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THEME FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 10-3 5:00 pm – Virgil Parker, Norbert Wittenauer & Lawrence Kaiser
Sun. 10-4 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sat. 10-10 5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson; David & Irene Sturgeon; and Raymond & Eleanor Braun
Sun. 10-11 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

DON'T FORGET TO CALL 473-2217 OR EMAIL staug@htc.net THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM ON THURSDAYS TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES. THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PARISH COUNT: 85
OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-27-20
Sunday Envelopes (36) - $1,225.00
Loose - $23.00 Youth (2) - $5.00

Scholarship Fund - $310.00
(Total Donated since 8/1/2020)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Bobby Frisch, John & Ellen Daniels, Alice Krysnoski, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Cheryl Zanders, Madalyn Killebrew, Stephanie Amann Stosberg, Bill Cowell, Wylma Wachtel, Dave Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Steve Davis, Aria Wagner, Vickie Van de Riet Minden, Pat Karban, Ruth Nagel, Carol Grohmann, Joyce Koetting, and Pat Smith.

Please call the Parish Office 473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list. We started a new list on January 12th, 2020.

Printed copies of bulletins placed in plastic bins each week…bins located at the doors of church & Parish Office. The bulletins are also posted on our website!!!

St. Augustine's will be live streaming Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays. See St. Augustine's Facebook Page.

If you wish to have your name added to our Parish Email List, please let me know via staug@htc.net or 473-2217 & leave a message.

October 7 is the Feast of the Holy Rosary, and October is Pro-Life month. Bishop McGovern will pray the Rosary on Wednesday, October 7, at 3:00 PM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. It will be live-streamed.
Please join and pray at: www.cathedralbelle.org

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection on the Gospel of the Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year A

Mathew 21:33-43

A young man filled out an application for admission to a university. In response to a request to "List out your strengths," he wrote, "Sometimes I am trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, kind, obedient, cheerful clean and reverent." Where the form said, "List your Weaknesses," he wrote: "Sometimes I am not trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, kind, obedient, cheerful clean and reverent."

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus addressed the chief priests and the elders of the people in the temple. These men were vast in knowledge about Judaism and the history of God's relationship with Israel. They were wise enough to understand the parable as Jesus told it. They could figure out the meaning of the parable without any explanation. God is the owner of the vineyard. The vineyard of God is all of creation. He owns creation, and we humans are the stewards. God's generosity and trust are portrayed in this parable. In Psalm 8 the immensity of God and his works are extolled: "how awesome is your name through all the earth!... When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place—What is a man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor (Psalm 8:1-5 NAB)

The question then is, how do we take care of God's creation?
How do we exercise our stewardship? We probably have not been kind to God's creation. We can notice that our craving for profit and the desire to control nature has impacted on creation. Recently, Pope Francis said that we all share in the vocation of custodians of creation. We have a sacred responsibility to care, nourish, and promote God's creation. However, God does not cease to watch over his creation despite the human's inhumanity to one another and man's distortion of God's creation.

The rejection of God and his rule is at the center of Jesus' parable. Some people have said that there is no God. Their understanding of creation is based on the theory of random chance and unregulated events. When creation is understood as the result of chance, human beings are disposed to certain acts of violence with impunity. As the son of the landowner was killed outside the vineyard, human beings can banish God and His word to take over the earth.

The Parish Office will be closed the week of October 5th and will reopen on Monday, October 12th, 2020. I will be out of town on vacation.

If you wish to make a reservation during the week I am out of the office, you are to contact Jonella Donius at 618.567.6661 (cell).

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS...

The Ballots for the Parish Council Election were mailed to all registered parishioners.

On the ballot this year are the following:

Kay Haudrich, Kay Rist, Kyle Doerr & Scott Gregson

You are asked to vote for one (1) woman and one (1) man per ballot and to return the ballot to St. Augustine's no later than Sunday, October 4th. You may return your completed ballot by way of the collection at Mass, using USPS, or putting into the slot on the front door of the Parish Office.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

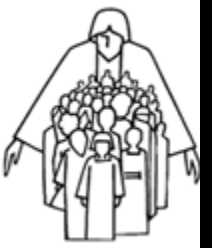
- **Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**
- **Parish Council will meet on Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

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

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2019 during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 8th, 2020. Letters were mailed to the families of the following: Alice K. Mueller, Virgil Dumstorff, Cecilia Fulte, Urban Wittenauer, Eleanor Parker, Adrienne Garcia, Erwin Eckart, Verena Kreher and Heddy Birkner.

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.



In previous years, we had a family member carry a candle to the front of church prior to the beginning of Mass. However, due to the current Covid 19 restrictions, we are making changes to the remembrance of our loved ones. There will NOT be a procession at the beginning of Mass. The candles with the names of our loved ones will be on display on the table near the lectern stand as in previous years. Father Linus will read the names of those who have candles on the table during the Mass.

Reservations for this Mass will be as usual, on a first come basis, call or email the Parish Office prior to 3pm on Thursday. (Phone 473-2217 or email to staug@htc.net). Please know that we are restricted on the maximum number we can seat in church.

Thank you.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

In the Second Reading from Philippians 4:6-9 St. Paul urges us to ask God, in prayer, to provide what we need to be faithful to Him. The baptized in Philippi faced persecution because of their commitment to Christ as evidence in the faithful way they lived their lives. Their anxiety continued to increase, so much so, that St. Paul wrote to them in a calming manner to "be anxious about nothing." God is in control. They, and we today, are most thankful that God is involved in every situation. God is good all the time and it is comforting to know that He is there in the midst of everything. We may not see Him, but He is there. We may be looking for Him with broken lenses, but alas we find Him standing there in our midst!

