

## 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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### **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

The waters flowing from the temple, the dwelling place of the Lord, bring forth life and growth. Jesus is the living sanctuary, and we his living body in the spirit.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 11/07	8:00 am- Joe Wittenauer, Special Intention
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
Friday, 11/14	8:00am- Noel & Agnes Roscow, Gary Rist
Saturday, 11/15	5:00pm- For the Parish of St. Augustine
Sunday, 11/16	8:00am- Jerry Mollet, Duane Mollet, Don Braun

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

Weekly Envelopes- \$2905.00

Loose- \$532.00

Youth- \$4.00

All Saints-\$80.00

*Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-*

**\$1061.30**

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

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

### Saturday, November 15th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Servers: Mallory Kern

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Angie Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker

Camera:

### Sunday, November 16th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Shelly Fizer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Margie Holle

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](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**

## Reflection on the Significance of the Lateran Basilica

The dedication of the Lateran Basilica is celebrated annually on November 9th and commemorates the 324 AD consecration of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). Built on land donated by Emperor Constantine following the legalization of Christianity, it is considered the "mother and head of all churches of the city and the world" and the feast symbolizes the unity of all Catholics with the See of Rome.

### **The significance of the Lateran Basilica are as follows:**

It serves as the official church of the Bishop of Rome, a title the Pope holds, making it the seat of papal authority in Rome.

The construction and dedication of this church marked the end of Christian persecution and the beginning of a new era of religious freedom.

**"Mother Church":** The inscription on its facade, "Mater et Caput" ("Mother and Head"), signifies its role as the most important church in the Catholic world and the first to be built after the Edict of Constantine, which legalized Christianity.

**Site of major events:** Historically, the basilica has hosted five ecumenical councils, and the important Lateran Treaty, which established Vatican City, was signed there in 1929. The First (1123), Second (1139), Third (1179), Fourth (1215), and Fifth (1512–1517) Lateran Councils.

**Symbol of Christian power:** Its construction was a monumental moment for Christianity, giving believers a place of worship equal in grandeur to the former pagan temples and symbolizing the new power of the church.

**Oldest church in the West:** It is the oldest public church in the West and ranks first among Rome's four major papal basilicas. (St. Peter's Basilica, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls)

**Celebration of the Church as a living temple:** The feast is also a reminder that the physical church building is a symbol of the true Church, which is made up of all believers. Like the physical basilica, Christians are called to be "living stones" and temples where God's Spirit dwells.

**Connection to history and heritage:** The feast encourages Catholics to remain connected to their past and the historical significance of the Lateran Basilica, which served as the papal residence for centuries.

**A feast of the Lord:** Because of its unique status as the Pope's cathedral, this feast is considered a "Feast of the Lord" and takes precedence over a regular Sunday liturgy, emphasizing its importance to the entire Church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I will be on vacation Nov 9 – 12. I will return to 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
- Choir practice will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 2:00 in the parish center.
- There will be a second collection for those effected by Hurricane Melissa this Sunday at both masses. This collection is requested by the Very Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB, Diocesan Administrator.
- Thank You Veterans for your service, those who are currently in the military and the those who are retired.



**PRAY FOR Robert Mueller**, father of Elaine Rader, Sue Hepp, Neil Parker and Kather Eckart, 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 faithful departed rest in peace.

## **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**

“In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.”

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities “Living Radical Solidarity”



### **Vocations**

“Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” – Thomas Merton

We thank our Veterans for their choice of vocation in serving and protecting our country.



Many Thanks to all who remembered my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with such beautiful cards and prayers.

A special thanks to our all caring and joyful Fr. Linus. May God bless you with such a wonderful, rich age of 90, on your journey home.

With Many Thanks  
Janice Geolat



**PRAY FOR Janet Marie Paucketat**, Mother of Elaine Gregson, who recently died and will be buried this weekend. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### **Gibault Update**

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](mailto: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.

There will be a baseball team's Winter Warmup over Christmas Break. All current 5-8 grade baseball players are invited. December 29 – 31, 2025 9:00 to 11:30 in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium. Contact [askaer@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:askaer@gibaulthawks.com) with any questions.