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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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Closed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch.

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THEME FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 10-2 | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 10-3 | 8:30 am – Wylma Wachtel; Bonnie Casey and
Mike Amann |
| Fri. 10-8 | 8:00 am – Bob Volpert (Month's Mind); Bruce Schneider;
and Virgil Gregson |
| Sat. 10-9 | 5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson; Fran Rendleman;
and Joe Jung |
| Sun. 10-10 | 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |



**EFFECTIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH,
2021 AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,
ALL INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF
THEIR VACINATION STATUS, AGE TWO
& OLDER, ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A
MASK WHILE INDOORS. THIS
INCLUDES WEEKDAY & WEEKEND
MASSES AND ALL INDOOR PARISH
SOCIAL EVENTS!**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-26-2021

Sunday Envelopes (87) - \$3,702.43

Loose – \$30.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$1,119.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2021)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 9th; 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Sanitizers: Schreders

Camera: Eric Schreder

Sunday, October 10th; 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Servers: Koesters

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Sanitizers: Biffars

Camera:

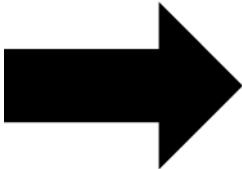


Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Bill Cowell, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Penny Hofstetter, Paden Schultz, Michelle Knepelkamp, Donna Kaiser, Walter Krysnoski, Mark Triller, Ralph Ruhmann, Zach Wheat, Marie McMullan, and Bruce Vierheller.

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

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



As a reminder, at this time, we are required to follow some specific guidelines from the Diocese:

- **Everyone age 2 & older must wear a mask to Mass.**
- **Extraordinary Ministers must wear a mask when distributing communion.**
- **Servers are NOT to wear an alb at this time; please wear nice church clothes (otherwise someone is going to have to wash the albs after every Mass).**

**PARISH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS...**

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS...will be held THIS weekend,
October 2nd & 3rd. If you are 18 years or
older and a registered parishioner at St.
Augustine's, you are eligible to vote.
Please vote for one (1) woman and one
(1) man on the election ballot when the
Ushers pass them out after Communion.
Thank you!**

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The church council met to discuss the pastor's compensation package for the coming year. After the meeting the chair of council told the pastor: "We are very sorry, Pastor, but we decided that we cannot give you a raise next year." "Please reconsider to give me a raise," said the pastor. "I am but a poor preacher!" "I know," the council chair said. "We hear you every Sunday."

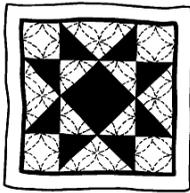
In this weekend gospel reading, Jesus expresses his understanding of God's original intention for marriage. It was the Pharisees who tried to entrap him with their question on marriage and divorce. Beginning with what Moses commanded, since that was the primary teaching for the Jews, Jesus explained God's plan as the unity of the man and woman in the making of matrimony.

The Jews' reading of the teaching of Moses was that a woman could be divorced for the act of infidelity. But frankly speaking, this idea was abused over the century—partly because the woman was recognized as the man's property and so, culturally put her under the control of the man. But listen to what Jesus says, "because of the hardness of your heart, he (Moses) wrote you this commandment." Thus, Moses permitted the husband to write a bill of divorce to the wife and never vice-versa.

The Church teaches about the sanctity and beauty of matrimony in its permanent nature. Although sometimes, people get into marriage out of infatuation. And such marriages should have never been contracted. But it happens anyway. In this case, the Church allows for annulment—those marriages, though civilly legitimate, were contracted with grave impediments. The Church teaches that there is no matrimony when there are serious flaws present at the time of vows (most of which were not declared or known).

A good and fruitful marriage is not really between two good people but two compatible people. In other words, you may have two perfect people who are not suitable for each other. So, God's plan for marriage is that two imperfect people (male and female) who are not willing to give up on each other come into union as "permanent friends" to make a family. That is what makes them compatible.

