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**Confessions: are heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm and
each Sunday from 7:30am to 7:50 am.**

Parish Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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THEME FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 10/14 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 10/15 8:00am- John Link, Roy Schreder, and a Special Intention

Fri. 10/20 8:00am- John Rheinecker, Wally & Mike Amann, and
Month's Mind of Virginia Parker

Sat. 10/21 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 10/22 8:00am- Eileen Wagner, Agnes & Cletus Gregson, and Verena Kreher



Next 5th Sunday Collection:
October 28th/29th -HNS
Outreach for Thanksgiving
& Christmas

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 10-8-2023

Envelopes (53)- \$2,208.00
Loose- \$126.00
Youth- \$11.00

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

Scholarship Fund - \$863.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)
Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 21st, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann
Servers: Patrick Murphy
Lector: Cindy Grohmann
Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer
Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Alice Kuehn
Camera:

Sunday, October 22nd, 8:00am

Set Up: Elaine Rader
Servers: Tim Donius
Lector: Jonella Donius
Extraordinary Minister: Elaine Rader
Extraordinary Minister (W): Bernadette Gregson
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder
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, and Debra Harbaugh.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, United States Coast Guard, Austin Grohmann, United States Marine Corps, and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corps.

Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



PRAY FOR Mary Rettinghouse, nee Reno, wife of Erwin Rettinghouse, who died and was buried this past week. 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 on the Gospel of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mathew 22: 1- 14

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting.

*The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, "Pull over!"
"No!" the woman yelled back, "Cardigan!"*

This weekend Jesus tells us another parable. The parable of the Wedding Feast is the last of three parables that Jesus told in the temple to the Jewish religious leaders. What is interesting about the story is that the king made all the arrangements for the wedding feast but those invited did not show up. We can list some of the probable reasons why they could not come. Perhaps the wedding feast was not the kind they expected from the king. Or it's their only day to sleep in. Maybe they do not have the right clothes to wear. It can even be that they do not feel a need to attend because they won't get anything out of it, all the songs and music they sing are old or people would not be friendly. Do these excuses sound familiar? We all give similar excuses when we don't want to do something that we should do.

However, since the people invited could not show up, the king put out another invitation. This time the invitation extends to anyone who would like to come. These include the good, the bad, and the ugly. Interestingly, most of those invited in this second batch responded positively. They do not take the invitation for granted. To them, it was the call of amazing grace. Someone has recognized their worth and given them a reason to celebrate. But there seems to be a problem. The king finds a man at the feast who is not wearing a wedding garment. How did he get in there underdressed? The wedding garment is a symbol of Christian life. The image of clothing or wearing a wedding garment is used a lot in the New Testament. Consequently, it means that even though all are invited through God's grace, that grace still demands some responsibility from us. The wedding feast is an open invitation, but there is a dress code. The dress code is transformation. We have a particular kind of cloth to wear to the feast. If a person receives unmerited grace and does not respond with appreciation and genuine humility, they will be judged just as those who reject God's invitation. Therefore, in the words of Paul, we must put on, "as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, and humility." Are you invited to the feast? Then put on your wedding garment and come. There is a seat with your name on it.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS...

Congratulations to the re-elected Parish Council Members – Scott Gregson and Kay Rist! They will be serving a second three-year term on the council.

Many thanks to Brice Griffin and Jodi Griffin for agreeing to be on the ballot this year!!!

MASS TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAYS!!! Beginning THIS Sunday, October 15th, all Sunday Masses here at St. Augustine's will begin at 8AM...Please make a note of the change!!!

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!!
- Meat Shoot, Sunday, October 15th, 2023, 12pm-??, Sponsored by Holy Name Men's Society
- Finance Committee Meeting Monday, October 16th, 7pm Parish Office
- Parish Council Meeting Monday, October 23rd, 7pm Parish Center
- Jubilee Celebration Honoring Sr. Joan and Sr. Angela Saturday 10/28 and Sunday 10/29 following both Masses, location inside the Parish Center. Please bring a dessert to share. Since it was asked- Donations to their favorite organization or gift cards to Schnucks or local restaurants would make very appropriate gifts to celebrate their service.
- Holy Day of Obligation- Solemnity of All Saints Mass, Wednesday November 1st, 2023 8am- St. Augustine's
- All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 5th - 8:00 am Mass- Please call the Parish Office at 618-473-2217 if you have a loved one you wish to add that passed away this past year.
- Tuesday, November 28th, 1-5pm, Hecker Community Center: Hecker Community Blood Drive.

