

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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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, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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THEME FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our sister and brother for the wrong they may be doing.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Fri. 9/8 8:00am- Deceased Knights of Columbus Members, Dave Bruss, and Verena Kreher
- Sat. 9/9 5:00pm- Bob Volpert, Jerry Mollet & Jim Mollet, and Louis, Alida, & Paul Kern
- Sun. 9/10 8:30am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Fri. 9/15 8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer, John Rheinecker and Eileen Wagner
- Sat. 9/16 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
- Sun. 9/17 8:30am- Henry & Bertha Braun Family, John Link, and Jerry Mollet



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-3-2023

Envelopes (55)- \$2,312.00

Loose- \$127.00

Youth-\$11.00

Parking Lot/Resolution Projects Donations-**\$2,700.00**

Scholarship Fund - \$611.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 16th, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker
Servers: Mehrmanns
Lector: Donna Rheinecker
Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker
Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss
Camera: Dana Mehrmann

Sunday, September 17th, 8:30am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar
Servers:
Lector: Ruth Wittenauer
Extraordinary Minister: Dennis Biffar
Extraordinary Minister (W): Ryan Grohmann
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, and Shirley Wittenauer.

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

Please call the Parish Office 618-473-2217 to submit names for the prayer list.



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, contact Aaron Eckart, email staug@htc.net or call the parish office.
Save the date! 19 October 2024!!

Eucharistic Minister Training

There will be Eucharistic Minister refresher/training this weekend
September 9th and September 10th,
following both Masses.
If you are interested in becoming an EM, please attend!



FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection on the Gospel for Twenty-Third Sunday of Year A

Tommy, Marty, and Sam were brothers. They were close to each other in age. Tommy was seven, Marty was eight, and Sam was nine. They were generally good brothers to each other, but they had their moments. One day they had a fierce argument over a video game. There were shouts and accusations over whose game it was, who could play it, and who could get lost. Their parents did their best to calm the situation, but the three boys went to sleep that night, still angry at each other. Around two in the morning, a massive storm passed through the area. Loud peals of thunder repeatedly shook the house. The boys' father came to check on them. But when he opened their bedroom door, they were not to be seen. Somewhat concerned, he called out, "Boys, where are you?" A small voice responded, "We are all in the closet, forgiving each other."

This weekend's gospel message seems to be a difficult one to digest in our contemporary culture, where individualism is highly esteemed. But Jesus speaks with the assumption that even with freedom and independence, there will be conflict among friends and family members. In that assumption, he offers the Christian way to deal with such conflict: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him about his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you..." (Matt 18:15-17 NAB). The reason for going to one's brother or sister is to seek reconciliation and give room for grace. It is not necessarily the time to look for who is wrong but instead, to acknowledge that something is wrong which could be better. It is the time to seek out the lost soul.

There is joy and peace in being part of a loving community or relationship. In it we have people who pray for us when we are troubled, lift us up when we are weak and disillusioned. Also, they help us to see some of the "holes" in our work. As a priest for the last twenty-six years, I have been involved in listening to conflicts in Church. Sometimes, I must say, these have to do with the differences of ideologies. Conflict among friends and family members is inevitable. A few months ago, I was at a meeting with my colleagues who were also priests. I said a careless word about the young priest who sat by me. In my mind it was meant to be a joke. After we dismissed, one of the priests came to me and asked me if I did not think that my comment offended the young priest. His coming to me was a risk. I could have defended myself and explained away my comment or I could have accused him of trying to stir-up unintended trouble. But he cared so much he risked coming to talk to me one on one. He could have joined others to talk about my comments and condemn me behind my back. But his coming to me was an act of Christian charity.

I always think that the more we become aware of how much we have been given by God and the people around us the more we would love and appreciate life as an opportunity. When we remember how fortunate we are to be trusted or loved by one or two friends or family members, it can loosen our hurt and our grievance towards others.



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

August 30, 2023

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Diocesan Staff,

The annual Blessing of the Harvest will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Thole Farm, 8606 Tank Road, New Baden, IL 62265.

I invite you all to join me and the host family in thanking God for a bountiful harvest this year.

I encourage all the Priests and Deacons to be present in support of our farmers and all those engaged in agriculture. As we give thanks for our plenty, those attending are urged to bring harvested grain, fruits and vegetables, and garden produce in marked containers, along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Please encourage your parishioners via bulletin and pulpit announcements to attend this blessing on September 26. There will be food and fellowship following the blessing.

An invitation to you and all the people of the Diocese will be printed in *The Messenger*.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael McGovern".

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville



Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest**, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lavern and Terry Thole Farm. The Thole Farm is located at 8606 Tank Road; New Baden, IL 62265. One heads EAST out of New Baden on IL-161 approximately 2 miles (past IL-160) and turns left (North) onto Tank Road; go 1 mile and farm will be on your right. The “Farm Blessing” signs will guide you, too. 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. *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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DIOCESE of BELLEVILLE

- **Young Adult Mass with Bishop McGovern**
September 10th, 2023, Cathedral of St. Peter
5PM Mass with reception following in the Undercroft
- **Homeschool Family Mass with Bishop McGovern**
September 13th, 2023, 11am Mass

St. Clare Parish 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL

*Complimentary luncheon to follow Mass, families are encouraged to bring new or used homeschooling material to sell or exchange.

