

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

HECKER, ILLINOIS 62248

REV. LINUS UMOREN, ADMINISTRATOR

PARISH OFFICE 473-2217 FAX 473-9141

E-MAIL ADDRESS: staug@htc.net

PARISH WEBSITE: <https://www.staugustineofcanterburyhecker.com>

**To contact Father Linus Umoren, CM; when not in Parish Office,
Cell #618/666-2217**

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

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.

VOL. 58 NO. 22– May 28TH, 2023

THEME FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: PENTECOST SUNDAY...All of us have been baptized into one and the same spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, our comfort and refreshment, was given as gifts to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

MASS INTENTIONS:

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| Sat. 5-27 | 5:00 pm – For All Graduates and Veterans in the Parish |
| Sun. 5-28 | 8:30 am – For All Graduates and Veterans in the Parish |
| Fri. 6/2 | 8:00 am –Esther Eckart, Verena Kreher, and Bonnie Casey |
| Sat. 6/3 | 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 6/4 | 8:30 am –Don Braun, Lawrence & Arline Klinkhardt |



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 5-21-2023

Envelopes (29)- \$1,232.00

Loose- \$232.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-\$1,000.00

Scholarship Fund - \$2,406.50

(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 3rd, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister of Wine:

Camera:

Sunday, June 4th, 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Lector: Betty Schreder

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister:

Extraordinary Minister of Wine: John Kaiser

Camera: Mike Karban

Prayer List Guidelines: All prayer requests will remain on our prayer list for three months. If at the end of three months, you would still like to have someone prayed for, please contact the parish office to have the name added back to the list. If someone can be removed prior to the three months, please call the office. We would love to keep this list as up to date as possible. Thank you!

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, 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.



**Anointing of the Sick
will be next weekend
following both Masses**



PRAY FOR Jerry Mollet, husband of Diane Mollet, who died and was buried this past week. 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 Pentecost Sunday

Four monks are being chased by a hungry Lion. As they run, they cry out to God yelling, "PLEASE LORD! CONVERT THIS LION TO BE A CHRISTIAN LION!" They run until they reach a dead end. The hungry lion approaches slowly, as they cry out louder: "PLEASE LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND CONVERT HIM!" The lion stops walking, and the monks praise God believing that He answered their prayer. Suddenly the lion kneels down, puts his paws together and says: "Bless us, O Lord, and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive through thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord, Amen."

Pentecost derives its origin from the Greek word Pentēkostē meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Ex 34:22), celebrated 50 days after the Passover (Deut 16:10), marking the wheat harvest's end. After the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, the feast of Pentecost was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate God's covenant through the law given at Sinai. The Jews believed that God gave the ten commandments to Moses 50 days after the Passover. Consequently, they observed Pentecost day as a national holiday that brought everyone from all parts of the world together to offer sacrifices and give thanks to God for all His blessings.

Thus, the first reading this weekend narrates the experience of the early Christians in the context of the Pentecost celebration. They were overwhelmed by their experience of the Holy Spirit which came in the form of wind, tongues of fire, and in the gift of new languages. In the Christian tradition, the Pentecost event is the fulfillment of the promise of Christ to send the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. It also indicates the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church's mission to all nations.

In the gospel reading this weekend, Jesus appears to his disciples. He greets them with peace, breathes the spirit on them and gives them the mandate for the ministry of forgiveness. However, it is significant that Jesus does not primarily send them out to preach or heal or to teach. Rather, He sends them out to forgive. Moreover, Jesus understands that forgiveness is made possible by the power of the Holy spirit. It is the Holy spirit that teaches love, renews love and restores all brokenness. There is one more thing that Pentecost teaches us. God is still present, speaking, sending out disciples to make a difference, and calling people from different tongues, races, and cultures to be part of his mission.

