Luke's Belleville; Opens 10:30am; Ends 3pm; \$10.

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

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@gamil.com.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

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

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: 17

\$2,090.00

33% of our goal



As we continue our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel Jesus “transfiguring” Himself to the Apostles. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Those powerful words remind each of us to “listen” to our call of vocation in life. Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.



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



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Ss. Peter and Paul Fish Fry

Friday, March 31

4:30 – 7:30 pm

Food – Fun – Fellowship

Gibault Women's Club

Saturday, March 18th

5:00 - 9:00 \$30/person



**Enjoy an evening of food and drink tastings
from our local vendors.**

Entertainment by the Gibault Jazz Band and Lanny and Julie

- scan the QR code for details and to purchase tickets online
- visit <https://ghs-womensclub.square.site>
- tickets can be purchased by cash or check at the school office 8:00-3:00 M-F
- Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door.



NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Enrollment News

We are still welcoming visitors to 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>.

Taste of the Region

Join the Gibault Women's Club for Taste of the Region - Saturday, March 18, 2023!

The image shows a classroom scene with several students sitting at desks, each with a laptop open. They appear to be working or studying. In the background, there is a periodic table of elements. Overlaid on the bottom half of the image is a red banner with white and blue text and graphics. The text reads: "Spring OPEN HOUSE Sunday, March 5 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Past, present, & future Hawks are invited!". To the right of the text is the school's crest, which features a shield with a large letter 'G' in the center, flanked by a fleur-de-lis on the left and a hawk on the right. The years "19" and "66" are on either side of the 'G'. Below the shield is a banner with the motto "PATRIAE FIDELIUS".

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Past, present, & future Hawks are invited!

The crest is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top is a fleur-de-lis. In the center is a large white letter 'G' on a red background. To the left of the 'G' is the number '19' and to the right is '66'. On the right side of the shield is a red hawk with its wings spread. Below the shield is a banner with the Latin motto "PATRIAE FIDELIUS".

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**

We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

800-640-3044.

**Purchase SPPCS “Scrip Cards” for your shopping
and gift giving needs!**

Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider purchasing “scrip cards” to use in place of cash, checks or credit cards for purchases you make.

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family’s account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you.

St. Augustine’s contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern. You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Lent is a time to look at our weaknesses and failures and work on changing so we can help others. It is a time of mutual encourage and strengthening.

What feeds me (that is not the Word of God)

What do I use to avoid conflict?

Do I take care of my needs and feelings first?

Do I try to change others instead of myself?

Do I obey God's commands, remembering that I am human, and need to learn discipline and practice if I am to be a follower?

Am I always trying to get ahead and move up in society?

Do I trust God to take care of me and my family?

Do I use the things of the earth wisely for what they were created for or do I use them for what I want?

Do I look to Scripture for help, comfort, directions in times of hardship?

