

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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

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**Confessions: heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm**

**Parish Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

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**THEME FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** We seek many things in this life, but we should seek first the Lord and his wisdom. By so living, we will keep vigil for the Lord as we await his return in glory.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Fri. 11/10 8:00am- Lawrence Biffar & Arline Klinkhardt, Mary Rettinghouse Month's Mind, and Joe Wittenauer
- Sat. 11/11 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Sun. 11/12 8:00am- Charlie Kreher, Joe Jung, and John Link
- Fri. 11/17 8:00am- Roy Schreder
- Sat. 11/18 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Sun. 11/19 8:00am- Don Braun, John Rheinecker, and Jerry Mollet



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 11-5-2023**

Envelopes (56)- \$3,463.00

Loose- \$281.00

Youth-\$11.00

**Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-\$2,700.00**

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,388.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler  
Servers: Mehrmanns  
Lector: Ruth Wittenauer  
Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer  
Extraordinary Minister (W):  
Extraordinary Minister (W):  
Camera: Dana Mehrmann

### Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker  
Servers: Tim Donius  
Lector: Jonella Donius  
Extraordinary Minister: Donna Rheinecker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Margie Holle  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Tiffany Gregson  
Camera:

*\*\*A copy of the set-up schedule is posted on the bulletin board and can be found in the Priest's Sacristy\*\**



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

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, 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, Heather Grohmann Kurtz, Shirley Wittenauer, Annette Lovelace, Mel Parker, Debra Harbaugh, and Geri Griffin.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, United States Coast Guard, Austin Grohmann, United States Marine Corps, and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corps.

## St. Augustine's Parish ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ecumenical Service with Freiden's UCC is Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 7pm, Reception in their Fellowship Hall to follow Service.
- November 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 7-11pm, HCC hosts Butch's Polka Kings, admission \$7.00
- Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm, Hecker Community Center: Hecker Community Blood Drive.
- First Reconciliation SSPPCC, Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7pm
- SSPPCC Sodality Christmas Party extends an invitation to the ladies of St. Augustine's...December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6pm, to be held in school cafeteria. For more details please contact Debbie Harbaugh or June Valentine.
- **There will not be a November Ladies Altar Sodality Meeting. There will be a short meeting along with the Christmas Party in December. Please watch the bulletins for further information!**

### Thanksgiving Mass Schedule:

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 9:00am- St. Augustine's- Hecker

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 9:00am – Ss. Peter and Paul- Waterloo

## Reflection for the Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year A

*Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, “Why is the bride dressed in white?” “Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.” The child thought about this for a moment, then said, “So why is the groom wearing black?”*

The parable of the ten virgins in this weekend’s gospel is full of wonderful images of God’s judgment. Like every other parable about the last days, Jesus does not mean to frighten us in the parable but to give us the tools that we need for the coming of God’s Kingdom. Thus, the parable reveals a tension between planning for the future and living in the present. The present is part of the future as much as the future informs the present. Jesus demands that we act now and that we be prepared for the future without losing focus. Jesus’ parable invites us into an awakening, an awareness of the world around us, and the coming of God into that world. We are to wait with true anticipation and hopeful disposition for the kingdom to come.

The ten virgins in the parable had equal opportunities. Five chose to think and act in a conventional manner—they had just enough oil in their lamps. Their attitude was, “Whatever happens, we will figure out something.” The groom was delayed, and the foolish virgins found that their lamps were going out. They now realized that they were in serious trouble. The other five virgins had chosen to think outside the box—they carried an extra flask of oil alongside their lamps. Even when the bridegroom did not come on time, they had nothing to worry about. They were prepared for any future contingencies.

The oil in this parable is meant to represent the joy of following Christ amid life’s pleasure and pain; ease and difficulties. The coming of the bridegroom is the coming of the Kingdom. We do not know when and at what hour that will be. Our burning lamp can be sustained by a prayerful life, good deeds, giving ears to the cry of God’s children, and stretching out hands to those in need. It could also be sustained by recognizing God’s work in the world. We are the light of the world. This parable invites us to live a life of celebratory anticipation by being awake, vigilant, and most importantly hopeful.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**Congratulations to our very own Gibault  
Hawk Athlete of the Month for October,**

**Brady Biffar!!!**

**(Son of Jeff and Vicki Biffar, grandson to  
Dennis and Elaine Biffar)**

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul  
Needs Your Help**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items:

**Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water and other individual-serve drinks.** In addition, **laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues** are always in short supply.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at:

**St. Vincent de Paul Office**

**8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed  
Sacrament Church)**

**or**

**SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen**

**3718 State Street, East St. Louis 62205**

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP Council office at

618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the very poorest among us.