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-We can't see exactly what God is doing in our lives, but we can find signs of it. All good things come from God. Look for ways to help others that are worthy of respect, praise, innocent in nature, lovely and gracious. Through this new way of seeing, our community can focus on ways to grow together in love and knowledge of God and His divine ways at work in each of our lives.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE LAUNCHES *PROJECT RACHEL*

Project Rachel has been relaunched as 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.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2020

…Blessed to receive, chosen to give

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have responded with a gift to The 2020 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal; we are truly grateful. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time…one-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed. Donations can be made through your parish or online at www.diobelle.org. Please consider making your gift today or at any time in the coming months. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Our parish financial target is $4,721.00. Please be as generous as you are able.

Pledges to Date: 42 **$7,269.00** **154% of Total Goal**

Pray for Vocations

"In the second reading today, Paul gives us a blueprint of what humility looks like, based of Jesus' vocation of the Cross. In the same way, our service and love cannot be for our own advancement but should be rooted in the sacrificial love that Jesus revealed. In the "emptying" of our self, we allow God to fill our hearts and shine through. This way, people won't merely see our works and prayer, but they will see God exalted through us.

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.

For more information please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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 a 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. Order forms are located in magazine rack in front vestibule of church. 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. Order forms may be returned in collection basket with check or given to Betty or Annette Schreder or any SPPS student family. Any questions may be directed to same people.

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National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Virtual Fall Retreat sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries – "Cultivating a Spiritual Life in Turbulent Times".
October 17, 2020 via Zoom 10:30 am – 5 pm Presented by Geri Boyer
Join retreat presenter, Geri Boyer, as she teaches us how we can transform wounds into sacred experiences. She will guide us on how we can cultivate a deeper spiritual life through heart-centered awareness and experience the transformative power of God's unconditional love.
Register online at snows.org/retreat, visit vmusa.org for a printable registration form or call 618.394.6281for more information or to register.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, RUMA
BBQ
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH…10:30AM-????
Red Bud IGA
Serving pork steaks, brats, baked beans, mac & cheese, coleslaw & potato salad.
Cost $10 (plate) which includes 2 sides. Sandwich $7.00

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL…

Oktoberfest 2020 -- Our Roaring 2020's Virtual Oktoberfest is October 24! Event info is available at www.GCHSOktoberfest.givesmart.com. Donations are currently being accepted at Gibault's front office. We appreciate your support and hope you will be part of our virtual event!
Open House -- Mark your calendars for our annual open house on Sunday, November 1, 2020, from 12 – 4 p.m. One lucky family who attends will win a one-time $500 discount off a new student's tuition for the 2021-2022 school year! To practice social distancing, we have created a tour schedule. Please contact Director of Enrollment Kelly Day at 618-939-3883 or kday@gibaulthawks.com to schedule your tour or visit http://bit.ly/GCHSOpenHouse.
We're #gibaultproud of: our **Men's & Women's Clubs** for all they do for our school such as organizing events, helping maintain our buildings and grounds, and providing funds for campus upgrades.

SPPCS Random Acts of Kindness

Be on the lookout for SPPCS Students sprinkling kindness around like confetti! We are asking our students to spread kindness by doing simple things for others. When they perform an act of kindness we would like them to hand their RAK coin to whomever they sent kindness to and ask them to pay it forward and hand off the coin. We then would like them to go to this form: http://bit.ly/SPPCS-RAK OR SPPCS falcons Facebook @ Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School (SPPS) and tell us about how our kindness has spread!

SPPCS Athletes of the Month (picture below)

Congratulations to Tyler Friedrich & **Ashley Murphy (St. Augustine's Parish)** on being chosen as September Athletes of the Month by their respective baseball & softball coaches. Thank you to Danny Schwartz of Farmers Insurance for sponsoring the Athlete of the Month Award!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) NEWS – SS. PETER & PAUL, WATERLOO

PSR information for the 2020-2021 school year will be updated on Ss. Peter & Paul's website. Please take a few minutes to look over all the details. http://www.ssppcc.org/PSR

For more information regarding the PSR program, please contact Catherine Burkart, the PSR Coordinator, at psrnews@gmail.com.

Mass of Hope and Healing

Sunday, Oct. 18 ■ 5 PM

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
505 Fountains Parkway
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Bishop Michael McGovern, Celebrant and Homilist

A Mass for parents who have lost a child due to any circumstance. Also, an opportunity to pray in faith with the Bishop and priests after Mass for your loved one.

Reservations are required. Register at:
www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4dada62da0ff2-mass
OR email wfink@diobelle.org.

Respect Life Ministry ■ Diocese of Belleville in Illinois

The First Joyful Mystery

THE ANNUNCIATION

1. **The time for the Incarnation is at hand.**
2. **Of all women God prepared Mary from her conception to be the Mother of the Incarnate Word.**
3. **The Angel Gabriel announces: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with thee."**
4. **Mary wonders at this salutation.**
5. **The Angel assures her: "Fear not . . . you shall conceive in your womb, and give birth to a Son."**
6. **Mary is troubled for she has made a vow of virginity.**
7. **The Angel answers that she will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit, and her Son will be called the Son of God.**
8. **The Incarnation awaits Mary's consent.**
9. **Mary answers: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word."**
10. **The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.**

Spiritual Fruit: Let us pray for our country, may unity and love prevail over violence and hatred, may all that are suffering from the effects of the wildfires and hurricanes, may God comfort them and give them hope for the future.