Congratulations

Bishop's Mass for Wedding Anniversaries October 15th, 2023

Sunday, October 15th, 2023 at 1:00 PM Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate the Annual Mass of Appreciation honoring couples celebrating their Twenty-Fifth, Thirtieth, Fortieth, Fiftieth, Sixtieth, and all years above 60 Wedding Anniversaries at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville.

Those couples from our parish to be honored are:

Edward & May Stellhorn – 63 Years

Dale & Lois Papenberg – 62 Years

Richard & Donna Kaiser- 60 Years

Gary & Kay Rist- 50 Years

Marvin & Elaine Gregson- 40 Years

Charles & Debra Harbaugh- 40 Years

Congratulations to all of you on your special wedding anniversaries!!!!



*You are
Invited!*



Sister Joan's and Sister Angela's Jubilee!!

When: Following both Masses the weekend of October 28th and October 29th.

Where: Parish Center

What: Please join us for light refreshments as we celebrate Sr. Joan's 60 years of service and Sr. Angela's 25 years of service!!

*If you would like to donate a dessert and/or drink, please contact the parish office at 618-473-2217 or email staug@htc.net. Thank you!



NEWS FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

Oktoberfest 2023

Oktoberfest 2023 is ONE WEEK away! We hope you'll join us on October 21 for "Havana Nights!" Event tickets are still available! We are also accepting donations for our live and silent auctions. Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com or by contacting dfрасure@gibaulthawks.com.

Bonfire Bash

Save the date for our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All 6th -8th graders are invited. We'll have snacks, drinks, music, and a photo station! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/bonfirebash23!>

Shadow Visits

We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Shadow visitors 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>

Open House 2023

You're invited to our Open House on Nov. 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. Reserve your space: <https://bit.ly/gchsopenhouse23>

Now Hiring – Bus Driver

Gibault Catholic High School is looking for more bus drivers to add to our transportation department. If you or someone you know is interested in filling in here and there, please reach out to Mr. Montgomery at jamontg@gibaulthawks.com



Holy Name Society

When: Sat., October 28, 7 pm
Doors open at 6 pm.

Where: SS Peter & Paul Gym

Reserve

Table: John 314-503-2769
jawkneeg87@gmail.com

- \$160 per table (Max 8 people per table).
- Draft beer, soda and snacks provided.
- BYO additional food/drinks.
- Cash prizes for top 3 teams!
- 50/50 Drawing and other prizes!



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations.”

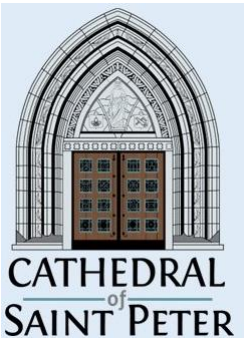
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Prayer for Radical Solidarity” (respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

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 Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate is sometimes celebrated in the parishes on the First Sunday of Advent. 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!

**Peace –
Fr. Godfrey**

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.



“After graduating from college, I moved to Mississippi to begin a career as a sports journalist. I then got involved in my local parish where I was asked to join the Knights of Columbus. I was blown away by the dedication of these men to their faith and the Church, and it made me think about what really matters in life. One day at Mass, I felt ... a powerful call to bring others to Christ and the Church. Nurtured by the encouragement of a good pastor and by the example of faithful parishioners, I entered the seminary. We are all called to holiness, and when that holiness is lived out, vocations result.”

Fr. Nicholas Adam; Diocese of Jackson *Columbia Magazine*, May 2019



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!!

