

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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

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**THEME FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Ascension):** Stephen, the first martyr of the infant Church, washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and the Omega. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth. In him may become one.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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| Sat. 5-28 | 5:00 pm – For All Graduates and Veterans of<br>St. Augustine's Parish |
| Sun. 5-28 | 8:30 am – For All Graduates and Veterans of<br>St. Augustine's Parish |
| Fri. 6-3  | 8:00 am – Joe Jung, Don Haudrich & Verena Kreher                      |
| Sat. 6-4  | 5:00 pm – For Our Parish at St. Augustine's                           |
| Sun. 6-5  | 8:30 am – Dave Bruss, Esther Eckart, & Norbert Wittenauer             |



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 5-22-2022**

Sunday Envelopes (32) - \$1,790.00

Loose – \$246.00      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, June 4<sup>th</sup>; 5pm**

**Set Up:** Cindy Grohmann

**Lector:** Cindy Grohmann

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Alice Kuehn

**Camera:**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>; 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Donna Rheinecker

**Lector:** Betty Schreder

**Servers:**

**Extraordinary Minister:** Donna Rheinecker

**Camera:**



**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 Knepelkamp, 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.*



**Please don't forget to make your RSVP's for Fr. Linus's  
25<sup>th</sup> Breakfast.**

**The date is Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & the cost is \$10 per person.**

**Reservations are needed by June 20<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**Extra forms may be found on the radiators at the side  
door and at the back of church.**

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

Starting the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>; and continuing the first weekend of each month, we will have an "Anointing of the Sick" following the Masses.

Anyone who would like to receive this is welcome to do so on the first weekend of each month beginning in June.

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.**

## **Reflection for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension)**

*God calls from the heavens, "it is time." But Jesus and his friends can't hear over all the partying. On day 39, the same thing. "Son, come sit by my right hand in heaven. Still nothing. On the 40th day, God hears that the music is booming and knows they will likely ignore him again. So he grabs a very loud megaphone and yells, "May I have your ascension please! May I have your ascension please."*

The ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after the resurrection of Christ. Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day, we shall be where Christ is. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), "...Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever" (CCC 665-667).

The Biblical accounts of the ascension focus not so much on the event's details as on the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. One would notice, for example, that Luke places the location of the ascension in Jerusalem while Mathew and Mark say that it took place in Galilee. However, what is essential in this narrative is the substance that the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven, and his disciples witnessed it.

This weekend, the first reading recounts the last moments of Christ with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Luke is interested in indicating that the earthly presence of Jesus came to an end at a specific time. Consequently, before He departed, Jesus gave the divine instruction to the apostles, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised." The apostles were to be faithful and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in proclaiming and witnessing these things.

Jesus knew that his apostles needed help to succeed. He knew how the human heart could be delicate and forgetful. So, Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable them to carry out his instructions. The mission that Jesus entrusted to the apostles two thousand years ago is the same mission he entrusts to us when we are baptized. To be a Christian is to be an evangelizer. Thus, Pope Francis exhorts in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients... Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love" (E.G, 120).

Bishop Michael McGovern has called The Reverend Mr. Thomas Richard Lugge to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The ordination liturgy will take place on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:30 AM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

In the days ahead, please pray for Deacon Lugge, soon to be Father Thomas Lugge, by the Grace of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Please also continue to pray that young men and women from our parishes will hear and answer God's call to vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

### **XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**

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*Thank you to everyone who participated in the photography sessions last week. As you may know or heard...the sessions scheduled for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> were canceled at the last minute by the studio. The make-up date is Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Those who were scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> were automatically put on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> calendar. I was able to reschedule a few and others are not able to make that date, so I will have a few openings on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO MAKE OUR DATES OR YOU CANNOT MAKE THE JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> DATE...YOU MAY SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT SS PETER & PAUL, WATERLOO, WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR DATES LATER THIS SUMMER! Your photo will still be included in our directory!**