Some people have been married for so many years, and their stories are not all rosy. What is the secret of their success? St. Paul teaches that Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [Love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its interests, it is not quick-tempered. Love does not brood over injury; it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Cor. 13:4-7 NAB). God made them male and female to complement each other.



Quilting will resume on Tuesday, October 5th from 12:30-4:30pm in the Parish Center. Just a gentle reminder that masks are required!



The Parish Office will be closed starting on Friday, October 8th through Sunday, October 17th. I will be back in the office on Monday, October 18th!!!

Joan Powell

ONLINE GIVING

If you remember, we conducted a survey this past spring to determine the interest in having Online Giving as an option for our parishioners.

The majority were NOT interested in that option. However, I realize that many would appreciate being able to make their payments in this way. I did some preliminary research and have found out that Associated Bank and Midland States Bank will allow you to set up "St. Augustine's Catholic Church" under your Bill Pay options. I have tested this on my Midland States Bank account and it works! There is no charge for doing this and you can set it up to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly etc. I would assume that if these two banks will allow this that most if not all of the other banks would as well.

I wanted to share this information with you as an option that won't cost you or the parish any fees. If you have any additional questions, please give me a call at 473-2217 or send me an email at staug@htc.net.

Thanks!

Joan Powell, Parish Secretary

All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 7th -- 8:30 am Mass



We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2020 during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 7th, 2021. Letters were mailed to the families of the following: Frances Rendleman, Joyce Koetting, Ross Brand, Donnie Braun, Dennis Karban, Bonnie Wiegand, and Bob Volpert.

However, we wish to extend an invitation to all who lost loved ones, to have them remembered at this All Souls' Remembrance Mass.

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

Because of the uncertainty of any future Covid restrictions, we will let you know closer to November 7th if we will be able to have a procession again this year or if the candles will be displayed on the table and the names read.

Thank you.

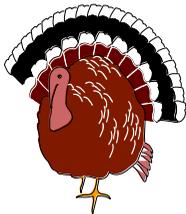
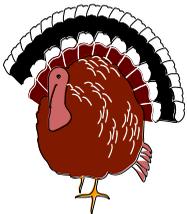


**2021 PUMPKIN FEST – WATERLOO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2021**

House of Neighborly Service (HNS) is once again having a Pie Stand at the upcoming Pumpkin Fest in Waterloo on Saturday, October 9th. We could use pie donations (any flavors) to help with our fundraising. The funds raised go towards helping Monroe County families in need. Pies may be dropped off at the HNS Office (next to DMV) on Friday, Oct. 8th from 9am- 12 noon or at the stand on Saturday, October 9th by 8am. Any questions, call Kelly Lerch 939-8900.



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY NAME
MENS SOCIETY
MEAT SHOOT -- Free Mulligan
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2021
12 NOON to ??
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER**



THANK YOU!!! To all who contributed to the Second Collection to benefit the victims of Haiti & their recent disasters. We were able to send the Diocese a check in the amount of \$481.00 for distribution to the Haitians. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!!

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the **Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University**. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps make this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making **your gift** to The Appeal today!

Our goal is 169 pledges for a total of \$5,630.00.

Pledges to Date: 34

\$5,570.00

99% of our goal

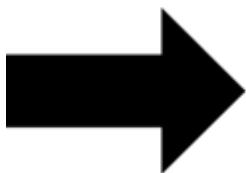


Today's readings underscore the sanctity of marriage. This vocation is a call to live in personal holiness and is a commitment to getting your spouse to heaven.