The Holy Spirit is full of surprises, as is Jesus Christ. When the disciples of Jesus were locked in the room for fear of the Jews, He surprised them. He broke through their closed doors and shattered their fear and doubts. Yes! the Holy Spirit is full of surprises. Although relativism, secularism and affluence have tried to subdue the presence of God in our world, the Spirit still breaks in. Events have shown us that in our worst moments, the Spirit of God breaks through and restores hope. This is evident among men and women who still stand to support life and reject the culture of killing, whether through abortion or mass shooting. For example, the first responders damn every consequence and go out of their way to respond to a distress call even in dangerous neighborhood; we see it among physicians and researchers who work so hard to uphold God's option for life. The Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and from this the age of the Church began.



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am inviting the faithful in our area to gather for Mass on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 31, at 6:00pm at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon. The Visitation celebrates the meeting of the Blessed Mother with her cousin St. Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56). This beautiful encounter of two women, each expecting a child, moves us to marvel with them at the gracious goodness of God who is the Author of all life.

In this time when the sanctity of human life is often disregarded, it is important for us to pray together for an increase in respect for human life at all of its stages, with all of its vulnerabilities. Relying on the power of God, we affirm that every human life should be cherished and respected from conception until natural death; hospitals and healthcare agencies should remain committed to preserving life, not ending it; and that the consciences of healthcare workers should be respected and protected so that they are never coerced into actions that violate their spiritual core.

Please join with me at St. Clare on May 31 at 6:00pm. May Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life give us the strength we need to share the Gospel of Life with our families, friends and neighbors.

In Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern
Diocese of Belleville



Mass for Life honoring the Feast of the Visitation

Wednesday, May 31 at 6:00 pm

St. Clare of Assisi Parish in O'Fallon

Bishop Michael McGovern, Celebrant

Rosary procession following Mass.



Memorial Day

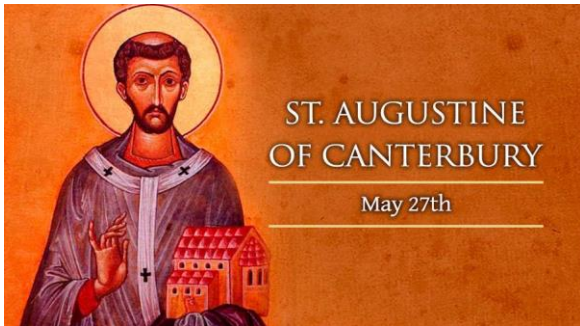
Mt. Carmel Cemetery will be celebrating our annual Memorial Day “Rose” Mass at 10101 West Main St, Belleville at the outdoor altar area on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 9 am. Holy Cross Cemetery at 9409 Holy Cross Road, Fairview Heights, will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. You may pre-purchase a rose for your loved one to be placed on the altar by coming in to the office at Mt. Carmel or mailing in a payment.



Memorial Day May 29

Join us for Mass at SSPPCC’s OLD Cemetery at 9 a.m. (Please bring your lawn chairs.)

Please Note: If inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated at SSPPCC at 8 a.m.



Please join us for a social gathering in the Parish Center following both Masses this weekend for the celebration of the Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Feast of St. Augustine Celebration following both Masses
- Memorial Day Service Monday, May 29th 9am- Ss Peter and Paul Cemetery
- Deadline to sign up for the Annual Hecker Village Yard Sale is May 26th if you want to be added to the sales map! See flyer in your last water bill.

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



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

**USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”
© 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.**

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

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.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15
Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$6,403.00***

On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2023, 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***

Pledges to Date: 25

\$5,115.00.00

80% of our goal



Pentecost!! What a celebration! The Lord sends us the Holy Spirit to guide us on our way after redeeming us from our sins. The Apostles were imbued with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in many tongues so everyone understood as in contrast to the story of the Tower of Babel. May we be blessed with the right words as we talk with our youth about the possibility of choosing a religious vocation – priest, sister, or a brother.

