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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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: We are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood” called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Fri. 5-5 | 8:00 am- Bob Volpert, Bonnie Casey, and Ruth Cortner |
| Sat. 5-6 | 5:00 pm – Denny Karban, Joe Jung, and Deceased Members of the Weiler Family |
| Sun. 5-7 | 8:30am –For our Parish at St. Augustine’s |
| Fri. 5-12 | 8:00 am- Dave Bruss, Verena Kreher, and Philip Rheinecker |
| Sat. 5-13 | 5:00 pm –For All the Mothers in the Parish |
| Sun. 5-14 | 8:30 am – For All the Mothers in the Parish |



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 4-30-2023

Envelopes (52)- \$2,012.00

Loose – \$243.00

Youth- \$10.00

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

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 13th, 5pm

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Angie Parker

Extraordinary Minister of Wine:

Camera:

Sunday, May 14th, 8:30am

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister of Wine:

Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysnoski, 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 THIS weekend after both Masses.****

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 by next weekend MAY 14th!!
- 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.



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for Fifth Sunday in Easter

A retired priest after a lifelong of ministry died and went to heaven. About the same time a man who had worked his whole life as a cab driver died. The two of them arrived at the heavenly gates at the same time. St. Peter addressed the priest first, "Welcome Father" he said, "we're glad to have you here." Then he gave the priest a clean white cotton gown and a wooded halo, and said, "Father you'll be living in a little cottage over by the train tracks. It's a bit noisy but it's clean. You'll like it." The priest was somewhat discouraged about his accommodations in heaven so he decided to wait to see what the taxi driver would receive. St. Peter turned to the taxi driver with open arms, "Welcome we've been waiting for you. We are delighted that you are here at last." Then he gave the taxi driver a silken white gown and a halo of solid gold.

"We are putting you in one of our best properties—a thirty-room mansion on a 15-acre lot of prime heavenly real estate." The taxi driver was delighted and went off to his heavenly abode. The priest decided to question St. Peter. He said "St. Peter, is there some mistake? Should I not receive a mansion too. I went to church every day, and I preached the word of God week in and week out." St. Peter replied, "Sorry Father, your place in heaven is gauged by the results of your work. When you preached, people slept. But when he drove, everyone prayed!

The place to produce results is where we live and work. If our faith does not make some impact on the ordinary things we do day in and day out, it is doubtful whether that faith is real. The lectionary readings for the Sundays after Easter tend to provide us with Jesus instructions on how to live without his physical presence. Jesus says, "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (14:1-2 ESV).

The hearts of the disciples are troubled because their time with Jesus has come to an end. They are troubled because they will lose the security and the privileges associated with being around Jesus. But Jesus wants us to continue to encounter God in the midst of our work. While we work, we should not be troubled. We should work in such a way that it is obvious that our work derives from our belief in Christ. That means working with passion and love. I like the following quote from St. Francis the Sales (Introduction to Devout Life, Chap.3)

"When God created the world, He commanded each tree to bear fruit after its kind; and even so He bids Christians, —the living trees of His Church, —to bring forth fruits of devotion, each one according to his kind and vocation. A different exercise of devotion is required of each—the noble, the artisan, the servant, the prince, the maiden, and the wife; and furthermore, such practice must be modified according to the strength, the calling, and the duties of each individual." So, wherever we work, whether it is in an office, or caring for a home or driving a truck or working in a bank, whatever job we have, we need to work in such a way that it manifests that we are working for Jesus and our eternal home is with him.



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



May Procession

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m., for our annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. The procession will form in front of Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church. Participants will pray the Rosary as we proceed to the historic grotto on the Rosary Walk. The traditional May Crowning and prayer service will be a part of this tribute to Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket as there is limited seating at the grotto. For any questions, please call 573-547-8343, or visit our website www.amm.org.



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

Pledges to Date: 24

\$4,915.00.00

77% of our goal

Friendly Reminders



Dear Friends & Parishioners of St. Augustine,

Please remember that Father Linus must approve all literature, flyers, books, statues, pamphlets, etc... BEFORE they are left in the church.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Father Linus & St. Augustine Parish Office



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Understanding Conscience”

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



Today our reading from the Act of the Apostles declares the institution of the Diaconate ministry. This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate. On June 3rd, the Diaconate Class of 2023 will be ordained. “Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)”



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.

Spring Band Concert

All are invited to join us on May 7 at 7 p.m. for our annual concert.

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: Jack Wightman (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) who was recognized in the Hawk Spotlight.



Vacation Bible School,

June 19—23, 2023

9 am - 12 pm

Vacation Bible School is an engaging, Faith Centered, week for students starting at 3 years old (must be potty trained) to entering 5th Grade. 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4BA5AD29A7F94-vacation>

For more information, please contact Catherine at the parish office, 939-6426 ext. 15 or cburkart@ssppcc.org



Middle School Youth (Grades 5 - 8) Group will meet on **Saturday, May 13**, from 6:00-7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. **All are welcome!**

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

800-640-3044.

Purchase SPPCS “Scrip Cards” for your shopping and gift giving needs!

Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider purchasing “scrip cards” to use in place of cash, checks or credit cards for purchases you make.

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family’s account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St. Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you. **St. Augustine’s contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern. You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.**

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We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome

DID YOU KNOW...

Why Register With a Parish?

Have you ever asked yourself this question? Have you hesitated to do this? Have you thought, it doesn't make any difference. It does make a difference IF YOU WANT TO.... Have your child baptized; Become a godparent; Get married in the Church; Receive Confirmation; Acquire a tax statement for your contributions; Enroll your child in Faith Formation; Obtain a written letter of good standing. Help us to get to know you! By registering, you are given the opportunity to introduce yourself to the Pastor, and to feel that you are a part of a special faith family.

