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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Those who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy, are blessed indeed. They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri. 11/17 8:00am- Roy Schreder, Noel & Agnes Roscow, and a Special Intention

Sat. 11/18 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 11/19 8:00am- Don Braun, John Rheinecker, and Jerry Mollet

Thanksgiving 9:00am- John & Eleonora Wittenauer

Fri. 11/24 8:00am- Delmar Wachtel, Virginia Parker, and Mary Rettinghouse

Sat. 11/25 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 11/26 8:00am- Quentin & Veronica Gregson, Frank Gregson, and Wally Amann



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 11-12-2023

Envelopes (48)- \$2,009.00

Loose- \$192.00

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 25th, 5pm

Set Up: Joan Powell

Servers:

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Extraordinary Minister (W): Joan Powell

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, November 26th, 8:00am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich

Camera:

Thanksgiving, Thursday November 23rd, 9:00am

Set Up: Annette Schreder

Lector: Betty Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Ruth Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich

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) Firnkas, 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.



**Happy Thanksgiving
to all! Enjoy time with
family and friends,
and may each of you
be blessed always!!**

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.
- Psalm 118:1**



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for the Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

A little girl asked her mother, "Where did people come from?"

Her mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that's how all mankind was made." A couple of days later she asked her father the same question.

The father answered, "Many years ago there were apes and monkeys, which the human race evolved from. "The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mommy, how is it possible that you told me that we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from monkeys?" The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

On this thirty-third Sunday of the year, I remember an experience I had two years ago. I was called by a family to pray with them for a family member, their son who was dying of cancer. After the prayers, I spend time with them to get to know more about their son. They shared with me the kind of person he has been for the past forty years. He was a marvelous and talented young man: an amazing father of two kids, a loving husband, a good teacher, a great fan of the Cardinal football team, and a deeply spiritual man in their understanding. He rarely misses weekend masses, and he practices charity as a spirituality.

Listening to the description of this young man, I was deeply touched. They were sad, confused, and angry. I couldn't tell against whom their anger was directed. But I could sense life was different for them with their son in that condition. They pulled me into their sorrow as I tried to empathize with them. But toward the end, I said to myself and to them, that I believed God had given **Eddie** (*pseudo name*) some talents and he invested the talents in people around him. He invested them in his wife, family, friends, colleagues, and the Church community. It was sad that Eddie would have to go through this experience. This is not what we would wish for him at this time. But unfortunately, we have no control over what has happened.

In fact, we are all different as much as we find ourselves in a different human situation. As unique individuals created by God and entrusted with gifts, our life is an opportunity to share those gifts. It does not matter how long we live or how many talents we think we have; how healthy or sick we feel, we have been given the ability to love and share our talents however we can.

As a missionary priest, I am called to live the gospel in my ministry; you are called to live the gospel in your work, in your families, and in your personal life. There is joy when people tell the stories of our dedication to the ordinary ups and downs of human experiences. My friend with whose family I prayed may not live long but what an inspiration to hear how good and dedicated he has lived his life. I imagine Christ saying to him: "Well done, my good and

faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." We all want to hear those words when we leave this world.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule:

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

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

St. Augustine's Parish ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ecumenical Service with Freiden's UCC is Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 @ 7pm, Reception in their Fellowship Hall to follow Service.
- November 25th, Saturday, 7-11pm, HCC hosts Butch's Polka Kings, admission \$7.00
- Tuesday, November 28th, 1-5pm, Hecker Community Center: Hecker Community Blood Drive.
- First Reconciliation SSPPCC, Thursday, November 30th, 2023, 7pm
- SSPPCC Sodality Christmas Party extends an invitation to the ladies of St. Augustine's...December 12th, 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!
- Sunday, December 10th, 5-6pm- Santa Claus is coming to HHC! Parade by fire truck around town to begin festivities and end with pictures with Santa!



Words cannot express the gratitude and joy
we felt having the privilege of
renewing our religious vows in the presence of our parish family.

The memory of this celebration will always be with us.
We enjoyed the receptions and the opportunity to visit with you.

The food was delicious!

Thanks to the photographer who took pictures and shared them.

Your generous monetary gift is greatly appreciated.

Prayers and Blessings,

Sr. Joan & Sr. Angela



Attention all St Augustine's Council 11691 KC members:
Members and family are invited to the Waterloo Council Christmas party at the SPPS Gym on December 2. Doors will open approximately 5:45 PM. Dinner will be provided followed by fellowship. St. Nicholas will make a visit. Please call Charlie 618-719-8660 if you and your family plan on attending so we can plan for adequate food, etc. Gifts of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted but are not required.

Men of the Parish: Did you know that since it's beginning, Knights of Columbus Chapter 11691 has provided funds for Parish improvements, SPPS School, Gibault Catholic School and a whole host of other worthwhile causes? The annual Tootsie Roll Drive alone has raised over \$30,000 to support he mentally challenged. Membership is also a great chance to meet and have fraternal time with like-minded Catholic Gentlemen. KC Life insurance products are among the best that there are. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic men. Central themes of the Knights are Charity, Faith, Family and Fraternity. If you are a member, Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center. If you are not a member, we would love to have you join us! Call Charlie at 618-719-8660 for more information.



NEWS FROM GIBUALT HIGH SCHOOL

Placement Test

Attention Class of 2028! This year's placement test is scheduled for December 2 from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2028placement>

Visit Gibault

Come see what life as a Gibault Hawk is like! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th 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>

Winter Camps

Join the Hawks for our Winter Camps! K – 6th 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 5th-8th graders for its camp on Dec. 27-29. For full camp info and registration forms, visit www.gibalthawks.com/winter-camps.

