

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Theme for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 10/24	8:00 am- 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
Friday, 10/31	8:00am- Jerry Mollet, Duane Mollet, Don Haudrich
Saturday, 11/01	5:00pm- All Saints Day
Sunday, 11/02	8:00am- All Souls Day

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

Weekly Envelopes- \$2457.00

Loose- \$396.00

Youth- \$

World Mission - \$45.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-
\$1020.30

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, November 1st, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Servers: Mallory Kern
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Extraordinary Minister: Angie Kern
Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker
Camera:

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Rader
Servers: Doerr's
Lector: Elaine Rader
Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder
Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson
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: 31 103% OF OUR GOAL MET

\$6,968.00.00 pledged of 10/12/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

As I was gathering my sermon, I couldn't help thinking about a story of a little girl who was home alone and ill. She called her mother at work and told her, "Momma, I need you, and I need you bad." This mother asked to get off work and frantically rushed to the corner drug store to bring home some medicine. She noticed it was beginning to rain, but she thought she would just "run in and out" to get the medicine for her sick little girl. When she returned to her car, she noticed something entirely different—she had locked her keys in the car. She ran inside to get help from the employees, but none of them seemed to know what to do. Finally, they gave her a clothes hanger and said, "Good luck!" She ran back to her car, frantically trying to open the door. The more she tried, the harder it rained, and suddenly, it came down to what we call "an old fashion gully-washer." Out of desperation, she cried, "Lord, I need your help, and I need you right now!" Suddenly, an old pickup pulled right next to her. She looked up and saw this man approaching her. He was dirty and had a dew rag on top of his head with scars and tattoos all over his body, one you wouldn't want to come across, especially alone. Without thinking, she embraced this man and said, "Sir, could you possibly help me? My daughter is sick at home, and I have to get this medicine to her as soon as possible. Unfortunately, I have locked my keys in the car." Within a minute or two, this man successfully unlocked her car. Out of joy, she grabbed this man, gave him a huge hug, and said, "you're such a nice man." The man pushed her away and said, "no, ma'am, I am not! You see, I have just escaped prison, I steal cars for a living!" Without hesitation, this woman looked toward heaven and said, "Thanks, God, for sending a professional!!!!"

Carl Jung, the famous psychologist, asked his Rabbi, "Why is it that in biblical times God appeared to many people and many people saw him, but today hardly anyone sees God?" The Rabbi thought for a while and then said, "I think it's because today, there is not anyone around who can bow down low enough." Humility is not a modern-day virtue. But we need humility to relate with God. Relationship with God is sustained by grace and mercy. Although we were created good, we live in a world that offers us various values, we live in neighborhoods that challenge our goodness, and we listen to voices that tell us to reinvent ourselves. The more these influences weigh upon us the harder it is for us to be in terms with ourselves.

Evidently, we discover ourselves more when we are humble before God. This is what the tax collector does in the Gospel this weekend. Jesus says that God answered his prayer, and he goes home justified. The tax collector knows that acknowledging his limitations and brokenness opens the door for him to truly experience God's strength at work with him; for when we are weak, He is strong; His grace becomes the lifeline that lifts us up. By acknowledging our need for Him, we invite His abundant grace to fill our lives. Grace and mercy come from God. Mercy is the act of withholding due punishment, while grace is the act of granting unmerited favor. God does not punish his children according to their sins in His mercy. Instead, he gives us his grace freely and invites us to accept the gift we do not deserve, namely Heaven. So next time you pray, don't ask for reward or a pat at the back. Instead submit yourself in humility and let the Holy spirit in you connect with God. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans" (Roman 8:26).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Choir practice will be on Thursday, Oct 30th at 2:00 pm in church.
- Anointing of the sick will take place next weekend November 1, after the 5:00 pm mass and November 2, after the 8:00 am mass.
- Praying of the rosary will take place before the 8:00 am mass on Sunday November 2nd.

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.

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

“The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities.

...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need [respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection](https://www.respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection)

Vocations

Next Sunday, November 2nd, starts National Vocation Awareness Week (declared by the U.S. Bishops) - an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations.

Suggest to our youth to consider a call from the Lord to serve the Church and pray every day this week for an increase in vocations.



***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

. Join us for an entertaining night of theater as our Hawks put on the play "Twelve Angry Jurors", Thursday-Saturday (10/23 – 10/25) at 7pm, and Sunday (10/26) at 2pm, in the GCHS Auditorium. 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? Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to fill out our inquiry form. Any questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women is having a BUNCO Night on Thursday, November 13th, 2025. Doors open at 6:00 pm. You can reserve a spot by calling or texting Lori Doerr at 618-210-5881. Browse the raffles, help yourself to snacks and a drink. Games begin at 6:30 pm.

Wurstmart – Sunday November 2nd

10:30 – 4:30

St. Augustine's in Belleville

1910 W. Belle St.

Belleville, IL 62226

Polka Mass at 10:30

All you can eat. Dine in or Carry out available.