

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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

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THEME FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 5-21 | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish of St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 5-22 | 8:30 am – Don Braun, Dennis Holle and Wylma Wachtel |
| Fri. 5-27 | 8:00 am – Esther Eckart; Bonnie Casey; and
Fr. Vincent Haselhorst |
| Sat. 5-28 | 5:00 pm – For All Graduates and Veterans of
St. Augustine's Parish |
| Sun. 5-28 | 8:30 am – For All Graduates and Veterans of
St. Augustine's Parish |



**Please don't forget to make your
RSVP's for Fr. Linus's 25th
Breakfast...forms were in last
week's bulletin. The date is Sunday,
July 3rd & the cost is \$10 per person.
Reservations are needed by
June 20th!!!**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 5-15-2022

Sunday Envelopes (45) - \$1,357.00

Loose – \$104.00 Youth (2) - \$9.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,918.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2021)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 28th; 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Ruth Wittenauer

Camera:

Sunday, May 29th; 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Lector: May Stellhorn

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Elaine Rader

Camera: Mike Karban

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Bill Cowell, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Penny Hofstetter, Michelle Knefelkamp, Walter Krysnoski, Zach Wheat, Bruce Vierheller, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Gary Wittenauer, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, John Link, and Damon Stapleton.

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 Dave Bruss, parishioner of St. Augustine's and former employee of the Parish, who died on Thursday, May 12th, 2022. Please remember him and his family, especially his wife Barb, in your prayers. May his soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

PRAY FOR Fr. Elmar Mauer, OMI, who died on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at the age of 87. Fr. Mauer's Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, May 24th, at the Shrine. Fr. Elmar celebrated Mass here at St. Augustine's several times over the years. 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

At his first Mass, the new priest had a pitcher of water and a glass on the pulpit. As he preached, he drank until the pitcher was completely empty. On the way out, someone asked one older parishioner what she thought of the new pastor. "He's great," she said with a smile. "But he's the first windmill I ever saw that ran on water."

Conflict and crisis are two words with which the world is too familiar. If it is not a conflict between nations, it is a conflict between members of the same family. Conflict is often a result of a misunderstanding, misinformation, or disinformation. However, conflict can lead to renewal. The early Church navigated through some turbulence which resulted in the growth of the Church. The crisis became more evident as the Apostles tested the Christian message outside the Jewish culture.

In the first reading this weekend, "Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Paul, who was sensitive to the culture of the Gentiles, did not entirely agree with this idea. His determination to evangelize the Gentile culture led him to argue for a culture-neutral Christian discipline. At this time, Christianity was perceived as an internal Jewish renewal movement, and the Jewish Christians continued to observe the religious practices of their Jewish culture. For example, circumcision, Sabbath fellowship, customary purification, etc. Unfortunately, some of these practices became criteria for Christian membership. Two main factors brought this issue to a crisis point. 1) Paul allowed his Gentile convert to be free from the Jewish religious practices, and this "dispensation" seemed to have brought a lot of Gentiles to the faith. 2) Some conservative Jewish believers feared that Paul presented a "watered-down" Christianity to the Gentiles. Hence, the Gentiles were dangerously taking over the Christian faith they knew very little about. This divide provoked division among the early Apostles, the first bearers of Christ's message. Therefore, they sent some men to Jerusalem to clarify this matter.

The decision of the elders not to burden the Gentile convert with the Jewish religious practices brought renewal to the early Church.

But above all, it opened up Christianity to other cultures. Thus, in Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek.

But what must we do to be saved? Nicodemus posed this question to Jesus earlier, and people still ask it today. To be saved, we must first believe in God, love Him, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Love and faith are the essential ingredients in living the Christian message. The change in requirement for Christian membership or way of worship does not diminish the effect of our religious worship. Besides, the spirit continues to give life to the Church even in the least of all cultures.

THANK YOU...

To all who contributed to the collection during the month of April to benefit Ukraine. A check in the amount of \$1,185 has been sent to the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) who will forward to the proper place in Ukraine. Thank you very much for your generosity!!!!

St. Augustine All-Class Reunion: While it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to support a school. With that in mind, we would like to invite members of the community to our Reunion on **June 26, 2022**. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon at the Hecker Community Center. If you are interested in attending (you do not have to be an alumni), please send a check to John Kaiser, 2505 Kaiser Road, New Athens, IL 62264. The price is \$20 per person. Please include your name and the number of reservations. **The deadline for accepting reservations is June 1, 2022.**

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.



