

## WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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**Confessions:** Heard Saturdays from 4:30 to 4:50 pm (When priests are available)

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### **Theme for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus teaches that his disciples will be persecuted as a necessary prelude to the Parousia. Through their perseverance, they will emerge victorious when the Lord comes again. As we await the Day, let us conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 11/14	8:00 am- Noel & Agnes Roscow, Gary Rist
Saturday, 11/15	5:00pm- For the Parish of St. Augustine
Sunday, 11/16	8:00am- Jerry Mollet, Duane Mollet, Don Braun
Friday, 11/21	8:00am- For Our Parish of St. Augustine
Saturday, 11/22	5:00pm- John and Eleonora Wittenauer, John Rheinecker
Sunday, 11/23	8:00am- For Our Parish of St. Augustine

#### **OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 10-12-25:**

Weekly Envelopes- \$2750.00

Loose- \$458.00

Youth- \$4.00

Hurricane Melissa Relief-\$559.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-*

**\$1281.30**

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

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND**

**Saturday, November 22nd, 2025, 5pm**

Set Up: Kervin Schreder  
Servers: Mohrmann's

Lector: Kevin Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Gary Wittenauer  
Camera:

**Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, 8am**

Set Up: Arnie Eckart  
Servers: Anne & Oliver Karban, Lucas Gregson

Lector: Jonella Donius  
Extraordinary Minister: Elaine Rader  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary  
Camera:

**Thursday, November 27th, 2025, 9am**

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker  
Servers: Mohrmann's  
Lector: Betty Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister: Donna Rheinecker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Margie Holle  
Camera:



**Please pray for the following:**

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Ricky Wittenauer, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Annette Lovelace, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen, Joan Wittenauer, Arline Wittenauer.

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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Ashley and Lucas Wilson on the Baptism of their daughter, Dorothy Dawn, on Sunday, November 16th. Welcome Dorothy Dawn to the Parish Family and may God bless you and your family.

## Reflection for Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

*A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"*

The setting of this weekend's gospel is essential for our reflection. Jesus and his disciples are in the temple of Jerusalem. The Jerusalem temple was magnificent; it was the talk of the time. One could only imagine how much it cost to build such a splendid edifice. The temple was not only the pride of the Jews but also a symbol of God's presence and faith in God. Therefore, we can imagine the emotional confusion among the Jews and the disciples when Jesus tells them that the temple and all its glory would sometimes be no more.

Jesus is metaphoric in his reference to the temple. He is not merely talking about the temple but about us and our world. He talks about our world, not in the sense of a physical end, as many people think. The world, most likely, will not end in our lifetime. Although, at every age and time, some people expect the end of the world to happen very soon. So far, it has not happened. Nostradamus, a Sixteenth-century French astrologer, physician, and scholar, had predicted that the world would end in 1999. That didn't happen. Then, some Nostradamus supporters suggested it would be in 2012, which didn't happen either. Most people paid to read the news or predictions anyway.

Like some people, the early Christians were scared about the world's end. But the most profound teaching about the end time does not necessarily focus on a physical ending but on how people should live now. It seems that once or more in everybody's life's time, the world closes in. Imagine that you got bad news from the doctor: you have cancer! Or you have just lost your most supportive spouse, parent, or child; you have lost your job because of downsizing; or your spouse just filed for a divorce. Your energy, mobility, and future are all violently thrown down. So, what next? Jesus says, "by your perseverance, you will secure your lives" (Lk 21:19 NAB). Really? Yes! Bad things will happen even to good people, but God's is always with us even in the face of hardship. Jesus attitude to evil gives us a new way of understanding pain and suffering and even fear. I am not sure if we can endure tragedy without the hope that Jesus offers. Without a gaze on Jesus Christ there is no hope. The hope offered by Jesus is readily available to all of us, even in the midst of tragedy. Jesus has promised to walk with us through any hardship or disaster that might overtake us.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- St. Augustine's will have an 8:00am mass on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Holyday of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception.
- There is a gift list and signup sheet in the back of church on the bulletin board for our 2025 Christmas Outreach Family. Please sign up for an item or two.
- Please let us know if there has been a change to your address or Phone number. We would like to update the contact list for the new year.

**ACTION ALERT** Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois. In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

**PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:** · People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws. · Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans. · There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments. Go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for e-mail links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312.814.2121.

## **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

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### **Vocations**

"My vocation to the Dominican Order and to the priesthood was carefully formed by God through the many people he placed in my life. First and most influential was my Syro-Malabar Catholic family, from whom I learned both the meaning of my faith and how to live it out. More than anyone else, my parents helped shape me as a man of faith and taught me to see everything in light of God's providence. Everywhere I have lived – including in India, Calif., Missouri, Ohio and Alaska – friends, teachers, priests and others supported me and, most importantly, prayed for me. This constant stream of graces continues to sustain me through my formation as a Dominican friar. It is impossible to be a saint on one's own."

Bro. Antony Augustine Cherian; Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Anchorage, Alaska. Columbia Magazine December 2023





**The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
*Hope in the Lord*

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on "Giving".

It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on **YOU**. Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 31 103% OF OUR GOAL MET**

**\$6,968.00.00 pledged of 10/12/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target**

**Diaper and Baby Item Donation Drive  
for Life Network of Southern Illinois  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Monroe County Republicans will be collecting donations for  
Life Network**

**Items they need:**

Diapers size 5 and 6

Girls Pull ups 2T/3T and 4T/5T

Boys Pull ups 5T/6T

Wipes

Infants and Children's Tylenol

Toddler Juice Packs

Please drop off baby items in the box labeled Baby Donations Located in the back of church or give items to Dale Haudrich. He plans to deliver the items to Life Network.

Thank you for your generosity.