

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line 618-792-4059**

**House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618-939-8680**

**Confessions: are heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm and  
each Sunday from 8 to 8:20 am.**

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

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**THEME FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat. 9/30 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's  
Sun. 10/1 8:30am- James G. Neary, Charlie Kreher, and Urban Wittenauer  
  
Fri. 10/6 8:00am-Donald, David, & Dale Braun, and Jerry Mollet  
  
Sat. 10/7 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's  
Sun. 10/8 8:30am- Norbert Wittenauer, Bonnie Casey, and  
Lawrence Biffar & Arline Klinkhardt



**Anointing of the Sick  
will take place after  
both Masses THIS  
weekend.**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-24-2023**

Envelopes (51)- \$1,370.00

Loose- \$149.00

Youth-\$11.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$747.00*

*(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, October 7th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader  
Servers: Grace & Braden Koester  
Lector: Elaine Rader  
Extraordinary Minister: Barb Bruss  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker  
Camera:

### Sunday, October 8th, 8:30am

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker  
Servers:  
Lector: Janella Neary  
Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary  
Camera:



### **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) Firnkens, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Heather Grohmann Kurtz, Shirley Wittenauer, Annette Lovelace, and Mel Parker.

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** Delmar Wachtel, husband to the late Wylma Wachtel, 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.

# FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

## Reflection for the Twenty-six Sunday in Ordinary Time

A mother was beginning to worry about her 14-year-old daughter. The girl was just becoming aware of her own femininity. She was spending almost all her time on fashion Web sites and all her allowance buying cosmetics and perfume. One day the girl came into the kitchen and the mother was overwhelmed by the smell of her perfume. "Honey," she said, "I told you that you are using too much perfume. You just need a touch. I can smell you a mile away." "The girl protested, "But mom I love this perfume. It's called Beautiful, and whenever I wear it, I feel beautiful. I am beautiful." "Fine," said the mother, "but I'd like you to buy some perfume called Obedience."

The story we read in the Gospel this weekend presents us with two children. Stories of two children of different lifestyles are common in the Bible. For example, the two sons, in the prodigal son story (Luke 15:11-32); the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-16); the Story of Jacob and Esau (Genesis:25:23-28). Although these stories frequently refer to male siblings, they also imply female siblings. The first impression about these siblings is that they are imperfect in their roles.

The first son in our story this weekend said "no" to his father, but then changed his mind and did what his father asked. The second son said "yes" to his father's request but did nothing. In everyday life, there is a struggle with obedience and disobedience, good and bad and this struggle takes various twists. Moreover, the Bible is flooded with stories of conversions. Some people like Paul on the road to Damascus appear to be converted immediately, while others like Nicodemus take some time to reflect on the direction of their lives. Very often when people discover that their life is going in the wrong direction they change and follow a different direction. Saint Augustine for instance, lived his early life in sin, but then changed and said yes to God and went on to become one of the greatest teachers of faith. Also, Francis of Assisi began his life in a privileged family. He was entrapped in self-indulgence but then changed to live a life of simplicity and service. What ultimately counts is not where one life begins, but the action that one takes. Our past does not determine our future. Our history is not our destiny. A sin can be forgiven. A flaw can be mended. A life can be changed. Through our Baptism, we are part of a community where sinners become saints daily. It is never too late. Mercy never runs out. With God's help, our worst "no" can become a clear and glorious "yes."



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**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Donna  
and Rich Kaiser!!**

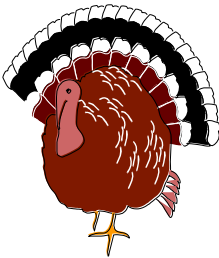
**May God Bless you both!!**

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Total Profit from Kirchenfest:  
**\$30, 487.69!!!** (We may still have a bill or two that has  
not been reconciled, but this is a great number!!!)

**ALL priests inside the Diocese of Belleville will be attending a Priest Convocation (reunion) in St. Louis and will be gone Monday, October 2 thru Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> of next week. There will be a Deacon providing a communion service @ Ss. Peter and Paul at 8am next week Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday while they are away. If there is an emergency, please call Fr. Linus on his cell 618-666-2217.**



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY NAME MENS SOCIETY  
MEAT SHOOT -- Free Mulligan  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11 AM to ??  
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Announcement from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church:**

**Let's celebrate Father Evaristus and thank him for his beautiful ministry to our parishes!! Join us for brunch, Sunday, October 15, 2023, Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Ss. Peter and Paul School Cafeteria!!**

**MASS TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAYS!!!**  
**Beginning Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration! If interested email [staug@htc.net](mailto:staug@htc.net) or call the parish office. Save the date! 19 October 2024!!
- Cemetery Committee Meeting October 3, 2023 7pm
- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9-4pm: Waterloo Pumpkin Fest, South Main Street/ Courthouse Square. Food, drink, craft vendors, and pumpkin activities.
- Meat Shoot, Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11am-??, Sponsored by Holy Name Men's Society
- Finance Committee Meeting Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Parish Office
- Parish Council Meeting Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 8am- St. Augustine's
- All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm, Hecker Community Center: Hecker Community Blood Drive.