Breakfast with Santa

Join our Women's Club for this magical event!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center

From November 17 through December 31, 2023, 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Indoor activities closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Way of Lights Display depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem using over 1.5 million beautiful lights. This year, we have added colored lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for young and old alike!

Cost: No charge for display, donations accepted and additional charges for some activities.

For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>

MAGICAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 10th
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Gibault Catholic High School
501 Columbia Avenue | Waterloo, IL 62298

Children of all ages can enjoy crafts, games, music, an adult & kid-friendly homemade breakfast including smoothie bar and a digital photo of your family with Santa & Mrs. Claus in their family room!

RSVP REQUIRED @
<https://gwcmagicalbreakfast.com/rsvp>

Sponsored by
Gibault Women's Club





DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“An Adoption Love Story” (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)

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.



This coming week we celebrate a National Day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us and for us to share. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.



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**
2nd and 4th 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
- **St. Teresa Annual Holiday Game Night-** 1108 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL
Friday, November 17th, 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 26th, 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

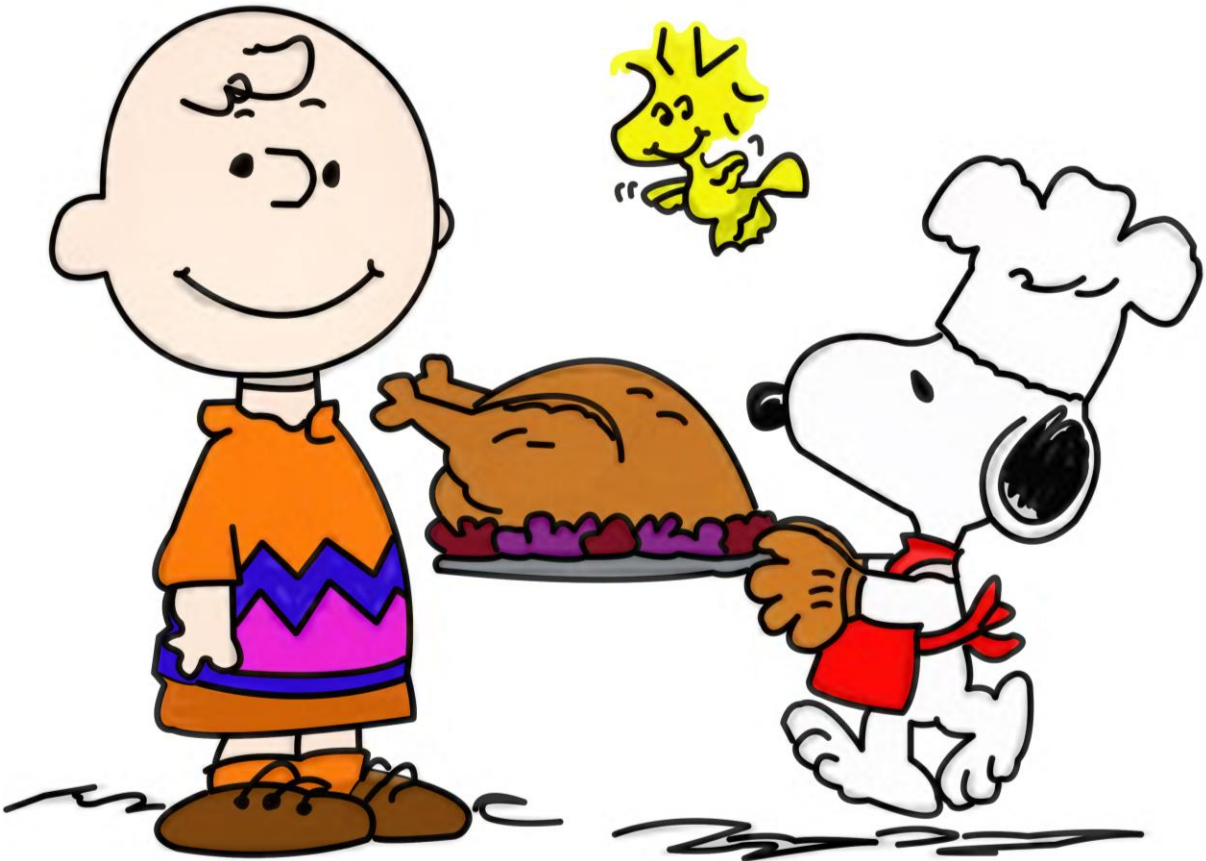
Delivery available (maximum 3 meals) to homebound only.

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!



DID YOU KNOW....

Resistance and confusion (a continuance from previous Did You Know's)

In recent years, some have chosen to deride these facts. They bring up allegedly solid scientific data, like the fact that the planet has always had, and will have periods of cooling and warming. They forget to mention another relevant datum; that what we are presently experiencing is an unusual acceleration of warming, at such a speed that it will take only one generation- not centuries or millennia - in order to verify it. The rise in the sea level and the melting of glaciers can be easily perceived by an individual in his or her lifetime, and probably in a few years many populations will have to move their homes because of these facts.

In order to ridicule those who speak of global warming, it is pointed out that intermittent periods of extreme cold regularly occur. One fails to mention that this and other extraordinary symptoms are nothing but diverse alternative expressions of the same cause: the global imbalance that is provoking the warming of the planet. Droughts and floods, the dried-up lakes, communities swept away by seaquakes and flooding ultimately have the same origin. At the same time, if we speak of a global phenomenon, we cannot confuse this with sporadic events explained in good part by local factors.

Lack of information leads to confusion between large-scale climate projections that involve long periods of time - we are talking about decades at least - with weather forecasts that at most can cover a few weeks. When we speak of climate change, we are referring to a global reality - and constant local variations - that persists for several decades.

-Pope Francis