Parishioners of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Invite you to:

Every 1st Thursday of the month, 8:15am Mass and Devotional Prayers following Mass for the Intercession of St. Peregrine for all our brothers and sisters who are ill.
Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 5923 North Belt West, Belleville, IL

- **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, beginning Sept 14th, 2023
305 N Front St, Okawville, IL 62271, Doors open @5pm, Bingo @ 6pm
Food, drinks, and desserts for purchase- All games pay out \$50.00
- **Immaculate Conception- Tamora, IL**
Sunday, October 15th, 2023, Quilt/Cash Bingo @ KC Hall in DuBois
Doors open at 11am, Bingo starts at 1pm
- **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. 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

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program's** mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

Pledges to Date: 31

\$5,880.00

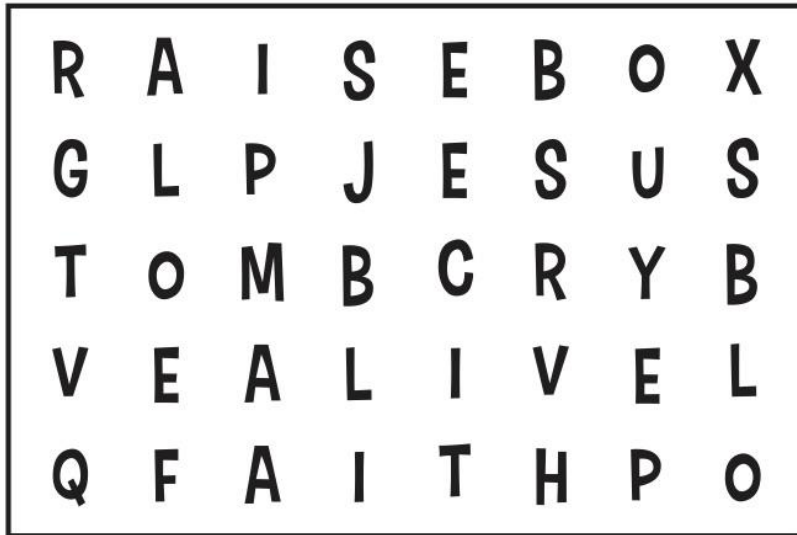
92% of our goal!



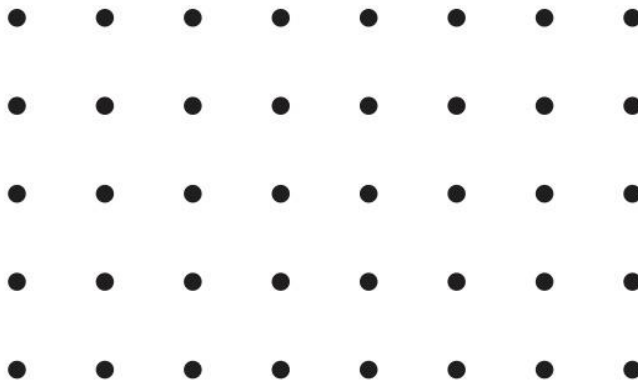
JESUS TOLD LAZARUS TO COME OUT OF THE TOMB.
HE WAS ALIVE AGAIN!

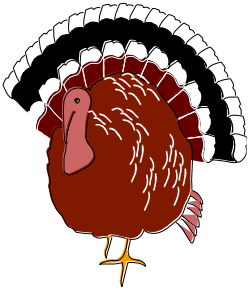
Find and circle these words in the puzzle below.

TOMB RAISE JESUS FAITH ALIVE



WITH A FRIEND, TAKE TURNS CONNECTING LINES BETWEEN THE DOTS TO FORM SQUARES. WHEN YOUR LINE MAKES A SQUARE, YOU WIN THAT SQUARE. WRITE YOUR INITIALS IN IT AND THEN TAKE ANOTHER TURN. THE ONE WITH THE MOST SQUARES WINS THE GAME!





**ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY NAME
MENS SOCIETY
MEAT SHOOT -- Free Mulligan
THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 2023
12 NOON to ??
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER**



**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Volunteer Request
Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31**

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

Did You Know?

On October 4 Pope Francis published an Apostolic Exhortation LAUDATE DEUM.
This is a follow-up to Laudato Si!

1. "Praise God for all his creatures". This was the message that Saint Francis of Assisi proclaimed by his life, his canticles and all his actions. In this way, he accepted the invitation of the biblical psalms and reflected the sensitivity of Jesus before the creatures of his Father: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these" (Mt6:288-29)."Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight"(Lk12:6). How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!
2. Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si', when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.
3. This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological approach, because "our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world." In a few words, the Bishops assembled for the Synod for Amazonia said the same thing: "Attacks on nature have consequences for people's lives". And to express bluntly that this is no longer a secondary or ideological question, but a drama that harms us all, the African bishops stated that climate change makes manifest "a tragic and striking example of structural sin."