

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm.

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

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THEME FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit who leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5-13 5:00 pm – For All the Mothers in Our Parish at St. Augustine’s

Sun. 5-14 8:30am – For All the Mothers in Our Parish at St. Augustine’s

Fri. 5-19 8:00 am –Dennis Holle, Virgil Gregson, and Lawrence & Marie Kaiser

Sat. 5-20 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s

Sun. 5-21 8:30 am –Quentin & Veronica Gregson, Frank Gregson, and Clem Orlet



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 5-7-2023

Envelopes (39)- \$1,334.00

Loose – \$191.00

Scholarship- \$2.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$2155.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 20th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister of Wine:

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

Sunday, May 21st, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector: May Stellhorn

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister of Wine: John Kaiser

Camera:

Please pray for the following:



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

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

Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.

By now, you have noticed our “new” parking lot. After many years of disrepair and crumbling surface, the parking lot has been 100% replaced. Next on the “to-do” list are some painting projects on buildings at the cemetery and repairs and repainting of damaged areas within the church interior.

In early February, we submitted a Resolution to the Diocese of Belleville in which we notified them of our intent to complete these projects. The Resolution was approved, signed, and returned to us just after Easter. This allowed us to move on with our projects.

In this Resolution we asked for the opportunity to receive donations from our parishioners up to the maximum cost which would then be non-taxed by the Diocese.

This means that we can receive up to \$45,997.31 (broken down between parking lot \$35,382.31 and Church painting/repair \$10,615.00) with no taxes being assessed.

If you wish to make donations towards these projects, please make a note on your check’s memo line and or on the envelope that you wish for your donation to be applied towards the parking lot or painting...Thank you very much!!

-Father Linus and St. Augustine’s Parish Office

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Sixth Sunday of Easter: A

Happy mother day to all women. I say all women because in my opinion, every woman is either a biological or spiritual mother or a model of motherhood. They significantly teach us what practical love feels like.

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

The gospel discourse this weekend begins with the statement: "If you love me, you will keep my commandment." (John 14:15 NRSV) This statement is part of Jesus farewell message to his disciples. Now, what is Jesus implying when he states that loving him means you will keep his commandment?

To understand the implication of this commandment, let us return to the great mandate of Jesus in the thirteenth chapter of John's Gospel: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13: 34 NRSV). Jesus' commandment directs us to love of one another. And the love Jesus wants his disciples to embrace is not the abstract kind of love. It is the practical love that understands the pains and the joys of others. It is the practical love of listening, hearing and understanding the other in "his language." When I think of my mother and the women in my life, whom I work with, I see this kind of love—a love that listens, hears and understands.

Jesus' story of love is not just about him and the glory of the Father. We see Jesus operating in the community of real people. He walked the streets of Galilee, he ate the food, he kept the festivals and connected with all classes of people (the rich, the poor and the middle class.) Jesus was present with real people who sometimes struggled to get along and at other times he enjoyed sharing their success story. He understood their hopes and disappointments. Could this be the kind of love that Jesus is talking about? Yes! Jesus is asking for a movement from the experience of the mystical love to the experience of the real love and its frustrations. It is easy to think of love and feel loved when all goes well and our expectations are met by those who love us.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta in her record of life experience gave an indication of her spiritual struggle to understand love in the midst of chaos. The love Jesus commands is not a feeling but a commitment to see God everywhere, in everybody, in everything and at all times. There is no guarantee that it will be easy but there is an assurance that we will not be left to ourselves: "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come to you ... because I live and you will live." (John 14: 18 NAB). What if we were to understand Jesus's words and definition of love in this way?

Congratulations to Abby Grohmann, the 2023 Gibault recipient of the Bishop's Discipleship Award! This award is presented to one senior from each of the diocesan high schools who exhibits a strong Catholic identity, both in school and in their community. Thank you to Bishop Michael McGovern.



Congratulations to Brayden and Grace Koester on their Confirmation this last week at St. John's in Red Bud!



**Congratulations to
Camden Mudd on his
recent Confirmation at
St. John's in Red Bud!!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Sunday, May 21st 11am-? Hecker Volunteer Fire Dept BBQ, HCC Park
- Blood Drive May 23rd @ Hecker Community Center 1-5pm

REMINDERS

- Please turn-in any Kirchenfest Quilt slips!!!
- Please turn-in Graduate form Information due THIS WEEKEND!!
- The Picnic Committee is still very much in need of volunteers...in need of adult basket chair and margarita stand chair!! If interested, please contact Aaron Eckart.

Greetings to all,

Deacon Art Hampton informed me that our dear Bishop McGovern would appreciate our help in flooding His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory with anniversary or well wishes cards. Below is the note I received:

His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory: **Is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood on May 9th, 2023.** He was a previous bishop of this Diocese of Belleville and beloved by all. You can send him an Anniversary or Well Wishes card to the following address:

His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop of Washington
P.O. Box 29260
Washington, D.C. 20017-0260

Tell all your friends 😊

May you have a joyful day!
Maggie Burns
MEV-CCW President

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.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation

May 22–30 | Sign up: respectlife.org/visitation



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



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving". It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

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

Pledges to Date: 25

\$5,115.00.00

80% of our goal



Mothers' Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast "Do whatever He tells you". We pray for all our Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own "FIAT" – our surrendering to God's plan for us. ."



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



NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment News

There's still time to become a Gibault Hawk! We are accepting students for the Class of 2027 as well as transfer students for Fall 2023. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>. Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

Summer Golf Classic

Save the date for our Summer Golf Classic on June 16. Register your team or learn about sponsorship opportunities online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com.

Senior Art Show

View the Class of 2023's exhibits before & after the following events: Awards Night - May 18 at 7p.m. and Graduation - May 22 at 7p.m.

Summer Camps

Register your student for our summer camps! Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, and Girls' Volleyball camp registration forms are available at <https://gibaulthawks.com/summer-camps-2023/>

We're #gibaultproud of: **Abby Grohmann (St. Augustine Parish – Hecker)** who was the recipient of this year's Bishop's Discipleship Award.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*

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Join us for our annual
**SS Peter & Paul
Parish Picnic**
JUNE 9 & 10

204 W Mill Street | Waterloo

Friday 4 PM

**Fish fry, Burgers,
Hot Dogs & Brats**

Saturday 4 PM

**Chicken Dinner, Burgers,
Hot Dogs & Brats**

Friday 7 PM

Nighthawk DJ

Saturday 5: 45 & 7 PM

**Jody's Singers
Bryan Toben Band**

HANDMADE QUILT & CASH BINGO

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 7:30 PM

SPPCS GYM

HECKER FIRE DEPARTMENT

invites everyone to the annual BBQ!

May 21st, 2023

starting at 11am - ?

~Pork steaks ~chicken
~brats ~sides

Plenty of cold beverages

Monroe County Sheriff's Dept
K9 Demo time to be determined

ARCH

Helicopter
for viewing
(weather permitting)

Tractor Show

Pedal Pull
for kids *at 12:30pm*

HECKER
COMMUNITY
CENTER
(HCC) Pavilion

