

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

The souls of the just are in God's hands. Christ the Good Shepard, died for us while we were still sinners. He is the resurrection and the life.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 10/31	8:00 am- Jerry Mollet, Duane Mollet, Don Haudrich
Saturday, 11/01	5:00pm- All Saints Day
Sunday, 11/02	8:00am- All Souls Day
Friday, 11/07	8:00am- Joe Wittenauer
Saturday, 11/08	5:00pm- For the Parish of St. Augustine and All the Veterans
Sunday, 11/09	8:00am- Quentin & Veronica Gregson, Frances Gregson, Joe Jung, Special Intention

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

Weekly Envelopes- \$1030.00

Loose- \$399.00

Youth- \$

Human Development-\$40.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-

\$1050.30

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, November 8th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmann's

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer

Camera:

Sunday, November 9th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers: Anne & Oliver Karban, Lucas Gregson

Lector: Kay Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

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.



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 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 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

Reflection on Life after Death (As Copied)

On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have canonized by the Church.

The feast that we know of today as “All Saints Day” originated in May 609, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III changed the date to November 1 when he dedicated a chapel at the Vatican in honor of all the saints, and Pope Gregory IV later extended this celebration of all saints to the universal church.

Our great tradition and practice associated with the Solemnity of All Saints is going to Mass – it is, after all, a Holy Day of Obligation! Every time we go to Mass, we remember the saints in a special way in the Eucharist. Other traditions on this day include reading and learning about the saints, praying to the saints- especially one’s Confirmation Saint- and asking for their intercession so that we, too might become saints.

All Souls’ Day in the *Roman Catholicism*, A day for commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. It is observed on November 2. Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in *heaven*, and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance. *Requiem masses* are commonly held, and many people visit and sometimes decorate the graves of loved ones. From antiquity certain days were devoted to intercession for particular groups of the dead. The institution of a day for a general intercession on November 2 is due to Odilo, abbot of Cluny (died 1048). The date, which became practically universal before the end of the 13th century, was chosen to follow All Saints’ Day. Having celebrated the feast of all the members of the church who are believed to be in heaven, the church on earth turns, on the next day, to commemorate those souls believed to be suffering in purgatory.

Priests celebrate Mass wearing vestments of varying color—black (for mourning), violet (symbolizing penance). Or white (symbolizing the hope of resurrection).

All Saints and All Souls comprise the two-day celebration of the Communion of Saints- those who are with God in heaven and those who are on their way to heaven. On the Solemnity of the All Saints November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. A day later, on the Commemorating of All the Faithful departed our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith. Particularly, we pray for all the souls in purgatory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I will be on vacation Nov 9 – 12. I will be back in the office November 13, regular hours 8 to 3. Feel free to email a message or leave a phone message and I will get back with you. Thanks, Barb
- If you have any changes to your phone number, (maybe you no longer have a land line) or address change, please let me know for our contact list.
- Please check out the September 2025 Impact Report form The House of Neighborly Service. Notice how much they have contributed to the community.
- We are participating in Adopt a Family for Christmas. Please see the separate sheet in the bulletin. It lists the family members and some of the needs of the family.

Gibault News

The Freshman Placement Test is Saturday, Dec 6 at 8:30am. You can sign your student up by emailing Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com. The 2026-27 New Student Application is NOW OPEN! Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click “APPLY” to apply. All 7th and 8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors. Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click “INQUIRE” to request more information.

Thank you!

Pam Kueker

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

“Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families. While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross...The path of accompaniment until the moment of death must remain open, with appropriate care for body and soul customized to the personal needs of the patient.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



Vocations

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 promoting 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 vocations. Please pray each day this week for an increase in vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.

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

With confidence in the Lord, today we are asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Your generous response will help our diocesan ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities by those who are in need. Please consider making your gift today!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault, IL is sponsoring a Quilt of the Month Raffle. Beginning January and through December 2026, a beautiful queen-sized handmade quilt will be given away each month. Tickets are \$25.00 each, and they give you 12 chances to win. Please pick up a ticket at the rear of church and mail it back in the addressed envelope. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis at 618-458-6854.

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women is having a BUNCO Night on Thursday, November 13th, 2025. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

You can reserve a spot by calling or texting Lori Doerr at 618-210-5881.

Browse the raffles, help yourself to snacks and a drink. Games begin at 6:30 pm.

Wurstmart – Sunday November 2nd

10:30 – 4:30

St. Augustine's in Belleville

1910 W. Belle St.

Belleville, IL 62226

Polka Mass at 10:30

All you can eat. Dine in or Carry out available.



CHRISTMAS 2025 ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM

Once again, this year, we are partnering with House of Neighborly Service (HNS) to adopt a family for Christmas.

I am using the post card format that I have been using in previous years and ask that you take one from the bulletin board at the front entrance to church. Please sign the sheet putting your name next to the item you chose so that I can keep track of the details. ***I don't have the board or post-cards ready quite yet but wanted to give everyone a heads up in case you are going shopping early! If you have questions ahead of time, please give me a call at 618/971-5284!!!***

Our family this year includes a single mom with 3 girls and 1 boy. The children are: 14-Year-Old Girl; a 13-Year-Old Girl; an 11-Year-Old Girl; and a 9-Year-Old Boy. I have focused on some basic needs and added a few "fun" items for the teens. The family also needs basic household related items which are on the list.

Additionally, if you would like to donate a ham or turkey for the family, that would be very welcomed, as would any gift cards such as Wal-Mart, Schnucks, Dollar General; Target etc.

Items are to be returned UNWRAPPED to Church or Parish Office anytime between now and Sunday, December 8th. There will be a marked plastic bin near the front door of church where you may place your items.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email to bullitt@frontier.com.

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