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THEME FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Lord is king and there is no other. We are render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- 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 8:00am- Eileen Wagner, Agnes & Cletus Gregson, and Verena Kreher
 Fri. 10/27 8:00am- Frank Gregson, Virginia Parker, and Delmar Wachtel's Month's Mind
 Sat. 10/28 5:00pm- Charlie Kreher, Esther Eckart, and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
- Sun. 10/29 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 10-15-2023

Envelopes (48)- \$3,019.00 Loose- \$146.00 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

<u>Saturday, October 28th, 5pm</u> Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Lector: Ruth Wittenauer Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer Extraordinary Minister (W): Kevin Schreder Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder Camera:

Sunday, October 29th, 8:00am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar Servers: Lector: Betty Schreder Extraordinary Minister: Ryan Grohmann Extraordinary Minister (W): Denny Biffar Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer 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.

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





PRAY FOR Norbert F. Eschmann, husband to the late Kaye Eschmann, 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.

A Reflection for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. They were at a community picnic one day and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why something as good as this would be forbidden to you. Why don't you break down and try one?" To which the rabbi replied, "Sure, at your wedding." One thing we know about the Pharisees is that they were good at their Job. They knew rhetoric and the Hebrew scripture very well. So, when they confronted anybody, they brought rhetoric and the knowledge of scripture into a robust conversation. In the gospel of this weekend, we read about the double-edged question they pose to Jesus Christ. As Mathew records it, their intention was to entrap Jesus. So, they asked him, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" (Matthew 22:17b NAB). However, they do not say under whose law the act should be judged, the imperial law or God's law. Of course, this leaves Jesus in a dilemma. Consequently, He must navigate through the trap without shying away from his true identity and teaching.

The real question here is not about taxes. The Jews knew that it was okay to pay taxes and they had always paid taxes. Therefore, the tax in question here was the imperial tax paid as a tribute to Rome to support the Roman occupation of Israel. But Jesus is aware of their intention. So, instead of dividing Rome, his ministry, and God, Jesus turned the table upside down and fit in the duties we all owe to the emperor or state. However, he quickly adds a dimension that links everything to God: "Give to God the things that are of God."

Although, we are to give to our government what is their due as an expression of the greater participation in the divine ordering of the world, what is specifically due to God is not to be confused here. While our relationship with the government authority differs from the first-century Jews, there is at least one way in which we are similar: we cannot flee from participation in the government of our time. There are times when Christians must cooperate with the state, and there are times they must resist because of what they hold as a value. But navigating through that goes beyond common sense. Therefore, wisdom, the word of God, and the fear of God must guide our judgment not once and for all but always. It is not about divided loyalties but hearing and seeing God speaking and guiding amidst changing political climates. Some people would argue here that it would have been good if Jesus had given us more explicit instructions on our relationship with the government, but it seems the ambiguous nature of his words reflects the ambiguity of our lives and invites us to actions that are both judicious and moral.

God is good all the time; all the time God is good!



Happy birthday to Father Linus on October 20th!! May God continue to bless you abundantly!!

Congratulations to Brady Biffar (son of Jeff and Vicki Biffar) and to the entire Gibault Boys' Soccer Team for winning the Regional Championship!!! Good luck at Sectionals!!



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 <u>staug@htc.net</u> or call the parish office. Save the date! 19 October 2024!!
- CHANGE- Parish Council Meeting Monday, is now October 30th, 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.
- Halloween, October 31st, Tuesday, HHC Hosts Halloween Kick-Off Party, 5-6pm.
- Holy Day of Obligation- Solemnity of All Saints Mass, Wednesday November 1st, 2023 8am- St. Augustine's
- November 4th, Saturday, 7-11pm, HCC Hosts Boulder Dash, Admission \$7.00
- 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.
- 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.

We deeply appreciate the kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us during this time of loss. Thank you to all who participated in her beautiful Mass especially Msgr Bill, Fr Linus, Sr Barb and Sr Joan, the servers and the choir, of which she was always to proud to be part of for so many years. Thank you to the Ladies and Sodality for standing in honor for her final visit into her Lord's house.

Thank you to her parishioner family, our family and friends who donated food and volunteered to help at the luncheon on her day we laid her to rest. There are not enough words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love and support we have received. May we remember to continue to live as the faithful Christian Mary was and be comforted knowing she is at peace with our God.

The Family of Mary Jean Rettinghouse



Next SATURDAY/SUNDAY is our last 5th Sunday Collection this year: (OCT 28th and 29th) Collection will go towards HNS Outreach for Thanksgiving & Christmas



Don't forget that coming up in 2 weekends to move your clocks back, Sunday, November 5th, 2023 (2:00 am)!!



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

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2022 during the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 6th, 2023.

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

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 vou.