**Ss. Peter & Paul dates are: June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and July 12-16<sup>th</sup>. The times are 2-8:30pm every day except the two Saturdays and those times are 10am-4:30pm.**

**You must call Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office at 618/939-6426 to make your appointment. You MUST tell them you are from St. Augustine's and that your code is il203. When you go for your actual photo session, be sure to repeat that information with the code il203 to the hostess & the photographer!**



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid”  
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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](https://respectlife.org/visitation). The novena begins May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto: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: 25**

**\$4,305.00**

**66% of our goal**

The One, who sacrificed His all for us, returns to His Father in heaven. Also this weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself, as Christ did, is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much 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 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!**

## **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.
- Part-time at Hincke Home for Retired Priests, 5-10pm to help cooks clean up after dinner; make rounds in the building, assist Priests if needed.

## **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.

**Now until June 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

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

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – Picnic Style Quilt Bingo; St. John's Red Bud Parish Ctr; Opens 11am; Lunch starts 11am; Bingo 1pm; 50/50; Quilt at the Door Raffle; for more info call 618/282-3222.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Winner receives 4 tickets to Cards vs Phillies on 7/9/22 on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://cardinalsraffle.com).

## **100 YEAR CELEBRATION \* 1922-2022**

**Perpetual Help Triduum – St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church**

**1118 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106**

**June 21-23, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

**Mass, Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>; 10am – Guest Presider & Preacher,  
Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Baltimore  
Livestreamed on YouTube – [stalphonsusliguorirockchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstalphonsusliguorirockchurch)  
For more details visit [stalphonsusrock.org](http://stalphonsusrock.org)**

# SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 10TH AND 11TH 4:00 PM

## LIVE MUSIC

Friday 7:00 pm

*Up 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



## 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@sspcc.org



## 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

# 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)

14. Why is it so important that we understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice? It is because all that Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including his sacrificial Death and Resurrection. Christ's sacrifice of himself to the Father was efficacious and salvific because of the supreme love with which he shed his blood, the price of our salvation, and offered himself to the Father on our behalf. His blood, shed for us, is the eternal sign of that love. As a memorial the Eucharist is not another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ by which we are reconciled to the Father. It is the way by which we are drawn into Jesus' perfect offering of love, so that his sacrifice becomes the sacrifice of the Church. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote,

The remembrance of his perfect gift consists not in the mere repetition of the Last Supper, but in the Eucharist itself, that is, in the radical newness of Christian worship. In this way, Jesus left us the task of entering into his "hour." "The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate *Logos*, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving."

15. The Eucharist is a sacrificial meal, "the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood."<sup>19</sup> Its fundamental pattern is found in the Jewish celebration of the Passover, which involves *both* a meal *and* a sacrifice. The Passover meal is celebrated in remembrance of the Exodus, when the Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb to the Lord and to mark the doorposts of their houses with the blood, so that the angel of death would pass over their houses and leave the Israelites unharmed. This marked a people set apart and chosen by God as his special possession.

Each family was then to eat the lamb with unleavened bread as a reminder of the haste with which the Israelites had to prepare for their departure from Egypt and with bitter herbs as a reminder of their deliverance from slavery. At the Last Supper, Jesus reveals himself to be the Paschal Lamb ("Behold the Lamb of God") whose sacrifice brings liberation from slavery to sin and whose blood marks out a new people belonging to God. All the sacrifices in the Old Testament prefigure and find their fulfillment in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

16. The saving work of Jesus Christ, which has brought to fulfillment what was announced in figure in the Passover, is now re-presented in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior."<sup>20</sup> As Pope St. John Paul II taught: "The Church constantly draws her life from [this] redeeming sacrifice; she approaches it not only through faith-filled remembrance, but also through a real contact, since *this sacrifice is made present ever anew*, sacramentally perpetuated, in every community which offers it at the hands of the consecrated minister."