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**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-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 hear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri. 10/6 8:00am- Donald, David, & Dale Braun, Jerry Mollet, and Norbert Wittenauer

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

Fri. 10/13 8:00am- Don Haudrich and Dave Bruss

Sat. 10/14 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 10/15 8:00am- John Link, Roy Schreder, and a Special Intention



**Parish Council vote
this weekend at the
end of both
Masses!! Be sure to
fill out your
ballots!!!**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 10-1-2023

Envelopes (71)- \$2,476.00

Loose- \$268.00

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

Saturday, October 14th , 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Kern

Camera:

Sunday, October 15th, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: May Stellhorn

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich

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, Mel Parker, Mary Rettinghouse and Debra Harbaugh.

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 Marvin Eckart, husband to Sandra Eckart, brother to Ralph (Kathy) Eckart, Mary (Larry) Schaltenbrand, Geri Griffin, Lori (Andy) Amann, and Arnie (Angie) Eckart, 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-Seventh Sunday of the Year A

Mathew 21:33-43

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So, they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert the bear. Later they get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion. "I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him." They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

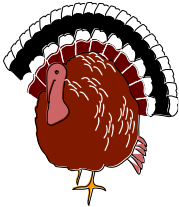
In the Gospel this weekend Jesus addressed the chief priests and the elders of the people in the temple. These men were vast in knowledge about Judaism and the history of God's relationship with Israel. Thus, they could figure out the meaning of the parable without any explanation. God is the owner of 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 creation. Pope Francis once 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.

Moreover, 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. Unfortunately, when creation is understood as the result of chance, human beings are disposed to certain acts of **violence** with impunity. It is interesting that in the parable, the son of the landowner is killed outside the vineyard so that they can take over the vineyard. Today, there is a constant strive by humans to banish God and His word to take over the earth.

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!!



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

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



NEWS FROM GIBUALT HIGH SCHOOL

Oktoberfest 2023

It's only 2 weeks until Oktoberfest 2023! We hope you'll join us on October 21 for "*Havana Nights!*" Event tickets are still available! We are also accepting donations for our live and silent auctions. Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com or by contacting dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com.

Future Hawks' Volleyball Game

Calling all Future Hawks! Come cheer on our girls' volleyball team on Oct. 12! Future Hawks receive free admission and can sit in the Future Hawks Nest. Future Hawks will run out with the varsity team, too! Freshmen game starts at 5, with JV and Varsity to follow (estimated 6:30 Varsity start.)

Bonfire Bash

Save the date for our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All 6th -8th graders are invited. Full event details soon!

Shadow Visits

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

HNS is preparing for our pie stand at Waterloo's Annual Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October 14 at the Court House lawn! We are looking for donated pies!! We love homemade pies, bakery pies, cookies, breads, brownies!! If you can donate a pie or two, please let us know!! They can be dropped off Friday, October 13 from 9 to 3pm at the HNS Office!

Thank you,
Joan Powell
HNS Secretary



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

October 8th

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them:

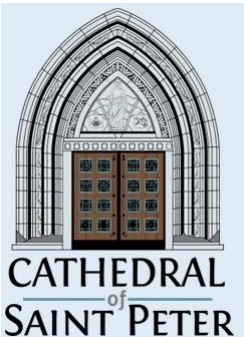
usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

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**



You are
Invited!



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

When: Following both Masses the weekend of October 28th and October 29th.

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. Thank you!

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 (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.



“Jesus, I’m done discerning.” This was my prayer in the back of a quiet chapel, the summer after graduating college. The Lord’s call to me as a child was strong and clear, but the where and when were not. The many Holy Hours I’d spent wrestling with the mystery since had brought no clarity. My prayer continued, “I am spending all my energy discerning when all I really desire is to love you. So I am just going to love you, and love you lavishly. I ask your Blessed Mother to make the rest abundantly clear.” Only later did I understand that perhaps it was what the Lord had been waiting for; for me to simply rejoice to be in relationship with Him, to simply let myself be His. The lesson the Lord taught me that day remains ever new, even now after final vows. How much more beautiful is the journey when lived in the simplicity of his Love!”

Sister Maria Lucia Stella Maris, Missionaries of the Word. *Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022*



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!

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS/ PICNICS- UPDATED WEEKLY!!

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

Every 1st 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**
2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, beginning Sept 14th, 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
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church- Dubois, IL**
Sunday, October 8th, 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
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church- Dubois, IL**
Sunday, October 8th, 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
- **Immaculate Conception- Tamora, IL**
Sunday, October 15th, 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 4th, 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 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



WHAT ELSE DID JESUS SAY?

Color in every box listed below to reveal what happened.
Read the remaining letters, left to right, top to bottom.

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ROW C: 4, 8, 9

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ROW D: 1, 5, 9, 13

ROW J: 3, 4

ROW E: 9, 10, 11

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ROW F: 3, 4, 9

ROW L: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10

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