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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, 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations! Naaman, a Syrian, is healed, and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks. Let us remain steadfast in faith, and thankful for the Lord's blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 10-8	5:00 pm – Agnes & Cletus Gregson; Norbert Wittenauer; and Bonnie Casey
Sun. 10-9	8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Fri. 10-14	8:00 am – Don Haudrich, Deceased KC Members, and John Link
Sat. 10-15	5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 10-16	8:30 am – John Rheinecker & Dennis Rheinecker, and Bob Volpert

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD:
Sunday Envelopes (45) - $1,925.00
Loose – $260.00 Youth (4) - $15.00

Scholarship Fund - $590.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 15th; 5pm
Set Up: Cindy Grohmann
Lector: Cindy Grohmann
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer
Camera:

Sunday, October 16th; 8:30am
Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Lector:
Servers:
Extraordinary Minister: Ryan Grohmann
Camera: Grohmanns

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Aria Wagner, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Walter Krysnoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Damon Stapleton, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Gary Brinkman, Doris (Neff) Firnkes, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, and Roger Cortner.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS...

Congratulations to the newly elected Parish Council Members – Dana Mehrmann and Aaron Eckart. They will be serving a three-year term on the council.

Many thanks to Carey Day and Andy Amann for agreeing to be on the ballot this year!!!

Thank you to Elaine Gregson for serving on the Parish Council for the past three years, as well as, being the Council Secretary for those three years!!!!

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest shared this letter written by an elderly parishioner to one of the parish ushers by name Harry.

Dear Harry,
My name is Gert. I hope you remember me. I'm the Gertrude that comes to the 11:00 Mass. I am writing to ask you a favor. I don't know the priests in the parish too well and am not comfortable with them. But Harry, I'm comfortable with you. I don't know how you learned my name but you did. Every time I come to Mass you smile, welcome me personally. Then we banter about some inconsequential thing like how bad the weather is or how much you like my hat or how I'm running late. I want to thank you for your smile, for your welcome, and for your kindness towards an old lady. And now for the favor. You haven't seen me in the last few weeks because I am now in hospice and I am dying. It's time. I am 88 years old and I am ready. I don't have much family. My husband died 16 years ago and my children are scattered throughout the country. And so Harry, it's very important for me that at my funeral, when I come to church for the last time, that you are there. I want you to say to me," Hello Gert. Good to see you." Because if you do that, I have confidence that you are familiar and warm greeting will be duplicated in my new home in heaven. With love and gratitude.
Gert

Many of us are familiar with the story of the healing of the ten lepers, which we read this weekend. However, each person, I believe, has their take on the story.

But perhaps we can begin by reflecting on the condition of the lepers before, during, and after their healing. Before their healing, they were outcasts of society. They had lost their status, identity, and dignity. If they came out of their isolation, they had to practice social distancing (does that sound familiar?) Then, finally, Jesus came their way, and unlike other rabbis of that time, he took pity on them. Jesus did not only heal them; he commanded them to show themselves to the priests to be restored to social communion. The ten of them departed as he commanded, but afterward, one of them came back to give thanks. What was the source of his gratitude?

We are all surrounded by blessings and graces, but only some of us see them. Gratitude derives from the ability to see and recognize the gifts and graces around us. It is easy to take the blessings around us for granted or inflate our space with the air of entitlement as though we deserve all our successes. Unfortunately, people who do not give thanks turn into bitter people. They are never satisfied with what they have. On the contrary, thankful people find goodness in the strangest places, celebrate their blessings, and hope and trust in the promise yet to come.

Another lesson drawn from the Gospel is gratitude leads to freedom and salvation. All ten lepers received the gift of healing, but in his appreciation of God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Freedom and salvation are experienced to the extent we recognize the blessings from God. Jesus was pleased to see the Samaritan on his return to praise God for saving him. He went home not just healed but saved too.

What are we most thankful for in our life?

WELCOME

Please welcome Mrs. Diane Sciuto to the staff of St. Augustine's Parish. She will take over the Parish Secretary duties with the upcoming retirement of Joan Powell.
Diane was born & raised in Belleville but has lived in Smithton for the last 28 years. She has been married to Jack for 34 years and they raised two children, Anna Wilderman and Jack Sciuto III. She and Jack have five (5) grandchildren, Ella, Jaden, Olivia, Emma and Anthony.
Diane says her greatest joy in life is being a Grammy.
Diane & Jack are currently members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Smithton.

You are Invited!

YOUR RSVP'S ARE DUE NOW…extras may be found at the entrances to church. Please plan to join in welcoming Bishop McGovern to our Parish on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd when he will be the celebrant at our weekend Masses. We have a brunch following the Sunday, October 23rd, 8:30 am Mass at the Hecker Community Center…you will have a chance to meet Bishop McGovern there!!!

In order to make sure enough food is prepared, we would ask for your reservations no later than Monday, October 10th. You may use the slip & drop into the Collection, email the Parish Office at staug@htc.net or call the Parish Office at 618/473-2217.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND…WE WANT TO SHOW THE BISHOP HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE HIS COMING TO VISIT ST. AUGUSTINE'S!!!