“God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.” – *St. John Paul II*



HAVE YOU HEARD OF SERRA CLUB? The Serra Club of St. Clair 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 inform our community of the need for all vocations. We honor our religious with an annual Nuns Luncheon, a Deacon Dinner, a Priest Picnic and a new Priest Dinner. We pray for our seminarians and help them celebrate their birthdays. Our club meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a Mass at 11:45am; lunch, a brief meeting & a guest speaker. For more information, please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**



**The All Class School Reunion has been rescheduled for
Saturday, April 30th, 2022.**

Details to follow after the first of 2022.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 17th** – Drive Thru Chicken Dinner; Corpus Christi Shiloh; 3-7pm; \$12/meal no substitutions
Oct. 17th – Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner; St. Pius Walsh; 11am-2pm; Carry out only; Country Store; Raffle-tickets available that day.
Oct. 24th – Cash/Quilt Bingo; Holy Family Parish held at St. James Gym Millstadt; Opens 10:30am; Bingo at 1pm; Raffles; etc.
Nov. 7th – Wurstmart Sausage Dinner; St. Augustine, Belleville; Carryout ONLY; 10:30-4:30; \$12

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2021. \$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 2021. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius, St. Libory – March 2021 thru February 2022. \$40 per ticket. Contact Vicki Knepper 618/960-8420.
- Diocesan Chapter for Catholic Relief Services – Handstitched Quilt Raffle for Covid & Hunger Relief. Mail check made out to "Catholic Relief Services" with you name & phone # to St. Rose Catholic Church, 18010 St. Rose Road, St. Rose IL 62230 by October 25th, 2021. The 108x108 inch quilt will be raffled on October 30th. (Every R50 will receive a raffle entry & every \$20 will receive five entries) All raffle sales donated to CRS.

From the Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

Please join us on October 13th at Camp Ondessonk for the **2021 BDCCW Annual Convention!** We will spend the day at Camp Ondessonk in Ozark IL, surrounded by the natural beauty of God's great gift to us, and reflect on "*Caring for our Common Home*"... *as we care for one another*. Our guest speakers will be Sheila Hopkins, former president of the National CCW, and Nolan Hurst, Camping Services Director at Camp Ondessonk. Come gather with your sisters in Christ from throughout the diocese as we celebrate Mass with Bishop McGovern, share our faith, and learn ways to care for each other and our common home. RSVP by Sept 27th for a special discount on your registration fee. Forms are available from your parish office, and on our website at <https://dps.diobelle.org/dps/bdccw/home> Just click on the Convention 2021 banner to get to the registration form. Complete and print the form, and mail in with your payment. Bring all your friends!



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“St. Joseph’s ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life
respectlife.org/reflection-joseph

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE -- PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! While we have been home under our stay at home orders, Planned Parenthood has continued 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>.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Fall Retreat sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries – *This is Me! The Power That Comes with Knowing Who You Are and Whose You Are*

October 15-17, 2021

Shrine Visitor Center

Presented by Danielle Harrison

In our retreat time together, we will celebrate our giftedness, reclaim our space, thank God for our being here – and of course, embrace the wonder of who we are as children of God.

Visit vmusa.org for a printable registration form or call 618.394.6281 to register. **Registration deadline of September 24th.**

St. Andrew Dinner: Bishop McGovern and the Vocations Office staff cordially invite young men of high school or college age to attend the **next St. Andrew Dinner on Sunday, October 17, 5 p.m., at Immaculate Conception parish in Columbia.** The evening presents a unique opportunity to pray with the bishop, share a meal, and to ask him questions about priesthood in a relaxed setting. Parents are invited to attend as well. Please contact the Vocation Director, Father Steven Beatty, to learn more and to sign up! He can be reached at frstevenbeatty@gmail.com or 618.697.2632.

The logo for "40 Days for Life" features a stylized blue figure with arms raised, resembling a person or a dove, positioned above the number "40". The words "DAYS FOR LIFE" are written in a serif font to the right of the "40".

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

From September 22 through October 31, 2021 you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 331 Salem Place Fairview Heights and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com or call Coalition For Life STL office at 314-827-4039. Or you may visit www.coalitionforlifestl.com and sign up for prayer hours on our Vigil Calendar. Also check with your parish Respect Life Coordinator who may have already Adopted A Day for your parish.

Catholic Urban Programs Needs Volunteers!

