

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Theme for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 10/17	8:00 am- John Rheinecker
Saturday, 10/18	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 10/19	8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer, Gary Rist
Friday, 10/24	8:00am- Marie Hess, Mary Morales & Family
Saturday, 10/25	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 10/26	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

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

Weekly Envelopes- \$1030.00

Loose- \$505.00

Youth- \$4.00

World Mission - \$

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-

\$820.30

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, October 25th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmann's

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, October 26th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Sister Joan

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Lector: Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Shelly Fizer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary

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: 30 100% OF OUR GOAL MET

\$6718.00.00 pledged of 10/12/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

Reflection for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A little boy's parents had given him a little Bible to present to his grandma on her birthday. The boy knew that when you give a book as a gift, it was customary to write something on the front page. So, not knowing what to write, he copied an inscription from a book in his father's bookcase. Imagine grandma's surprise when she opened her brand new Bible and read the note: "To grandma with the compliment of the author."

In the Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus asks a crucial question that is baffling. "When the Son of Man returns, will He find any faith on earth?"

Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge is typical of our life. Life sometimes is unfair and full of surprises. Everybody navigates through the good, the bad, and the ugly situations of life at some point. But what separates people from one another is how they paddle their boat.

When the Son of Man returns, will he find the faith that has been tested, bruised, and harassed but never failed? So much in our life today puts pressure on our faith. These include family, marriage, social expectations, and government policies. The widow in the parable is typical because of her disadvantaged situation. She is both a widow and lonely, at risk of becoming even more defenseless. In Jesus time widows were often left at the mercy of relatives and sometimes the oldest son if they had any to provide for them. Also, widows were generally unable to speak in self-defense. Hence, they were soft targets of oppression and swindling. However, Jesus' story presents a widow who though helpless, is bold and unwilling to take silence as a deterrent answer.

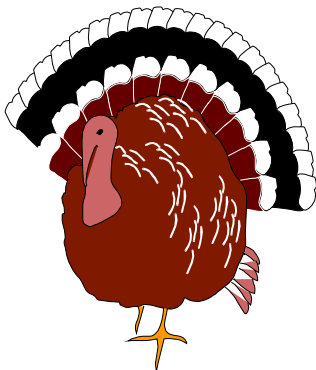
The woman in this parable represents what it means to be persistent, faithful, and hopeful in spite of disadvantaged social status. Moreover, it describes what it means to rely on the intervening power of God in helpless situation.

In addition, the first reading from the book of exodus carries a "magical element." The Israelites did well in the battle when Moses' hands were raised. But, when Moses dropped his hands, they began to lose. The positioning of Moses' hands is not accidental. The traditional gesture for praying among the Jews was holding hands upward, indicating that our ultimate trust and the direction of our hope is God. Thus, connection to God and the community is of essence in life. The support Moses gets from Aaron and Hur is symbolic of community support when we grow weak in our faith.

At Mass, we celebrate our connection to Christ and a community of faith. When Jesus says, where two or three gather in my name, I am in their midst, He means to be a unifying and strengthening presence in our faith community. Therefore, a gathering community is a sign of God's presence. The people who are with us in this faith community support us in our faith just as Aaron and Hur supported the hands of Moses when they grew weak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Enclosed in today's bulletin is the financial report from this year's Kirchenfest. Our totals were down this year due to the heat. Thank you to all who worked to make our Kirchenfest a success. The money we make from the Kirchenfest is critical to help our parish survive.
- We have met our goal for the Catholic Service and Ministries Appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the Ladies Sodality for the remaining funds to meet our goal.



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY
NAME MENS SOCIETY
MEAT SHOOT -Free Mulligan
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th,
2025
12 PM to ??
HECKER COMMUNITY
CENTER**

Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Shiloh is having an All You Can Eat Chicken and Pasta Dinner on October 26, 2025
Menu: Fried chicken, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green beans, corn, slaw, rolls, dessert and drink.
\$15.00 for adults, children (5 to 10) \$10.00.

205 Rasp Street
Shiloh. IL 62269

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

Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!

Vocations

“My call to religious life began with a construction project at my college dorm. As jackhammers rang outside, I sought refuge in the chapel and at campus ministry events. My faith began to flourish and during those years I providentially met a De La Salle Christian brother who opened up new opportunities for community and service. My Catholic education...played a significant role in my discernment. I similarly attribute my vocation in large part to my family, who have always encouraged me to be faithful to God and a disciple of Christ. My advice to anyone discerning is to remain true to yourself and God. Dedicate yourself to growing in faith, service, justice, hope and love.”
Brother Kyle Mena, Brothers of the Christian Schools; Columbia Magazine, Oct. 2021.



All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 2nd -8:00 am Mass

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2024 during the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025.

Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to let us know your loved one's name or send an email to staug@htc.net.

We are planning to have the procession prior to the start of Mass where you carry a candle in remembrance of your loved one.

Thank you.

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!

Gibault News

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. Come and experience what a day in the life of a Hawk is all about! Want to know more about Gibault? Schedule a private tour! Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to fill out our inquiry form and we will reach out to get you scheduled. Any questions can be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

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