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia, Illinois will be hosting a **Women's ACTS Retreat** from **Thursday, October 20 through Sunday, October 23, 2022, at the King's House in Belleville, IL.** This retreat offers women the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith, and to build and deepen lasting friendships.
Registration forms can be found online at: https://www.icc-columbia-il.us/
If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following:
Director: Shannon Haney - 314-749-2346
Co-Director: Leigh-Anne Feldker – 314-397-5049

Congratulations

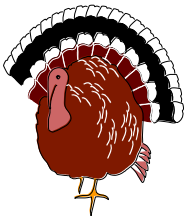
Bishop's Mass for Wedding Anniversaries October 9th, 2022

TODAY, Sunday, October 9th, 2022 at 1:30 PM Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate the Annual Mass of Appreciation honoring couples celebrating their Twenty-Fifth, Thirtieth, Fortieth, Fiftieth, Sixtieth, and all years above 60 Wedding Anniversaries at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville.

Those couples from our parish to be honored are:

Roy & Betty Schreder - 66 Years
Erwin & Mary Rettinghouse – 63 Years
Edward & May Stellhorn – 62 Years
Dale & Lois Papenberg – 61 Years
Arnie & Angie Eckart – 25 Years
Alan & Barb Wagner – 25 Years

Congratulations to all of you on you special wedding anniversaries!!!!!



ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY NAME
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MEAT SHOOT -- Free Mulligan
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2022
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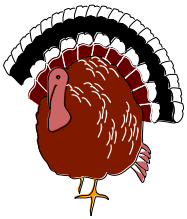
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER



All Souls' Remembrance Mass
Sunday, November 6th -- 8:30 am Mass

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2021 during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 6th, 2022. Letters were mailed to the families of the following: David Bruss, Ruth Cortner, Esther Eckart, John Link, and Bruce Vierheller.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"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

Bishop Celebrates Mass at Cathedral – October 9th

Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter on **Sunday, October 9, at 5:00 PM**. Although it is a regularly scheduled Cathedral Mass, the Bishop encourages the Diocese's Young Adults to attend. Following this Mass, Young Adults (ages 18-29) are invited to the Undercroft for a social with the opportunity to engage in conversation with the Bishop.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Interfaith Program: "The Sacrifice of Isaac **Presenter: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss & Mark Etling**

Sunday, October 16, 1 - 3 pm

The Biblical story of the sacrifice of Isaac by his father Abraham is familiar to many of us, regardless of our faith tradition. The story is rich with ambiguity and meaning. Why would God ask Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son? Is the sacrifice of Isaac a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus by God the Father? In this presentation the presenters will examine distinctly Jewish and Christian interpretations of this timeless tale. Cost: $20 For more information, call 618.394.6281.

Register online at https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/

Stirring the Ashes of Hope: Fall Retreat Sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries

Presenter: Judith Valente

Friday, October 21 - Sunday, October 23. Begins with dinner at 6 pm on Friday and ends with lunch at 11:45 am on Sunday

Periodically we need to stir the ashes that have accumulated in our inner lives. Using image, poetry, word and music, this retreat aims to help us reignite our hope and our sense of the sacred so that we can once again feel the heat of courage, stare down our fears and maintain a contemplative calm no matter the chaos that surrounds us.

Cost: $175 (includes six meals, two nights lodging, snacks and handouts) For more information, call 618.394.6281.

Printable registration form at https://snows.org/stirring-the-ashes-of-hope/

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Way of Lights Volunteer Request
Friday, November 18– Saturday, 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 in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center from November 18 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/wayoflights

ROSARY RALLY – RED BUD

Pray for our nation at the upcoming Rosary Rally. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15th at 11:00 a.m. to gather at the Red Bud Square, under the gazebo, as we pray the rosary. As St. Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and to call down His mercy." Now, more than ever our country needs to pray! This is a day of national prayer, with Rosary Rallies taking place in thousands of towns across our great country. Please meet us at the square in downtown Red Bud, bring a lawn chair, and join us for the Rosary. We must turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking for mercy on our country. Questions? Call Carol DeRousse @ 618-282-2225, or Shirley Vogt @618-528-6105.

Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest

Friday, October 21, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Roan Farm

Venedy, Illinois

Traveling Directions:

Head EAST out of St. Libory on IL- 15 approximately 2.5 miles and turn right (South) onto Primrose Road; road turns left (heading East) onto Sunflower Rd.; go ½ mile more and farm will be on your right. "*Farm Blessing*" signs will also lead you there.

Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be in place. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2022

Go and do likewise… -Luke 10:37

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**!

Our goal is 166 pledges for a total of $6,580.

Pledges to Date: 33 $6,190.00 95% of our goal

Pray for Vocations

"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

PRAYER HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
INCLUDING ADORATION & BENEDICTION
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH – 7PM
CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH, SHILOH
DATES IN 2022: NOVEMBER 3RD & DECEMBER 1ST

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!