Catholic Urban Programs (CUP), East St. Louis, needs volunteers to serve as client choice food pantry workers and front desk receptionists. Both opportunities provide a wonderful way in which to put your faith into action through service. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering is invited to call or email Jenn Lyke (618-398-5616, Ext. 203, or jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org). Additional information is also available at catholicurbanprograms.org/how-to-help. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Paper Goods

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a tremendous need for paper products:

Styrofoam plates and soup bowls; Styrofoam or paper cups (8-ounce); Paper napkins

These items are used in serving our area's poor at Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen and the SVDP Night-Time Drop-In Center. Donations can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen; 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, Illinois

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request Friday, November 19– Friday, 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 or helping at the Oblates Exhibit area at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 19 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6281 snows.org/wol

**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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St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help

With an ever-increasing number of people coming for assistance, the Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** once again in providing essentials to the poor they serve and supplies utilized in their ministry:

- oatmeal (family size and individual serving size)
- coffee (regular or decaf) and coffee creamer
- breakfast/cereal bars
- bathroom cleaners – all types
- Playtex gloves
- laundry detergent (pods)
- paper towels/toilet tissue
- ballpoint pens -- inexpensive

Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen

3718 State Street, East St. Louis

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL BE A BLESSING FOR SOMEONE IN NEED! THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

YOUTH EVENTS - SS PETER & PAUL, WATERLOO

- ❖ **The Amazing Race** -- Sunday October 10, 202, 6-7:30 p.m. High School teens are invited to join us for the most daring competition ever attempted. Students will select a team member, bound by friendship, and faith and race around campus and downtown Waterloo. The Youth have no idea where they're going, what challenges they will encounter or how the journey will affect their lives, but the team that reaches the finish line first will win. This is a race like no other, this is Ss. Peter and Paul's "Amazing Race".
- ❖ **Youth Led Mass**--Sunday October 24, 5 p.m. Join us on the Fourth Sunday of Every Month for a Youth Led Mass. The Youth of Ss. Peter and Paul will lead all the liturgical ministries as well as choose the music. While this is a Youth Led Mass, All Parishioners, young and old are invited to join us.

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Now Scheduling Shadow Visits!! It's our favorite time of the year at Gibault Catholic - Shadow Season! Spend the day living the life of a Gibault Hawk: attend classes, meet teachers and other students, spend off mods on the patio, and enjoy lunch in our cafeteria! Shadow students are paired with a student ambassador who shares similar interests and will help your child feel welcome. If your student is interested in shadowing, contact our Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day, at kday@gibalthawks.com.

Learn A Latte about GCHS! Visit with us on October 14 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Proving Ground in Columbia! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2YAJ8Ic>!

Oktoberfest 2021 -- Join us for our Hawk-toberfest on October 23! This is our 50th Oktoberfest, and we can't wait to celebrate! At this time, we are planning for an in-person event. Tickets are on sale now.

Donations of new items are being accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Gibault office during school hours, or pick-up of items can be arranged by calling us at 939-3883. If you are unsure what to donate, gift cards and cash donations are helpful in rounding out packages for our live and silent auctions. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.bidpal.net/gibault2021. Thank you for your support!

Join us as our Theater Department presents **their Fall Play, *A Voice in the Dark: A Salem Story*** on September 30- October 3. Performances at 7 p.m. Thursday –Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. The show is 60 minutes, with no intermission. Thursday and Friday night shows will be followed by a 30-minute Improvised Halloween Extravaganza! Tickets are \$ 12.00 on Thursday and Friday and \$10.00 on Saturday and Sunday.

We're #gibaultproud of: Noah Newton (Immaculate Conception Parish) who was named a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program and **Brennan Wills (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS – SS. PETER & PAUL – ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thursday, Oct. 7th – 9-10 a.m. and **Thursday, Oct. 7th – 7-8 p.m.** (we will try an evening session as well as the morning session, and determine if interest is there)

AFF House. DVD Class. This year for each of our classes, we are watching a DVD that is on the topic of one of Parables of Jesus. Jesus taught with stories filled with images and details about ordinary life. They offer valuable wisdom, knowledge and hope for our life today.

