

**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**

**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 MOST HOLY TRINITY:** The Lord God is one, there is no other. We have been chosen as his own, and, through the Spirit, are able to call God *Abba*. Through baptism all nations are called to share in the life of the Son and acknowledge the triune God.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat. 5-29	5:00 pm – John Rheinecker, Don Braun & Jerry Reinhold
Sun. 5-30	8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sat. 6-5	5:00 pm – Fran Rendleman; Noel & Agnes Roscow; and For All Graduates
Sun. 6-6	8:30 am -- -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net)  
THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES.  
THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

**PARISH COUNT: 106**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 5-23-21**

Sunday Envelopes (78) - \$2,645.00

Loose – \$37.00 Youth (2) - \$7.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,055.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)*

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>; 5pm**

**Set Up:** Kevin Schreder  
**Ushers:** Annette Schreder  
**Greeters:** Sr. Angela  
**Lector:** Kevin Schreder  
**Sanitizers:** Sr. Angela & Joan Powell  
**Camera:** Joan Powell

**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>; 8:30am**

**Set Up:** Margie Holle  
**Ushers:** Jonella Donius  
**Greeters:** Mike & Jonella Donius  
**Lector:** Jonella Donius  
**Sanitizers:** Grohmanns  
**Camera:** Drew Donius

### **Please pray for the following:**



Darlene Frisch, Ellen Daniels, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Carol Grohmann, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Lisa Davenport, Penny Hofstetter, Arline Wittenauer, Paden Schultz, Michelle Knefelkamp, and Donna Kaiser.

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.*

### **GRADUATION INFORMATION**

**LAST CALL FOR GRADUATION INFORMATION...NOTIFY PARISH OFFICE ASAP IF YOU HAVE A GRADUATE FROM PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, GRADE, HIGH, COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL!**

This information will be included in a special bulletin insert and all graduates will be recognized **during the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**



**HAVE A SAFE  
AND  
ENJOYABLE**

# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

## **Reflection for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**

The mystery of the Holy Trinity, which we celebrate this weekend, is a doctrine articulated by the ecumenical council of Nicaea in 325. The belief in the Holy Trinity is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and, more so, the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that Three Divine Persons are sharing the same Divine nature in one God. “There is one God, who has three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God” (CCC #234, #253-256). The feast leads us to the understanding of the true nature of God.

Although the term “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, there are specific references to the actions of the Trinitarian God in the New Testament. The great commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19); the apostolic greeting formula: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:13) are some indications to the biblical foundation for the doctrine of the Trinity. Thus, the doctrine underlies all major Christian feasts, including Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension, and Pentecost. We are all baptized, absolved of our sins, and anointed in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

The history of God’s people reveals a God who desires to enter an intimate relationship with his people, a God who comes into their account not just as a transcendent being but always present in the world. We know that God creates because we are part of the mystery of creation. We know that He saves because we have experienced the salvific work of God in Jesus Christ. Our faith in the Trinitarian God is an invitation to experience God in His distinct self-expression. The God of history who has revealed himself to communities and individuals through the ages in different ways continues to act here and now as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Jesus teaches about the nature of God in his willingness to forgive us, adopts us, and empowers us with the Holy Spirit. Most of what we know about God’s life is what we see in Jesus Christ. In Him, God is Our Father, who art in Heaven. The Trinity then expresses the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and by extension, with all adopted sons and daughters of God.



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**Respect Life Corner**—“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” In the Gospel of Mark 28:16-20, Christ meets the eleven disciples at a mountain in Galilee and gives them their marching orders. Baptize, teach, and support the people you evangelize, so they too can make it to the next level of their faith journey. This is the only account of the Risen Christ’s commission of the eleven to go out and make disciples of all nations. All baptisms and education must be done in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus ends the Gospel with His promise and assurance that HE is with us always...no matter what. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**—We are called to awaken, empower and equip the hearts of the Church today. There are many faith-awakening missions seeking to empower a young generation to live a purpose-filled life and a faith that is **deep, contagious, and joy-filled**. More young people are excited about the possibility of partnering with our Church’s universal call to mission as they share with others the call He has placed upon their hearts. Two organizations that bring the heart of Christ to young people are: Focus Missionaries on college campuses and Damascus Catholic Mission Campus for teenagers. One missionary works with 10,000 young hearts! Pope Francis invites us to go out and share our testimony, to interact with our brothers and sisters and to become the Word in body and spirit. These young people are striving to do just that!

## DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! While we have been home under our stay at home orders, Planned Parenthood has continued 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>.



# PRAY FOR...

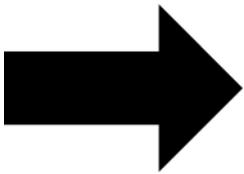
Please pray for our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

Those being confirmed at Ss. Peter & Paul on June 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> are: Ryan Biffar; Andrew Donius; and Ashley Murphy.



**The Village of Hecker's 125<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration has been rescheduled for  
Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Parade at 4pm  
Picnic at 5pm**

**Hecker Fire Dept. Muster  
Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Noon at Back Street Wine & Dine**



**The All Class School Reunion has been  
rescheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Details to follow after the first of 2022.**

# THANK YOU...

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me, sent cards & called to check on me when I was hospitalized and recovering. Your concerns are much appreciated.

Signed: Ruth Wittenauer

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021**  
**Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12**

**Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$5,630.00.**

**Pledges to Date: 24**

**\$4,655.00**

**83% of our goal**

***A Message on Behalf of Mount Carmel and Holy Cross Cemeteries***

*The historical and beautiful Catholic cemeteries of Mount Carmel in Belleville and Holy Cross in Fairview Heights are offering a 25% discount on pre-need grave and crypt sales during May and June. It shows prudent and practical foresight to pre-plan your burial arrangements, especially now with very affordable payment terms. Contact our Catholic cemeteries office staff at 618-397-0181 for additional info or to set an appointment.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Catholic Urban Programs (CUP) is looking to fill several Front Desk Volunteer positions. If you are open to making a long-term weekly commitment to this ministry, please contact Jenn Lyke at 618.398.5616 or [jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org](mailto:jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org). Volunteer service will take place at "The HUB" location which is located at Highway 157 and Vieux Carre Drive in East St. Louis.

**Men's Blue Jeans and Casual Clothing/Accessories Needed**

The Belleville Council Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** in providing essentials to the poor they serve. At the present time there is a desperate need for gently-used **men's blue jeans and casual clothing and accessories: slacks, shirts, socks, belts and shoes.** Items can be dropped off at: SVDP Thrift Store; 3718 State Street, East St. Louis; M-F 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon or SVDP Office; 8800 West Main Street, Belleville (across from Blessed Sacrament Church); Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you have questions or need additional info, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Guild Center**  
**In Search of St. Paul Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.**  
**Saturdays, June 12, July 10 and August 21, 10 am - Noon**

It's not a certainty that all the letters bearing Paul's name were actually written by him. There are historical, literary and theological indicators that distinguish Paul's genuine letters from the others. In this series we will look at three distinct phases or "faces" of the message of Paul, as we attempt to arrive at the message of the "real" Paul. In so doing we will see the consistencies between "real" Paul and the message of Jesus.

Cost: \$30 for series; \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/scripture-study-mark-etling/>



This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself 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 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. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244).  
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

## **VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA**

- St. Anthony, Lively Grove – August 2020 thru July 2021. \$40 per ticket; Contact Cheryl Hentges, [clhentges@yahoo.com](mailto:clhentges@yahoo.com) or 618/824-6637.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2021. \$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 2021. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius, St. Libory – March 2021 thru February 2022. \$40 per ticket. Contact Vicki Knepper 618/960-8420.

**SPPCS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (picture below)**

Congratulations to our graduates for the class of 2021!

**SPPCS Kindergarten Graduation (picture below)**

Congratulations to our Kindergarteners!!!!

**SPPCS Registration is Open!**

Registration is open for the 2021 - 2022 school year. The links to registration for both our Early Learning Center and Kindergarten - 8th grade are on our website under Admissions. For current families if you are enrolling a new student, you will do that by following the link on our website that takes you to the family portal in Option C.



