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**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 ALL SAINTS:** Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat. 10-31	5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 11-1	8:30 am – Charlie Kreher, Joe Jung, & Adrienne Garcia
Sat. 11-7	5:00 pm – The Deceased of St. Augustine's Parish
Sun. 11-8	8:30 am – The Deceased of St. Augustine's Parish



**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: 88**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 10-25-20**

Sunday Envelopes (25) - \$1,183.00

Loose – \$58.00 Youth (2) - \$5.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$335.00*

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

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





## Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, John & Ellen Daniels, Alice Krysnoski, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Cheryl Zanders, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Pat Karban, Ruth Nagel, Carol Grohmann, Joyce Koetting, Pat Smith, Mary Harbaugh Neisler, Jim Rader, and Lucille Meeks.

*Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list. We started a new list on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

**Printed copies of bulletins placed in plastic bins each week...bins located at the doors of church & Parish Office. The bulletins are also posted on our website!!!**

**St. Augustine's will be live streaming Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays. See St. Augustine's Facebook Page.**

**If you wish to have your name added to our Parish Email List, please let me know via [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) or 473-2217 & leave a message.**

## **All Souls' Remembrance Mass Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm Mass Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> -- 8:30 am Mass**

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2019 during the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AND the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will remember Heddy Birkner, Virgil Dumstorff, Ervin Eckart, Cecilia Fulte, Adrienne Garcia, Verena Kreher, Maxine Linnertz, Alice K. Mueller, Eleanor Parker, Wylma Wachtel, and Urban Wittenauer.



# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

**Reflection: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

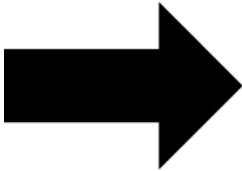
A man was surprised to read the announcement of his death in the obituary column of the local newspaper. Ringing up his close friend, he inquired, "Did you see the announcement of my death in the paper this morning?" "Yes," was the frightening answer in a shivering voice. "But from where are you speaking? Heaven or Hell?"

This weekend I would like to reflect on the two big celebrations during the month of November: The Solemnity of all Saints and the commemoration of all souls. Every year on the first day of November the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have lived through the imperfection and the ambiguities of earthly life but are now at peace with God. We call them the Saints. These Saints are more than role models for us. They are family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors with whom we continue to share relationships in a bond of prayer and spiritual exchange. When we celebrate them, their memories continuously touch, inspire and enrich our lives. Saints are all around us. They are the multitude of women and men, from every race, language and nation whose lives reflect the Gospel call to love.

Existentially, a lot of people live their sainthood by showing extraordinary courage in their response to the realities of life. It could be sickness, adversity, betrayal or caring for aging parents or special children. Others live sainthood by working for justice, peace and the preservation of human life.

In the beatitudes, Jesus equates holiness to being poor in spirit, meek, mourning, hungering for righteousness, being merciful, and clean of heart. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God" (Mathew 5:2 NAB). Interestingly, Jesus did not equate holiness to the compulsive observation of precepts or self-righteousness. No one can make himself or herself a saint. Only God perfects us in our imperfection, and he invites us to look up to him in a poverty of spirit.

We also celebrate the commemoration of all souls this month. The remembrance of all souls is a source of consolation for each of us. It allows us to feel ever close to those who have died. It gives us much hope in moments of despair and sadness. We sometimes think of them as arriving in Purgatory (a teaching that many people misunderstand). The idea of Purgatory means that these souls are already within reach of eternal life in the loving arms of Jesus. They await the final purgation by God since nothing imperfect can be admitted in heaven. Our prayers for the faithful departed increase faith and love within us. They draw us to look upon the Son with ever greater longing. In this month of November, the church militant (Church on earth) enters a spiritual conversation with the church triumphant (All Saints) and the church suffering (All Souls).



THERE WILL NOT BE A  
SODALITY MEETING HELD IN  
NOVEMBER 2020 DUE TO THE  
COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS &  
CONCERNS



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**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**

**Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Hecker  
Collection to benefit the Hecker Emergency Fund**

**Reservations are required ahead of time; please call or  
email the Parish Office no later than 4pm on  
Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**THANKSGIVING MASS**

**St. Augustine's Hecker – Thursday, November 26th  
9:00 am**

**Reservations are required ahead of time; please call or  
email the Parish Office no later than 3pm on  
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.**



Hecker Community Center  
 "COVID era" **Chicken Dinner**

**CHICKEN**  
*lover's*

Drive-thru  
 Style

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
 11am-4pm  
 (or until sold out)

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Dinner includes: ½ fried Chicken, corn, green beans,  
 mashed potatoes w/ gravy. No substitutions. \$11/ea.

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This Sunday starts National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please pray each day this week for an increase of vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.



**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!



# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

In the Gospel of Matthew, 5:1-12a The Beatitudes are the eight blessings proclaimed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. They describe the mindset we need to have if we want to spend eternity in the kingdom of Heaven. The first four beatitudes describe divine attitudes that we must take on, even though they may not be our natural mindsets. ***“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.”*** In the first beatitude, the tone is set for the rest of the beatitudes that we must be “poor in spirit,” dependent on God to give us life in the kingdom on earth and in eternity. Jesus insists on righteousness or justice in His kingdom and describes a hunger and thirst for divine justice, specifically in the way we treat one another. Merciful and compassionate, joy and gladness are works for us to aim for. We won’t always get it right, but by familiarizing ourselves with the Beatitudes, the world can take on a more just, peaceful, compassionate way, if peace can begin with each one of us. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Sometimes you may be persecuted for your faith and the way you live your life for your love of Him. You may be mocked. Jesus tells us to persevere. To “rejoice” and “be glad” because your reward from God will be great in Heaven. Be willing to stand for the unborn, the immigrant, prisoners, those who are abused and those who are minorities in our communities. By caring for our neighbor, we show our love and care for God.

## DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES *PROJECT RACHEL*

Project Rachel has been relaunched as 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>.



**ST. PATRICK CHURCH, RUMA  
DRIVE-THRU WURSTMART  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>; 11AM-2PM**

**THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO CURRENT COVID CONDITIONS!!!!**

**ST. JOHN'S SMITHTON – QUILT RAFFLE**

**Drawing will be held November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**Tickets available from St. John's Parish Office 234-2068 or  
by email to parish@stjohnsschool.us.**

**POP-UP BBQ -- \$8.00**

**St. Joe's Rocher; Pick Up at Parish Hall**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>; 4-7PM**

**Must Pre-Order by calling 618/284-3314**

**Pulled Pork or Pork Steak Plate; Baked Beans; Slaw or Potato Salad**

St. Anthony's Parish, Lively Grove, is offering a monthly Quilt and Cash raffle from August 2020 thru July 2021. Each month a lucky winner will receive a hand stitched, queen-sized quilt or \$300. Winning tickets will go back in the raffle and be eligible for all remaining raffles. Ticket cost is \$40. Please contact Cheryl Hentges, [clhentges@yahoo.com](mailto:clhentges@yahoo.com) or at (618)824-6637 for tickets. Check out our Facebook page to see the quilts. St. Anthony's is sponsoring this raffle as a way to help fill the financial void left by cancellation of our annual picnic due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**"QUILT OF THE MONTH" – January –December 2021**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault**

**\$20 per ticket; drawing last Sunday of each Month**

**Winner need not be present to win**

**Visit their Facebook page to view the quilts**

**Our Lady of Good [Counsel@OLGC.Renault](mailto:Counsel@OLGC.Renault)**

**Questions, contact 618-458-7710**

**If interested, some tickets are available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**

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

**SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:**

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a 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. Order forms are located in magazine rack in front vestibule of church. 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. Order forms may be returned in collection basket with check or given to Betty or Annette Schreder or any SPPS student family. Any questions may be directed to same people.

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### SPPCS PTO Santa's Cottage

This year the SPPCS PTO is adding a wrapping station to the Santa's Cottage and they are looking for donations of new or gently used holiday gift bags, new or gently used wrapping paper, new tissue paper, bags, boxes, gift tags and bows. If you would like to donate, please drop your items in the school office or email [sppcspto@gmail.com](mailto:sppcspto@gmail.com) to coordinate a time to drop off items.

**We Celebrated 50 Days of School on Tuesday! See picture below!**



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

**300 Miles for Gibault** -- Former Gibault Theology teacher Mike Schaefer is riding 300 miles from Southaven, MS, to Gibault on Nov. 8. Be part of his journey through a donation, 100% of which supports Gibault Catholic High School's General Scholarship Fund. For more information or to donate, visit <https://300forgibault.org/>.

**Be a Hawk for a Day** -- Ever wondered what life is like at Gibault Catholic High School? Come find out! Gibault's shadow program invites students to spend a day in the life of a Hawk! A Student Ambassador will guide your student through the day and answer any questions he or she may have. Contact Kelly Day, Director of Enrollment, at ([kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com)) for more information or to arrange your student's shadow visit.

**We're #gibaultproud of: Landan Vollmer (St. James' Parish)** for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight; **Brooke Biffar (St. Augustine Parish)** and **Jackson Goedeke (Immaculate Conception Parish)** for qualifying for Cross Country sectionals; and **our generous community** for their support of our virtual Oktoberfest.



## **ADOPT A SEMINARIAN**

**How can I adopt a seminarian? There are lots of ways!!!**

- ❖ **Remember his birthday – send him a card or gift on his birthday.**
- ❖ **Become his prayer warrior – Remember your seminary in your daily prayers. Send him an occasional note to assure him of your prayers for him.**
- ❖ **Send a care package. Seminarians are college students & always appreciate a care package, whether it's a pair of warm socks on a cold winter's day or Ramen Noodles or cookies or whatever creative idea you may have!**
- ❖ **Remember him at Christmas with a gift or card.**
- ❖ **Send notes of encouragement and support at any time.**
- ❖ **Our best “adoptive” practice – prayer!**

**We have stapled an “information” card of a seminarian above...if you wish additional cards, please contact the Parish Office, 473-2217 or by email to [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net).**



## **The Fifth Joyful Mystery**

### **THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

- 1. When Jesus is twelve years old, He goes with His parents to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.**
- 2. After the feast of the Passover, Joseph and Mary unknowingly set out for Nazareth without Jesus.**
- 3. At the end of the first day's journey they discover Jesus is missing.**
- 4. His parents return immediately looking for Him.**
- 5. This loss causes grief and anxiety beyond our understanding to the hearts of Mary and Joseph.**
- 6. On the third day they find Jesus in the Temple among the Doctors who were astonished at His wisdom.**
- 7. Mary: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow."**
- 8. Jesus: "Why did you search for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"**
- 9. Jesus goes down with them to Nazareth, and is subject to them.**
- 10. Mary keeps all these things in her heart.**

**Spiritual Fruit: Let us pray for our country, may unity and love prevail over violence and hatred, may all that are suffering from the effects of the wildfires and hurricanes, may God comfort them and give them hope for the future.**