The DVD has a priest as the moderator, so it is not Bishop Barron. Each monthly class is a stand-a-alone, so you do not need to be able to attend each month. No RSVP is necessary. During the class, we watch together the DVD which is designed to stir your faith into action. The DVD ends with a story of life that reflected the parable, and modeled the practice of discipleship. Prayer and discussion follows the watching of the DVD.

Tuesday, Oct. 19th – 9-10 a.m. AFF House. Catechism Class. During this class, we read from the Adult Study Edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This particular edition is very understandable, and contains discussion questions and reflections based on the content. If you want to learn more about your Catholic faith, come and join us for one of the classes. There is no pre-requisite other than the desire to deepen your Catholic knowledge. Each monthly class is a stand a-alone, so you do not need to make a long term commitment.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th – 7-8 p.m. AFF House. Speaker Series: ***Preaching the Gospel with their Lives:***

The Call and Responsibility of Catholic Married Couples

Speaker: Dr. Karen Seaborn, our parishioner and former Pastoral Associate of Adults.

More details will follow as time gets closer.

SS PETER & PAUL PARISH, WATERLOO

** GOLD RUSH RAFFLE **

The SS Peter & Paul Parish (Waterloo) GOLD RUSH raffle fundraiser started back in May 1, and to date we have sold 490 tickets! Ticket sales are online by clicking on this link: <https://GoldRush2021.givesmart.com>. We have another 110 tickets to sell before our **Grand Prize drawings on October 15**. There will be 4 drawings - \$2,000, \$3,000, \$5,000, and the grand prize of \$10,000. If we sell 550 tickets before October 15, then we will add an additional \$1,000 drawing. All tickets are put back in the drawing so you have a chance to win more than once. Tickets are \$100 each. The profits from this fundraiser are split equally - half to the school and half to the parish. For more information, please contact Staci Wittenauer at wittens@mac.com or 618.791.7131. Thank you for your support of our local parishes!

***Over the next few bulletins, we will be including portions of the recent
Encyclical Letter from Pope Francis...***
**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

Effective love

183. “Social love” [172] makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. Charity, with its impulse to universality, is capable of building a new world. [173] No more sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone. Social love is a “force capable of inspiring new ways of approaching the problems of today’s world, of profoundly renewing structures, social organizations and legal systems from within”. [174]

184. Charity is at the heart of every healthy and open society, yet today “it is easily dismissed as irrelevant for interpreting and giving direction to moral responsibility”. [175] Charity, when accompanied by a commitment to the truth, is much more than personal feeling, and consequently need not “fall prey to contingent subjective emotions and opinions”. [176] Indeed its close relation to truth fosters its universality and preserves it from being “confined to a narrow field devoid of relationships”. [177] Otherwise, it would be “excluded from the plans and processes of promotion human development of universal range, in dialogue between knowledge and praxis”. [178] Without truth, emotion lacks relational and social content. Charity’s openness to truth thus protects it from “a fideism that deprives it of its human and universal breadth”. [179]

185. Charity needs the light of the truth that we constantly seek. “That light is both the light of reason and the light of faith”, [180] and does not admit any form of relativism. Yet it also respects the development of the sciences and their essential contribution to finding the surest and most practical means of achieving the desired results. For when the good of others is at stake, good intentions are not enough. Concrete efforts must be made to bring about whatever they and their nations need for the sake of their development.

THE EXERCISE OF POLITICAL LOVE

186. There is a kind of love that is “elicited”: its acts proceed directly from the virtue of charity and are directed to individuals and peoples. There is also a “commanded” love, expressed in those acts of charity that spur people to create more sound institutions, more just regulations, more supportive structures. [181] It follows that “it is an equally indispensable act of love to strive to organize and structure society so that one’s neighbor will not find himself in poverty”. [182] It is an act of charity to assist someone suffering, but it is also an act of charity, even if we do not know that person, to work to change the social conditions that caused his or her suffering. If someone helps an elderly person cross a river, that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity. While one person can help another by providing something to eat, the politician creates a job for that other person, and thus practices a lofty form of charity that ennobles his or her political activity.