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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Lord is our shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will “judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats”, between those who have lived lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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
Fri. 12/1 8:00am- Jeanette Scheibe
Sat. 12/2 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 12/3 8:00am- Virginia Parker

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 11-19-2023

****WILL HAVE AN UPDATE ON COLLECTIONS IN NEXT
WEEK'S BULLETIN****

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, December 2nd, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Mehrmanns
Lector: Kevin Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder
Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker
Camera:

Sunday, December 3rd, 8:00am

Set Up: Margie Holle
Servers: Lucas Gregson
Lector: Janella Neary
Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary
Extraordinary Minister (W): Ryan Grohmann
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder
Camera:

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.



PRAY FOR James McTigue, husband of Paula McTigue, who died and was buried this past week. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May his soul and all souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN. C.M.

Reflection for the Solemnity of Christ the King

A Sunday School teacher told the Good Samaritan story to the class and then asked the children, "What would you do if you were walking on the road and saw a person who was terribly beaten and bruised and covered with blood?" One little girl answered, "I'd probably throw up! So the next question is, what do you do after you have thrown up?"

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. At other times, humans assume we are the measure of all things. We judge what is right and wrong and preside over our cases.

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 religion-less 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 way the world thinks.

The feast of Christ the King comes at the end of the liturgical year to celebrate the realization of all our theology. God is the alpha and omega. He is in control of all that is. 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 has given us the way to live in that kingdom. The kingdom that Christ inaugurates is love, peace, and joy. Therefore, we overcome evil with goodness and love.



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 the 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.

**2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE & INFORMATION FOR OUR PARISH HERE AT
ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY-HECKER**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Requests may be made again this year for flowers “in memory of” or “in honor of” family members. Please use the designated envelope in your box and return to the Office at St. Augustine’s either by mail, by collection basket, or dropping off in person.

COMMUNION

Will be brought to the home bound, please call the office at 473-2217 to schedule.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY

This is a Holy Day of Obligation – Mass Friday, December 8th at 8:00 am.

Advent Reconciliation Services

Saturday, December 9th, 2023
3:30-5:00pm – St. Augustine’s

Saturday, December 16th, 2023
3:30-5:00pm- St. Augustine’s

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023
Vigil Mass – 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023
Mass – 8:00 a.m.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31st, Mass at 8:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- New Year’s Day

Monday, January 1st, 2024

Not a Holy Day of Obligation (No Mass at St. Augustine’s)



**2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE & INFORMATION FOR OUR PARTNER PARISHES OF:
*Ss. PETER and PAUL (WATERLOO) & ST. MARY'S (VALMEYER)***

**December 7th- Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
7 p.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo**

**Friday, December 8th- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
8 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo
10a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School**

**Wednesday, December 13th- Reconciliation
Ss. Peter and Paul School-10a.m.**

**Monday, December 18th- Reconciliation Opportunities
Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Waterloo-6:45p.m.**

**December 20th- Advent Prayer Opportunities
9:30 a.m. Nativity Mass, Ss. Peter and Paul School, Waterloo
7:00p.m. XLT Adoration- Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Waterloo**

**Sunday, December 24th- Fourth Week of Advent
8 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo
10 a.m. St. Mary's, Valmeyer**

**Sunday, December 24th- Christmas Eve
5p.m. Vigil Mass, Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo
6 p.m. Vigil Mass, St. Mary, Valmeyer**

**Monday, December 25th- Christmas Day
12 a.m. Christmas, Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo
8 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo
10 a.m. St. Mary, Valmeyer
10 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo**

**Sunday, December 31st- New Year's Eve
8 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo
10 a.m. St. Mary, Valmeyer
10 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo**

**Monday, January 1st, 2024- New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
*No obligation to attend Mass
8 a.m. Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo**





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>

Children need winter clothing at

St. Anne Cradle of Hope

CARBONDALE, IL

Drop at your parish by December 10,
2023

Need used or new: Infant and Toddler
winter coats, pajamas, infant up to 5T
winter clothes



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**



Great Gift Idea!

Ornament for St. Anne Cradle of Hope



For a \$25 donation, receive a unique ornament that supports this wonderful ministry for families and pregnant moms!

Scan the code or send a check to "St. Anne Cradle of Hope"
c/o Molly King, Respect Life Apostolate, 222 South Third St.

Belleville, IL 62220

Include delivery address and name.

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED





DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

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

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total 17 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

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.



Not long ago, a friend asked me an intense question: "What has been your most profound encounter with the mercy of God?" I had an answer – even a specific date: Oct. 24, 2010. On that day, I wasn't expecting anything dramatic as I walked into the confessional in St. Mary Magdalene Church in St. Louis. But I had a profound experience of God's mercy that changed everything. The personal holiness embodied by the priest who heard my confessions awakened in my soul the desire to stake everything on Jesus. How could I not? Through this encounter, He invited me to the priesthood. I was all in. On that day in the confessional, the priest 'won me for Christ'. Through my priesthood, Jesus wants me to win souls for him."

Fr. Jonathan Ruzicka, Seminarian of Archdiocese of St. Louis; *Columbia Magazine* Feb. 2020



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**

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. 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!

St. Augustine's Parish ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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!