## SS PETER & PAUL PARISH, WATERLOO

### \*\* GOLD RUSH RAFFLE \*\*

The SS Peter & Paul Parish (Waterloo) GOLD RUSH raffle fundraiser started on May 1! Ticket sales are online by clicking on this link: <https://GoldRush2021.givesmart.com>.

There is also detailed information about the 9 drawings for \$1,000 or more. Tickets are \$100 each, and your tickets will be put back into each drawing. This means you can win more than once! The first 2 \$1,000 drawings will be on the Saturday of our Parish Picnic on June 12, 2021.

For more information, please contact Staci Wittenauer at [wittens@mac.com](mailto:wittens@mac.com) or 618.791.7131. Thank you for your support of our local parishes!

### Friday & Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic

#### Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

4pm -- Fish Fry, Hamburgers & BBQ

7:30pm – Quilt & Cash Bingo in Air Conditioned Gym

7pm – Music – DJ

#### Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

4pm – Mass

4-7pm – Sit Down Fried Chicken Dinner; Burgers & BBQ on parish grounds served all night

7:30pm – Quilt & Cash Bingo in Air Conditioned Gym

7:00 pm – Music – Trixie Delight

BIG Raffle Drawing; Gold Rush Early Bird Drawings

Save  
the  
Date

### NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

**Enrollment News** -- We're still enrolling the Class of 2025 and are accepting transfer students for the fall! For more information or to schedule a private tour, contact Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com).

**2021 Gibault Summer Golf Classic** -- We hope you will be part of our 2021 Gibault Summer Classic! This year's event will be held on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. For sponsorship information or player registration, visit [www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com](http://www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com)



***Over the next few bulletins, we will be including portions of the recent  
Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis...***

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

110. Indeed, “to claim economic freedom while real conditions bar many people from actual access to it, and while possibilities for employment continue to shrink, is to practice doublespeak”. [83] Words like freedom, democracy or fraternity prove meaningless, for the fact is that “only when our economic and social system no longer produces even a single victim, a single person cast aside, will we be able to celebrate the feast of universal fraternity”. [84] A truly human and fraternal society will be capable of ensuring in an efficient and stable way that each of its members is accompanied at every stage of life. Not only by providing for their basic needs, but by enabling them to give the best of themselves, even though their performance may be less than optimum, their pace slow or their efficiency limited.

111. The human person, with his or her inalienable rights, is by nature open to relationship. Implanted deep within us is the call to transcend ourselves through an encounter with others. For this reason, “care must be taken not to fall into certain errors which can arise from a misunderstanding of the concept of human rights and from its misuse. Today there is a tendency to claim ever broader individual – I am tempted to say individualistic – rights. Underlying this is a conception of the human person as detached from all social and anthropological contexts, as if the person was a “monad” (monas), increasingly unconcerned with others... Unless the rights of each individual are harmoniously ordered to the greater good, those rights will end up being considered limitless and consequently will become a source of conflicts and violence”. [85]

**PROMOTING THE MORAL GOOD**

112. Nor can we fail to mention that seeking and pursuing the good of others and of the entire human family also implies helping individuals and societies to mature in the moral values that foster integral human development. The New Testament describes one fruit of the Holy Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22) as *agathosyne*; the Greek word expresses attachment to the good, pursuit of the good. Even more, it suggests a striving for excellence and what is best for others, their growth in maturity and health, the cultivation of values and not simply material wellbeing. A similar expression exists in Latin: *benevolentia*. This is an attitude that “wills the good” of others; it bespeaks a yearning for goodness, an inclination towards all that “wills the good” of others; it bespeaks a yearning for goodness, an inclination towards all that is fine and excellent, a desire to fill the lives of others with what is beautiful, sublime and edifying.

113. Here, regrettably, I feel bound to reiterate that “we have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. Once the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests”. [86] Let us return to promoting the good, for ourselves and for the whole human family, and thus advance together towards an authentic and integral growth. Every society needs to ensure that values are passed on; otherwise, what is handed down are selfishness, violence, corruption in its various forms, indifference and, ultimately, a life closed to transcendence and entrenched in individual interests.