NEWS FROM GIBUALT HIGH SCHOOL

Oktoberfest 2023 – Teacher Wish List

If you weren't able to join us for Oktoberfest 2023, you can still show your support by making a teacher's wish come true! Our teacher wish list will remain open for the next week. You can purchase a specific item or make a donation to be applied toward the remaining list. Visit <u>www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com</u> to view our teachers' wish list. **Bonfire Bash**

Future Hawks! We hope you'll join us at 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 <u>https://bit.ly/bonfirebash23</u>!

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: <u>https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire</u>

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: <u>https://bit.ly/gchsopenhouse23</u>

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae,* no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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: <u>https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel</u>.

> 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.



"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.



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!

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• 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

Special Events Scheduled at the National Shrine

Relics of beloved saints including St. Jude and members of the Vincentian Family will be on display at the historic National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 28 (Mass at 12:10 p.m.) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 29 (Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.). Guest Speaker Patty Schneier will present a talk titled "Live Life Like a Saint" at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. On Sunday, October 29, a music program will start at 12:30 p.m. Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection and remembrance of all the saints of the Church. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or go to www.amm.org for more information.



MARY AND MARTHA'S BROTHER LAZARUS WAS DYING, SO THEY CALLED UPON JESUS TO HELP THEM. IN THE PUZZLE BELOW ARE WORDS FROM TODAY'S LESSON. SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THEM ALL!

Circle the words found in the Word List below. They can be across, up, down or diagonal (both forward and backward).

WORD LIST:													
MARY MARTHA LAZARUS JESUS SICK					SISTERS ASLEEP FRIEND DEATH TOMB				WAKE DAYTIME LIGHT BELIEVE BROTHER				
S I ST E R S W E R B Y V	JFENGAAUVVARH	GETLSKELENUAF	LQSLEMEJIOOMR	F A E U I R Q O L W E S I	LEZTSWEQEKWCE	PAYATDSHBYCQN	BAIHRDEATHXID	DZGCSURHUOKMS	FIOF QLSAHT RAM	LCYZRMKBGELBJ	BMOTFBMWOTAKY	ZMRYZUQQJGWJI	

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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: 32

\$5,980.00

93% of our goal!

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 <u>programs@snows.org</u>, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: <u>www.snows.org/wayoflights</u>

Marathon Prayer and Fasting for Peace at St. Teresa

Please join in a Marathon Prayer and Fasting for Peace, Healing, and Life at St. Teresa Parish Belleville.

War, hate, and death in the Middle East, Ukraine, and many parts of the world summon us to weep for peace, fight for reconciliation, and rejoice in life's gift. The prayer will begin on October 26 at 6:00 a.m. and end on October 27 at 12:00 p.m. The prayer will include fasting, reconciliation, rosary, adoration, and Mass. Mass will be on October 26 at 6:30 a.m., 12:00 Midnight, and October 27 at 12:00 Midday.

Síster Joan Weiler, ASC - 60 Faithful Years of Service



After celebrating first vows in 1963, the call of discipleship led me to classrooms in IL, MO, and Puerto Rico. In most of these placed I also provided music in the parishes. The conscious, active participation of the People of God singing God's praises always delights my heart. In leaving each of these places, I knew I left behind a trail of musical notes. While living in San Antonio, I continued my music ministry, while working as a DRE, or serving as a deanery consultant for the Archdiocese. Returning to IL, I ministered in pastoral care for two hospitals, and as a substitute organist in a non-Catholic church. I am grateful to be with you today to celebrate my 60th anniversary as an Adorer of the Blood of Christ. Blessings, Sr. Joan

Síster Angela Laquet, ASC - 25 Faithful Years of Service



I entered the ASC Congregation as a candidate in 1994. I became a novice in 1996 and made my first profession of vows on July 25, 1998. My primary ministry has been Occupational Therapist, working at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Belleville, Illinois, St. John's Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, Memorial Home Services (formerly St. Vincent Home Care) in Taylorville, Illinois. I have served on the Catholic Committee for Scouting in Springfield, Illinois, as well as the Vocation Committee for the Springfield Illinois Diocese. Currently, I am serving on the leadership team for the US Region of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ and I am on the Belleville TEC Board. Blessings, Sr. Angela

Díd You Know?

Continuation of Laudate Deum by Pope Francis

4. The reflection and information that we can gather from these past eight years allow us to clarify and complete what we were able to state some time ago. For this reason, and because the situation is now even more pressing, I have wished to share these pages with you.

1. The Global Climate Crisis

5. Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. Admittedly, not every concrete catastrophe ought to be attributed to global climate change, Nonetheless, it is verifiable that specific climate changes provoked by humanity are notably heightening the probability of extreme phenomena that are increasingly frequent and intense. For this reason, we know that every time the global temperature increases by 0.5 degrees C, the intensity and frequency of great rains and floods increase in some areas and severe droughts in others, extreme heat waves in some places and heavy snowfall in others. If up to now we could have heat waves several times a year, what will happen if the global temperatures increases by 1.5 degrees Celsius, which we are approaching? Those heat waves will be much more frequent and with greater intensity. If it should rise about 2 degrees, the icecaps of Greenland and a large part of Antarctica will melt completely with immensely grave consequences for everyone.