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November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 7pm, Reception in their  
Fellowship Hall to follow Service.**



## NEWS FROM GIBUALT HIGH SCHOOL

### Learn a Latte

Join Director of Enrollment Kelly Day for a “Learn a Latte” Zoom on Nov 17 at 9 a.m. It’s a great chance to hear about Gibault and ask any questions you may have. If you’d like to take part, email Kelly at [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com), and she will send you the invite link.

### Visit Gibault

Come see what life as a Gibault Hawk is like! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they’ll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! We also offer Private Tours for the whole family. See our campus and get your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

### Future Hawks

Come cheer on our State Champion Boys’ Basketball and Girls’ Basketball teams all season long! Our Future Hawks program is open to students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. All Future Hawks will receive a special edition t-shirt that will also serve as their pass for free admission to all home basketball games in the 23-24 season. Membership costs \$30. Register by Nov. 15 to be part of this year’s fun. For full program details and registration form, visit <https://gibaulthawks.com/future-hawks-program/>

### Winter Camps

Join the Hawks for our Winter Camps! K – 6<sup>th</sup> graders can join the Gibault Cheer Team for a fun mini-camp on Dec. 8 & 9, with a performance at halftime of the varsity game on Dec. 9. The State Champion Gibault Baseball team welcomes 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders for its camp on Dec. 27-29. For full camp info and registration forms, visit [www.gibaulthawks.com/winter-camps](http://www.gibaulthawks.com/winter-camps).

## SS PETER & PAUL

### HONEYBAKED HAM

Stay out of the kitchen this holiday season!  
Order forms available at the exits of church and  
on the parish website.

Drop off completed forms and payments in the offerings  
collection or to the school office, or call-in orders to  
Barb Reinholz (618-578-8697) by Saturday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pick up orders from the SPPCS Gym Lobby on

Wed, Nov 22 from 9:30-11:00

\*\*\*Delivery is available\*\*\*

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE SSPPCC LIFE TEAM



Annual Mary & Martha Society Cookie Walk  
Saturday, December 9, 8 a.m. – Noon  
SPPCS cafeteria

We are asking for donations of home-baked cookies  
and other holiday treats to make this a successful  
event. Be sure to attend the Cookie Walk to find  
the perfect treats for your sweet tooth!

More information will be forthcoming!



## DIOCESAN INFORMATION

“In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.”

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
“Living Radical Solidarity”

### 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

### **The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023**

***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15***

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve; we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2023 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

***Pledges to Date: 36    \$6,403.00    100% of our goal has been matched!!***

**THANK YOU TO ALL who contributed!!!!**

### 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.



“Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” – Thomas Merton



**The Serra Club of St. 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 and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at Corpus Christi Parish Hall 206 Rasp St. Shiloh, IL 62269. We begin Mass at 11:00 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244 **Serra has a new web page: [serrastclair.org](http://serrastclair.org)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!



## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS- *UPDATED WEEKLY!!*

- **Queen of Hearts Drawing-** Benefitting Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School  
*Tuesdays, Outsiders in Waterloo, IL,*  
Ticket sales end @6:30pm, drawings are held @ 7pm
- **St. Barbara's Catholic Church- Parish Hall**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month*  
305 N Front St, Okawville, IL 62271, Doors open @5pm, Bingo @ 6pm  
Food, drinks, and desserts for purchase- All games pay out \$50.00
- **Newman Catholic Student Center Fall Gala Dinner 2023-** Carbondale, IL  
*Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023,* Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, \$50.00/person  
Tickets available online, or upon arrival. Call to RSVP @ 618-529-3311
- **Zion Evangelical Church Wurstmarkt-** Millstadt, IL  
*Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 3-7pm,* 117 W. White Street, Millstadt, IL  
Dinner of pork sausage, all the trimmings and dessert, \$15.00
- **St. Teresa Annual Holiday Game Night-** 1108 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL  
*Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023-* Doors open @6pm, Cost is \$12.00, includes dinner  
Bring your favorite board or card games, bring your own snacks, vendors will be on site, Attendance prizes, Raffles and Silent auction, Santa Sacks and Christmas booth
- **St. Boniface Catholic Church-** Bingo, Quilts, Hams, and Cash Event  
*Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023,* 1007 Olive St, Evansville, IL  
Food served at 11am, bingo begins at 1pm, 24 games, Pot of gold, 50/50, and MORE!

### **Thanksgiving Dinners**

If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving dinner, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council and the Catholic Diocese of Belleville will provide Thanksgiving dinners on:

**Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23, 2022**

**Dinner will be served at:**

**Msgr. Voss Parish Center  
St. Henry Catholic Church**

**5303 West Main Street**

**Belleville, Illinois**

**10:45 a.m. – 12 Noon**

**Delivery available (maximum 3 meals) to homebound only.**

**Reservations for dining at St. Henry or delivery to homebound are required;**

**please call:**

**618-722-5024**

**Reservations must be made by November 17. We look forward to serving you!**

# Happy Veterans Day

Color the military personnel!