From the Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 12th** at St. Bruno's, 204 N. Gordon, Pinckneyville for the **2022 BDCCW Annual Convention**! Come gather with your sisters in Christ from throughout the diocese as we celebrate Mass with Bishop McGovern and share our faith.
Bring a light jacket as the room may be cool, and don't forget your checkbook or extra funds for shopping at our Fair Trade booth & our Silent Auction tables.

8:00 am - Registration & Social Time
9:15am – Welcome, Morning Prayer & Greetings
10:00 am – Speaker, Bishop Michael McGovern
10:45am – Break & Assemble for Mass
11:00 am – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – Bishop Michael McGovern
12:15 pm – Lunch Break
1:15pm – Announcement of Winners
1:30 pm – BDCCW Overview
1:45 pm – Boxes of Joy – Karen Endicott
2:00 pm – Speaker, Rev. Joseph A. Brown, SJ
2:45 pm – Closing Prayer

Early Registration by Sept. 27th, $20; Registration after Sept. 27th, or at the Door, $25
Checks payable to BDCCW & mailed to Joan Derringer, 7781 Oakdale Road, Ellis Grove, IL 62241

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 10th & 11th– Old Fashioned Quilting Bee; St. George Community Ctr; New Baden; Mon 1-9pm; Dinner at 5pm; Tues 6-9pm Refreshments & Desserts.
Oct. 23rd – Chicken & Pasta Dinner; 3-7pm; Corpus Christi in Shiloh; $15 each; Kids 12 & Under $8; Raffles
Oct. 23rd – Wurstmarkt & Country Store; St. Patrick's Tipton; Pork Sausage Dinner 11am-4pm; 10am Mass; Meat Shoot begins at 12 noon.
Oct. 30th – Cash/Quilt Bingo; Holy Family held at St. James Millstadt; Opens 10:30am; Bingo at 1pm.
Nov. 6th—Drive-Thru Fall BBQ; St. Patrick's Ruma; $12 per dinner; 11am-2pm or sold out.
Nov. 12th – Newman Center Fall Gala; Carbondale; Opens 6pm; Dinner 7pm; RSVP 618/529-3311.

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2022. $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 2022. $20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights – January thru December 2022. $30 each or 4 for $100. Limited tickets in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. $40 each; Limited tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING
BENEFITTING SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL
TUESDAYS AT OUTSIDERS IN WATERLOO
TICKET SALES END AT 6:30 PM
DRAWINGS HELD AT 7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE
Holy Name Society Trivia Night
Saturday October 29, 2022 at 7:00PM
Where: Waterloo, IL SS Peter & Paul School Gym

All proceeds will contribute to the purchase of a new scoreboard for the SPPCS ball fields in honor of Mary Kinsey $160 per table. Maximum of eight people per table. Trivia provided by Trivia Riot. Draft beer, soda and snacks provided. BYO additional food and drinks. Cash prizes for top three teams. 50/50 drawing and other prizes. Contact John or the SSPPCC Parish Office to reserve a table: Email: jawkneeg87@gmail.com Phone: 314.503.2769 Parish Office: 618.939.6426

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL…

Oktoberfest 2022-- Our "Deuces Wild" Oktoberfest is coming up on October 22! Donations of new items are being accepted at the Gibault office during school hours. Event tickets are still available. We hope you'll be part of this fun evening! For full event info, including dinner auction tickets and raffle chances, visit http://www.bidpal.net/gibault2022.

Bonfire Bash-- All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders are invited to our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m. We'll have snacks, drinks, music, and a photo booth! Event will be held in the gym parking lot. RSVP at: https://bit.ly/Bonfire22

Enrollment News -- Applications for the Class of 2027 are now open. Visit https://bit.ly/GCHSApply.

It's Shadow Season at Gibault Catholic! Your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living life as a Gibault Hawk. Shadows are paired with a student ambassador who will show them around campus and introduce them to teachers, coaches, and other students. Visit https://bit.ly/GCHSInquireto schedule your shadow visit!

Save the date for Open House 2022 on Nov. 6 from noon to 4 p.m.

We're #gibaultproud of: our **Varsity Boys' Golf Team** for winning their Regional Tournament and **Lucy Range (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish)** who was named *The Republic-Times* Athlete of the Week!

DID YOU KNOW…?

From Laudato SI

The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. Climate

Change is a global problem with grave implications. We are called to be instruments of God our

Creator, so that our planet might be what God desired when God created it and correspond with

God's plan for peace, beauty and

Fullness. It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the

ecological commitments which stem from our convictions.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

(Excepts from #25, 53 & 64)

HOW GOD LOVEDS THIS EARTH

I know that God loves this Earth.
See how she is caressed
Night and day
Day and night
By ocean waves
That lap her shores.
Splash and foam
Reaching far inland
To touch her heart
Soaking into the sand
And reaching out again
A gentle touch
A tender yearning
From the Almighty One.

M. Kruse, ASC