GRADUATION INFORMATION

If you have a graduate in your family, please return the completed graduation information form -- as soon as possible -- or you may call the Parish Office at 473-2217 on Mondays & Thursdays and submit the information over the phone. The form was included on our website. This information will be included in a special bulletin insert and all graduates will be recognized during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 29th, 2022.

IF YOU FORGOT YOUR FORM...CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP TO HAVE IT INCLUDED!

JOB OPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE...

- Several openings in the Diocesan Officers – see details posted on the bulletin board.
- Accounting/Bookkeeper – part-time for S. Vincent de Paul, see details posted on the bulletin board.

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.
- St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. \$40 each; Limited tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- Immaculate Conception, Columbia – Raffle to be drawn May 5th – Quilt, Afghan, Gas Card, & Basket Raffle; Limited number of tickets available in St. Augustine's Parish Office.

Now until June 5th at 5pm – Online Quilt Auction; St. Patrick's Ruma; Auctioning a handmade quilt (84x103) to the highest bidder; post your bid in the comment section on Facebook; go to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ruma, IL or private message on Facebook Messenger or call the Parish Office at 618/282-3176 to place a bid. **BIDDING ENDS AT 5PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH.**

June 7th – Noon Luncheon at St. Luke's Belleville; \$10; Cards & Bingo.

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 Helmet; Buy online at cardinalsraffle.com.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“The tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* has allowed for the destruction of millions of innocent lives through legalized abortion. The Supreme Court is now in the process of deciding a case that has the potential to weaken, or even overturn, *Roe v. Wade*. As the Court prepares to release its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, Christians across the country are uniting in prayer for this important case. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. May we commit ourselves to urgent prayer and fasting, that the Court may act to uphold the dignity of unborn human life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Prayer Guide

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join us in praying A Novena for Life in honor of this special feast day. Sign up at respectlife.org/visitation. The novena begins May 22nd.

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>.

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or (314) 283-0044 for details.

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

On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2022, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes.

-Bishop Michael McGovern and
Agencies and Ministries Supported by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Our goal is 166 pledges for a total of \$6,580.

Pledges to Date: 24

\$4,255.00

65% of our goal

“As a teenager, I struggled to find my identity and purpose. I had a loving family and great friends, and I was a motivated student, yet I felt lost and empty. I had this gnawing desire to be whole. Everything changed when I encountered the Lord at a confirmation retreat. He spoke to my deepest desires, and for the first time, I felt at home with myself and the world. At the foot of the cross, I discovered that I am loved and known from all eternity. That same gaze of Christ crucified now calls me to respond to his love with love through the path of the holy cross.” *Sr. Viet Oanh Nguyen; Lovers of the Holy Cross; Columbia Magazine, December 2020*



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 vocations. Our club meets every First 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 call Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244).
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Congrats! Congratulations to of the Gibault Catholic High School Class of 2022! We will miss these Hawks, but we can't wait to see them fly!

Enrolling for 2022-2023 -- There's still time to become a Hawk! We are accepting applications for incoming freshmen and transfer students. If you'd like to visit Gibault, we offer Private Tours all summer long. See how you can "Find your home at Gibault!" Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for more information!

Summer Camps -- Keep your kids busy at our 2022 Summer Camps!

Download registration forms at: <https://gibalthawks.com/summer-camps-2022/>

Summer Classic -- Be part of our 2022 Summer Classic on Friday, June 17.

Register your team and learn about sponsorship opportunities online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibalthawks.com.

Whole Hog Raffle -- Fill your freezer just in time for summer grilling! This prize package includes a whole hog and processing. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic or by contacting Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibalthawks.com. Drawing will be held on June 17; winner need not be present to win.

Trivia Night -- Future Hawks! You're invited to a Junior High Trivia Night -- June 3, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Gibault. All incoming 6-8 graders are invited. You can bring a team of up to 6 students or we will combine students to make a team. Snacks and drinks provided! RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/gchstrivia>

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.educatius@gmail.com.