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





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

There are still spots open to play in our Summer Golf Classic on June 16! Not a golfer? You can show your support by taking part in one of this year's raffles. (Winner need not be present to win.) Raffles include a Solo Stove, Set of 6 Cardinals tickets in Section 132, whole hog with processing, or a Fore Gift Card package (\$100 gift card from each of the following: Annbriar Golf, Schubert's Smokehouse, Schneider's Quality Meats, and Dick's Sporting Goods.)

Register your team or purchase raffle tickets online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com.

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: The Gibault Catholic Class of 2023!



St. Luke Sodality
June 6, 2023
Lunch & Card Party

From: Mary Wescovich, Sodality President
Home phone: 618-558-2192
Church rectory: 618-236-1124

Event: Lunch & Card Party and BINGO

Sponsored by: St. Luke Perpetual Help Sodality

Time of event: Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon,
Event Ends-3pm

Place of event: St. Luke's Parish Hall
226 N. Church St., Belleville, IL 62220

Cost of event: \$10.00

Reservation: None required

Special features: Cards, BINGO, or any game you choose with prizes

Menu: Pulled Pork & Bun, Coleslaw, Corn Chips, Dill Pickle,
Cake, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water.

Please bring canned items for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

13 DAYS: DECEMBER 1 to 13, 2024

Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster,
Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck

SAVE THE
DATES!



PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Caesarea Maritima
- ❖ Nazareth - site of the Annunciation
- ❖ Cana - blessing of marriage vows
- ❖ Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- ❖ Capernaum, Peter's Primacy, Mount of Beatitudes
- ❖ Sepphoris and Shefa-Amr
- ❖ Mount Tabor, Jordan River, Jericho
- ❖ Beit Sahour, Shepherds' Field, Bethlehem - Church of the Nativity
- ❖ Ein Karem, Church of Visitation
- ❖ Mount of Olives & Garden of Gethsemane
- ❖ Mount Zion & the Upper Room
- ❖ Jerusalem - Via Dolorosa, Church of Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, Israel Museum
- ❖ Masada, Qumran, the Dead Sea
- ❖ Plus much, much, more!



Pricing, Itinerary, and Registration available after March 15, 2024

To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive the brochure PDF, please send your email address to:

Cheryl Sommer, CRS Diocesan Animator

crsdiobelle@gmail.com

Travel arrangements by:



Annual Picnic and Homecoming

Saturday, July 1, 2023

St. Michael's Paderborn, IL

**“All You Can Eat” Fried Chicken Dinner
Serving from 3-7pm in our air-conditioned Hall**

**“Hand-Stitched” Quilt/CASH Bingo
6pm-???**

**(In case of inclement weather,
play will move into the air-conditioned Hall at 8pm)**

Masses

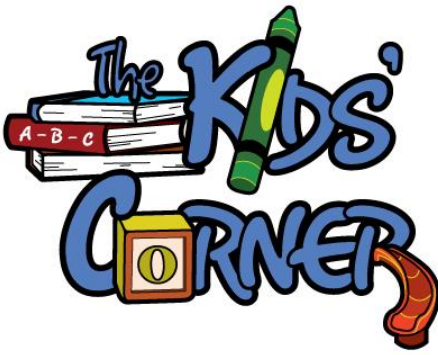
3:30 and 5:00PM

*** * * R A F F L E P R I Z E S * * ***

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) \$500 Cash | 5) Samsung Chromebook |
| 2) Hand Stitched Quilt | 6) Onn 32" Smart TV |
| 3) Chefman Air Fryer & Oven | 7) Eufy G32 Pro Robot Vacuum |
| 4) Pressure Washer & Wet Dry Vac | 8) \$100 Cash |

Paderborn is located:

**3 miles off Route 159 / 4 miles South of Smithton, IL
3 miles North of Hecker, IL / 8 miles South of Millstadt, IL
On Floraville Road . . . *(watch for the signs)***



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with
your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into
the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education to
use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of
life even when faced with challenges and
difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they
grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your
beloved Son. Amen.