## NEWS FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

### Shadow Visits

We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Oktoberfest 2023

Join us on October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest - "*Havana Nights!*" Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at [www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com](http://www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com). Donations are being accepted for our live and silent auctions, too.

Contact [dfrasure@gibalthawks.com](mailto:dfrasure@gibalthawks.com) to donate. We hope you'll be part of Gibault's "Party with a Purpose!"

### 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@gibalthawks.com](mailto:jamontg@gibalthawks.com)



## DIOCESAN INFORMATION

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts.”

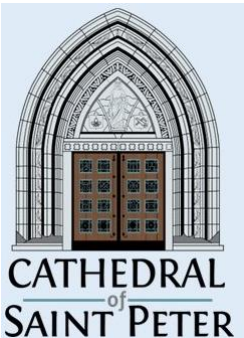
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: “Radical Solidarity” ([respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection](https://respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection))

### **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**



NATIONAL SHRINE of  
OUR LADY of the SNOWS  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**

***Jewish and Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin***

**Presenter: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, PhD**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

The stories of creation and the first sin in the Book of Genesis are core to how we understand the world and our role in it.

But is there more than one way to interpret them? For centuries Jewish and Christian communities have read these stories very differently, and that has led to fundamental differences in theology and worldview.

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023**

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

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

***Pledges to Date: 31***

***\$5,880.00***

***92% of our goal!***



## 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.



“Wherever there are consecrated people...there is always joy!” These words of Pope Francis reflect my own experience since I was a child. Through my parish, I had the opportunity to meet many religious sisters from different communities, and each time I was amazed at the contagious joy of these women who had given up everything to follow Jesus. I began to recognize in my heart a desire to do the same. When I was in grade school, my parish opened a perpetual adoration chapel, and my parents and I would pray there an hour each week. In this quiet time of prayer ....my desire to become a bride of Christ continued to grow. During my senior year of high school, I spent time visiting the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. I entered the community in 2013 and made my final profession in 2020. The Lord has continued to fill my heart with his peace and joy!”

**Sr. Rose Dominic Daily**; Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia; *Columbia*



**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](http://serrastclair.org)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS- UPDATED WEEKLY!!

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

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, beginning Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 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
- **Corpus Christi Trivia Night- Shiloh, IL**  
*Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023*  
Doors open 6pm, Trivia at 7pm, \$10.00/person, table of 10 \$100.00  
Reserve a table call 618-632-7614  
Bring your own drinks and snacks. 50/50, silent auction, and more!
- **Life Network Trivia Night, Waterloo High School Cafeteria**  
*Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023* Doors open @5pm  
Start Time is 6pm SHARP, Raffle Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Prize Wheel, Attendance Prizes, Max 10/ table/ \$150.00 per table  
Bring your own food/drink, NO ALCOHOL, Soda and water to be sold.
- **St. James' CCW Wine Tasting Experience!**  
*Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm*  
Doors open at 6:30pm. \$30 per person. To reserve a single seat or entire table, call Dawn Sheldon at 618-223-9605 / Michelle Hucke 618-781-7665
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church- Dubois, IL**  
*Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023,* Quilt and Cash Bingo-Knights of Columbus Hall  
Doors open @ 11am, Games begin @ 1pm  
Paper cards, lunch will be available. Cake Raffle, Basket Raffle, Bingo
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- **Immaculate Conception- Tamora, IL**  
*Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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

**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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# Halloween

## Kick-Off Party

The Hecker Community Center and the village are again co-hosting an event on Halloween. Several area businesses are co sponsoring the event. The party will be Tuesday, October 31st at the Hecker Community Center. Doors open at 4:30PM with free hot dogs, chips, popcorn and soda for all. Kid's costume judging with gift cards for prizes and a game or two. Come to the hall first get some food and a Halloween bag and have a start on collecting treats and be own your way trick or treating around 6PM. All are welcomed to eat,





You are  
Invited!



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

**When:** Following both Masses the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:staug@htc.net). Thank you!

## Set Your Minds On Things Above



Because life is found in Christ,  
knowing Him should be our deepest desire.

Find the shapes in the jumbled heap  
and write their words to complete the verse.



“  your  on things

, where  is seated

at the right  of .”