We're #gibaultproud of: The Class of 2022 Valedictorians - **Faith Miskell (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)**, **Noah Newton (Immaculate Conception Parish)**, and **Jacob Whitworth (Immaculate Conception Parish)**; Salutatorians - **Elayna Hermanns (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** and **Evan Muehlher (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)**; **Jude Green (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight; and **Emma Schmidt (Immaculate Conception Parish)** who was named *The Republic Times'* Athlete of the Week!



SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 10TH AND 11TH 4:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC

Friday 7:00 pm

Op All Night

Saturday 7:30 pm

Trixie Delight

COLD BEVERAGES

GREAT FOOD

Friday - Fish Fry

Saturday- Fried

Chicken Dinner,

BBQ and more!

FUN AND GAMES

Quilt & Cash Bingo
starting at 7:30 PM

Poker Stand

Raffles

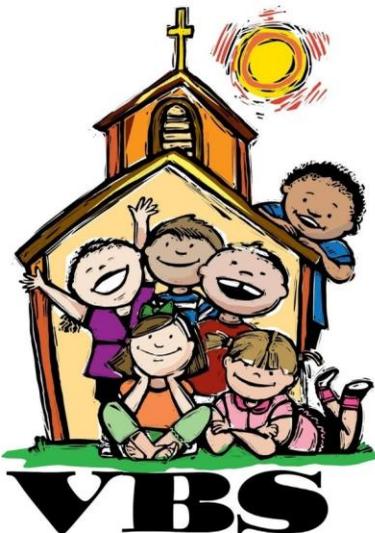
Kids Games

and more!

Saturday Mass
at 4:00 pm

204 W. Mill Street
Waterloo, IL
618-939-6426

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



Vacation Bible School June 20-24

An engaging & faith-centered
week for students
3 years old (must be potty trained)
through entering 5th grade.

Held at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic
School, Waterloo

We are looking for
volunteers to help with a
multitude of tasks. Please
look-over the listed tasks and
join us in making VBS a
success. For more
information please contact
Catherine at the parish office,
939-6426 ext. 15 or
cburkart@ssppcc.org

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Excerpted from *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* approved November 2021, USCCB & included in this & following bulletins)

A) *The Sacrifice of Christ*

10. To begin to comprehend the tremendous gift offered by Christ through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, that gift that is made present to us in the Eucharist, we must first realize how truly profound is our alienation from the Source of all life as a result of sin. We have abundant experience of evil, yet so many of us deny the cause of much of that evil—our own selfishness, our own sins. As St. John wrote in his first letter, *if we say, “we are without sin,” we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us* (1 Jn 1:8).

11. Sin is an offense against God, a failure to love God and our neighbor that wounds our nature and injures human solidarity. The capabilities, talents, and gifts we have received from God are meant to be used for good—not the false and illusory good that we in our self-centered desire create for ourselves, but the true good that glorifies the Father of goodness and is directed for the good of others and, in the end, is also good for us. When we misuse the gifts of creation, when we selfishly focus on ourselves, we choose the path of vice rather than the way of virtue. This self-centeredness is an inheritance of the Fall of our first parents. Without the grace of Christ received at Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished by the Eucharist, this selfishness dominates us.

12. In Christ, however, what was lost by sin has been restored and renewed even more wondrously by grace.¹² Jesus, the *new Adam*,¹³ “was crucified under Pontius Pilate,” offering himself up as a sacrifice so that we may receive the inheritance that was lost by sin. By freely offering his life on the cross, Christ allows us to *become the children of God* (Jn 1:12) and to inherit the Kingdom of God.¹⁴ St. Peter reminds us, *Christ himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed* (1 Pt 2:24).

13. At the Last Supper, celebrating the Passover, Jesus makes explicit that his impending death, freely embraced out of love, is sacrificial: *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins”* (Mt 26:27-28). In the words and gestures of the Last Supper, Jesus makes it clear that out of love for us he is freely offering his life for the forgiveness of our sins. In doing so, he is both the priest offering a sacrifice and the victim being offered. As priest, Jesus is offering a sacrifice to God the Father, an offering prefigured by the offering of bread and wine by Melchizedek, Priest of God Most High (Gen 14:18; see Ps 110:4; Heb 5-7 *passim*). Anticipating his Passion in the institution of the Eucharist, Christ has indicated the forms under which his self-offering would be sacramentally present to us until the end of time.