

## 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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

In Hebron, David is hailed as king by all the tribes of Israel. Jesus is anointed king on the wood of his cross, a sign of paradox of defeat yet final victory. Through his cross we have passed from darkness into the kingdom of light.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 11/21	8:00 am- 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
Thursday, 11/27	8:00am- Jerry Mollet, Duane Mullet, Wally & Michael Amann
Friday 11/28	10:00am – Funeral Mass for Clarence Hamilton
Saturday, 11/29	5:00pm- For Our Parish of St. Augustine
Sunday, 11/30	8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer, Mass of Thanksgiving for Ed and May Stellhorn - 65 years of Marriage.



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

Weekly Envelopes- \$2015.00

Loose- \$603.00

Youth- \$4.00

Human Development-\$105.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-*  
**\$1281.30**

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

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND**

**Saturday, November 29th, 2025, 5pm**

Set Up: Kervin Schreder  
Servers: Mallory Kern  
Lector: Ruth Wittenauer  
Extraordinary Minister: Kevin Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder  
Camera:

**Sunday, November 30th, 2025, 8am**

Set Up: Sister Joan  
Servers: Doerrs  
Lector: Shelly Fizer  
Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder  
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.



Ed and May Stellhorn and our family are celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 pm with an open house at the Hecker Community Center. We invite you to join us.  
No Gifts Please.

**Congratulations to Ed and May Stellhorn  
on 65 Years of Marriage.**



## Reflection for the Solemnity of Christ the King

*After dying in a car crash, three friends go to Heaven for orientation. They were all asked the same question: "When you are in the casket, friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the greatest doctors of my time and a great man." The second guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow." The last guy thinks a minute and replies, "I'd like to hear them say...LOOK! HE'S MOVING!!!"*

Today more and more people do not believe in the power of God. There is a strong movement to replace God with science and nature. Consequently, many people now assume that we humans are the measure of all things. We judge what is right and wrong and preside over our cases. Therefore, objective standard or strict moral laws cannot hold for many people.

The solemnity of Christ, the King of the universe, was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter the world's tendency to adopt communism and secularism after the first world war and banish God. In April 1944, Bonhoeffer (A German Protestant theologian famous for his support of ecumenism and his view of Christianity's role in a secular world) wrote: "We are moving toward a completely religionless time; people, as they are now simply, cannot be religious anymore. Even those who honestly describe themselves as 'religious' do not in the least act up to it, and so they presumably mean something quite different by "religious."

He wrote about the German Christians who refused to speak up against Hitler. Today his words echo among Christians to whom personal, political or religious agenda matters more than the imitation of Christ who is Lord of all—who died on the cross to change the world's thinking.

The Church places the feast of Christ the King at the end of the liturgical year because it celebrates the realization of our Christian theology. God is in control. Christ has conquered darkness, sin, death, and all the forces of this world, and he is crowned as King. Each of the readings this weekend presents Christ as the Messiah-King. He is not a king according to the standard of the world. He is the King of truth and life. He brings us to birth in his kingdom through baptism, and he has given us the way to live in that kingdom. The kingdom that Christ inaugurates love, peace, and joy. Only goodness and love can overcome evil.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There will be NO 8:00 am mass on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Choir practice will take place on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in church.
- The 5th Sunday collection for November will take place next weekend November 29th and 30th. It will benefit House of Neighborly Services.
- St. Augustine's will have an 8:00am mass on December 8th, 2025, for the Holyday of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
for His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136)*



A celebration of life for Clarence Hamilton will take place on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> with a mass at 10:00 am at St. Augustine's. All members of the parish are invited to attend. There will be a luncheon at the Hecker Community Center immediately following the mass. Anyone wishing to bring a side dish may drop it off at the Community Center after 8:30 that morning.

## **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

### **Respect for Life**

At 2:54 AM on Oct. 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. 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, and there are possible cost savings to insurance companies if assisted suicide is legal, as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatment.

**Go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or email links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312-814-2121.**



### **Vocations**

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 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!

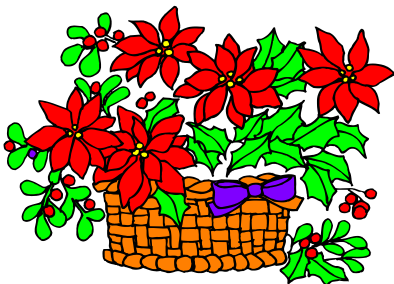
**PLEDGES TO DATE: 31 103% OF OUR GOAL MET**

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

**Thank  
You !**

A Special Thank You for all the prayers, beautiful cards, and well wishes during my ordeal. That is what got me through.

With Sincere Thanks,  
Arline Wittenauer



The Blessed Virgin Altar Sodality will hold its annual Christmas Party Luncheon on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Center. Please call Mary Schaltenbrand at (618) 973-0994 or Annette Schreder at (618) 791-6665 for reservations.

Ladies, please plan to attend!