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THEME FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The prophet denounces those priests who in their pride have turned away from the Law, causing others to go astray. Jesus, too, is critical of those religious leaders who fail to practice what they preach. All, rather, are called to greatness through humility and service, by sharing their lives with others.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri. 11/3 8:00am- Don Haudrich and Dave Bruss

Sat. 11/4 5:00pm- For All of the Deceased of Our Parish Sun. 11/5 8:00am- For All of the Deceased of Our Parish

Fri. 11/10 8:00am- Joe Wittenauer and Mary Rettinghouse's Month's Mind

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

Sun. 11/12 8:00am- Charlie Kreher, Joe Jung, and John Link



Standard Time



Don't forget this WEEKEND to move your clocks back THIS Sunday, (2:00 am)!!

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 10-29-2023

Envelopes (57)- \$1,730.00 Loose- \$149.00 Youth-\$11.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-\$2,700.00

Scholarship Fund - \$968.00 (Total Donated since 8/1/2023) Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 11th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Servers: Grace & Braden Koester

Lector: Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Kern

Camera:

Sunday, November 12th, 8:00am

Set Up: Margie Holle Servers: Lucas Gregson Lector: Bernadette Gregson

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder Extraordinary Minister (W): Ryan Grohmann

Camera:

A copy of the set-up schedule is posted on the bulletin board and can be found in the Priest's Sacristy

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.



Anointing of the Sick will be THIS weekend following both Masses.





PRAY FOR Jeanette Scheibe, who died and was buried recently. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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. <u>Although **Halloween** (All Hallows Eve) is not a Christian feast when children dress in different forms, they try to capture the past and the present heroes whose lives speak to them. Since this makes meaning to them, we can lead them from what they know to what they need to know.</u>

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 begin to 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 begin to live their 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 being 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 oneself 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 (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). God is good all the time!



All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 5th - 8:00 am Mass

We remember the following during our Masses this weekend:

Marvin Eckart

Paul Hotfelder

Jerry Mollet

Virginia Parker

Mary Rettinghouse

Christopher Schreder

Roy Schreder

Delmar Wachtel

Ed Weiler

Deceased Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items:

Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers,

cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water and other individual-serve drinks. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at:

St. Vincent de Paul Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

or

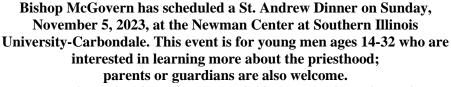
SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis 62205

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP Council office at

618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the very poorest among us.

Ecumenical Service with Freiden's UCC is Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 @ 7pm, Reception in their Fellowship Hall to follow Service.

Message from the Office of Bishop McGovern:

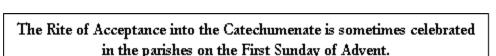


The event will begin with gathering at 3:30 PM and discussions with the Bishop starting at 3:45 PM. Mass will be at 5:15 PM, and dinner will follow

with the opportunity for additional discussion.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Mrs. Judy Hoffmann at (618)

722-5003 or jhoffmann@diobelle.org



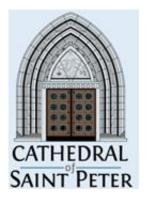
This year, that is December 3, 2023.

The Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion has been scheduled at the Cathedral for the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2:00PM.

God bless your efforts with all who are becoming Catholic!

St. Augustine's Parish ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are looking for highly motivated parishioners who would like to form a committee to begin planning St. Augustine's 200th Celebration! If interested email staug@htc.net or call the parish office. Save the date! 19 October 2024!!
- November 4th, Saturday, 7-11pm, HCC Hosts Boulder Dash, Admission \$7.00
- 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!



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NEWS FROM GIBUALT HIGH SCHOOL

Open House 2023

Our Open House is Sunday, November 5. It's the perfect time to learn more about Gibault Catholic High School and what all we can offer your family! Take a private tour of the campus, meet our faculty, learn about sports and clubs, and ask any questions you may have.

Learn a Latte

Join Director of Enrollment Kelly Day for a "Learn a Latte Zoom" on Nov 17 at 9 a.m. It's a great chance to hear about Gibault and ask any questions you may have. If you'd like to take part, email Kelly at kday@gibaulthawks.com, and she will send you the invite link.

Rummage Sale

The Gibault Women's Club Rummage Sale is Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Gibault auditorium. Half price and bag sale begins at noon. Drop off items Monday, Nov. 6 – Thursday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Early drop-offs by appointment only (call 618-719-9419 to schedule.)

Shadow Visits

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! Get started at: https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire

Cheer Camp

Future Hawk Cheerleaders! You're invited to our Mini Camp! Learn cheers alongside the Gibault Cheer Team and perform at halftime during December 9th's varsity basketball game! Kindergarten – 6th Graders are welcome. Camp will be held on Friday, December 8: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, December 9: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (pizza lunch provided). Visit www.gibaulthawks.com/winter-camps to download registration form.

SS PETER & PAUL

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 204 W. Mill, Waterloo, would like to invite you to their parish retreat on November 6 & 7, from 7-8:30 pm led by Fr. Joe Nassal. Refreshments & fellowship will follow in the gym afterwards.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. 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."

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

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

Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center – I Want to See You Presenters: Fr. Salvador Gonzalez, OMI, and Karen Seaborn Friday, November 10, 4:00 pm through Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 pm

Our women's retreat allows you to experience our "I Want to See You" retreat while encompassing your inner light. This retreat centers on the story of the man born blind. Come and share the experience of being noticed by Jesus, touched, healed and called to witness to the new sight God's love provides.

Cost: \$200.00 per person (includes lodging and meals).

Register online at https://kh.snows.org/events/ or call 618-397-0584.

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 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 of vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.



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/ BINGO- 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. John Catholic School Trivia Night- Red Bud, IL- SBJ School Gym Saturday, November 4th, 2023 @ 7pm, Shop vendors 6pm, Trivia Begins 7pm \$120.00/table, Cash prizes, 50/50, golden tickets, Extra Games! Bring snacks, cash bar, mulligans available for purchase
- **St. Joseph Church- Fall Dinner**, 138 St. Joseph Lane, Apple Creek, Missouri Sunday, November 5th, 2023, Serving 11am-2pm, Carry Out available, \$15.00 Cash and Quilt Raffle, Special Attraction Civil War Exhibit, visit the Shrine & Museum
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Quilt and Cash Bingo-Smithton, Il Sunday, November 5th, 2023, Doors open at 10:30am, Bingo begins at 1 pm. Sandwiches and refreshments served from 10:30 am 1pm. Cards at \$1 each. Bring your own covers. 50/50 Game, Attendance Prizes, Quilt Raffle, Pot of Gold
- St. Luke Sodality Lunch and Card Party- St. Luke's Parish Hall
 Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, Doors open at 10:30am, lunch served at noon
 226 N. Church St., Belleville, II 62220, Cards, bingo, and other games w/prizes
 \$10.00, lunch is Salisbury steak, noodles and gravy, glazed carrots, cake, coffee, tea.
- Newman Catholic Student Center Fall Gala Dinner 2023- Carbondale, IL Saturday, November 11th, 2023, Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, \$50.00/person Tickets available online, or upon arrival. Call to RSVP @ 618-529-3311
- **Zion Evangelical Church Wurstmarkt** Millstadt, IL Saturday, November 11th, 2023, 3-7pm, 117 W. White Street, Millstadt, IL Dinner of pork sausage, all the trimmings and dessert, \$15.00
- **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!

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023 The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

"With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities."

-Bishop Michael McGovern...Please consider making your gift today!

*Please to Date: 34 \$6.380.00 99.3% of our goal!!

(Only \$23.00 short of our goal!!!)





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 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. 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.

St. Augustine's contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern. You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.

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FINAL 2023 KIRCHENFEST TOTALS

Kirchen	fest 2023			
	St. Augustine	of Canterbur	2023	2022
	Hecker, Illinois 62248 Current			
Name	Income	Expenses	Net	Net
Adult Basket	\$2,440.00	\$18.03	\$2,421.97	\$2,163.93
Bingo	\$10,554.75	\$527.74	\$10,027.01	\$6,500.98
Cake Stand	\$604.30	\$0.00	\$604.30	\$478.61
Country Store	\$530.95	\$0.00	\$530.95	\$423.75
Dinner Stand	\$14,499.00	\$6,735.32	\$7,763.68	\$7,590.66
Kids Basket	\$22.00	\$18.20	\$3.80	\$402.12
Kids Korner	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$1,180.00	\$595.00
Raffle	\$2,147.00	\$545.09	\$1,601.91	\$1,738.77
Donations for Adv	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$375.00
Prizes/Attend. Prizes	\$600.00	\$750.00	(\$150.00)	(\$150.00)
Raffle Sub Total	\$3,097.00	\$1,295.09	\$1,801.91	\$1,963.77
Sandw ich Stand	\$4,097.75	\$1,609.87	\$2,487.88	\$1,060.72
Silent Auction	\$3,467.00	\$0.00	\$3,467.00	\$3,305.00
Tiki Trot	\$4,376.81	\$2,550.41	\$1,826.40	\$2,343.00
Tiki Trot Sponsors	\$4,135.00	\$0.00	\$4,135.00	\$4,200.00
Cash Donations	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$ 15.00
Music	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)	\$ (400.00)
E-Con-O-Jons	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$ (940.00)
Advertising	\$0.00	\$657.04	(\$657.04)	\$ (759.24)
Mailings/Supplies	\$0.00	\$726.08	(\$726.08)	\$ (622.11)
Inflatables	\$314.40	\$940.09	(\$625.69)	\$ (723.78)
Rental of HCC	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$ (1,500.00)
Reliable Sanitation	\$0.00	\$339.00	(\$339.00)	\$ (324.00)
Freidens UCC	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	\$ (250.00)
Sub Total	\$49,518.96	\$18,966.87	\$30,552.09	\$25,523.41



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

<u>Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23, 2022</u>

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 <u>homebound only.</u> 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!

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule:

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

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