- **Mass of the Holy Spirit**

Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Synod at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 PM. Pope Francis is convening clergy and laity from around the world for this Synod in October in Rome. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit's help for Pope Francis and all participating in the Synod. More details are available on the diocesan website at: www:diobelle.org.

Belleville TEC 50th Anniversary Celebration

Have you attended a Teens Encounter Christ retreat during your lifetime? If so, we invite you to join your fellow TECites in a 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 21, 2023! For more info and to register for the event please

visit <https://bellevilletec.org/events/>



All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 5th - 8:30 am Mass

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2022 during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 5th, 2023. Letters were mailed to the families of the following: Jerry Mollet and Roy Schreder.

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 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.

Parish Council

Nominations...

The annual Parish Council Elections will be conducted at the weekend Masses on **October 7th and 8th, 2023.**

Nomination slips are attached to the bulletins this week and are to be returned **NEXT weekend September 16th & 17th, 2023.**

Scott Gregson and Kay Rist are completing their first terms and ARE ELIGIBLE for re-election.

The following **are not eligible** for nomination because they are already members of the Parish Council, Finance Committee, officers in parish organizations, Parish Trustees. Please do not nominate the following:

Walter Krysnoski-Trustee	Larry Schaltenbrand-Trustee
Mary Schaltenbrand-Sodality	Ralph Eckart-Holy Name
Annette Schreder-Sodality	Chuck Wagner-Holy Name
David Williams-Cemetery Rep.	John Kaiser-Holy Name
Lori Rozhon-Finance	Carrie Koester-Finance
Clinton Mudd-Finance	Dawn Grohmann – Parish Council
Mike Karban – Parish Council	Aaron Eckart – Parish Council
Dana Mehrmann – Parish Council	
Aaron Litteken – Ss Peter & Paul School Board Rep.	

At this time, registered members (18 years and older) will be asked to submit their nominations for election. Please write the names of two (2) women and two (2) men on the nomination slips that will be **attached to the bulletin this weekend and next weekend. Please take the nomination slips home, fill them out and return in the collection basket the weekend of SEPTEMBER 16th & 17th.** If your household needs an additional nomination slip, extras are available in back of church.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 473-2217.



NEWS FROM GIBUALT HIGH SCHOOL

Patriotic Living Rosary

Please join us Monday, Sept. 11, for our Patriotic Living Rosary. The Rosary will begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. in the Hustedde Gymnasium. All area First Responders are invited to be part of this event.

Oktoberfest 2023

Join us on October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest - "*Havana Nights!*" Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com. We hope you'll be part of Gibault's "Party with a Purpose!"

Open House 2023

Save the date for Open House 2023 on November 5! We'll have more event information for our Future Hawks soon!

Family Sports Pass

Show you're #gibaultproud all year long! For \$125, Hawk Fans can purchase a Family Pass that covers admission to most of our home games (some exclusions apply.) This pass is valid for girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' soccer, softball, baseball, and select boys' soccer home games throughout the 23-24 school year! Visit GCHSSportsPass.givesmart.com to purchase your pass!

The St. Peter Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis Secular wants to invite you to join us for a **Eucharistic Adoration Mission** given by Fr. Declan Gibson, of the Most Holy Eucharist Foundation.

The mission will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, September 11th, and 12th at 6:30 pm at St. Teresa Church, 1201 Lebanon Ave., Belleville .**

Our hope and goal through this Mission, open to all throughout the Diocese, is that we can return to "Perpetual Adoration", to give Our Eucharistic King, the honor and glory due His Name, "in an unbroken chain of love" whereby we enthrone Jesus Christ as King.

Prior to the Mission, Fr. Declan will celebrate and preach the homilies at 5:00pm Saturday (Sept. 9) , 7:00am Sunday and 11:00am Sunday Masses (Sept.10) at St. Teresa's. He will also celebrate and preach the homily at the 9:00am Sunday Mass. (Sept.10) at St. Luke's.



David Hollinshead
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St. John The Baptist Church

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515 Locust Street
Red Bud, IL 62278

August 31, 2023

TO: Pastors, Associate Pastors, DRE's and Bulletin Editors

RE: PARISH MISSION ---Please publish this event/announcement in your Sunday bulletin!

AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT AWAITS YOU!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and St. Patrick Church are sponsoring a parish mission September 24-28 to be held at St. John's in Red Bud. The parish mission is entitled "**Living Our New Life**". Reverend Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist and native of Chicago, will be the guest preacher. Father Pete travels the country preaching parish missions. Mission services will be **Sunday through Thursday beginning at 6:30 PM** and followed by a social.

For those unfamiliar with parish missions, the mission is a preaching event. God's Word is proclaimed through the Bible, Catholic doctrine, and through the life, learning, and personal experience of the preacher. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome for all or any evening of the mission. The symbols and topics for each night are:

Sunday: The Bible and Salvation

Monday: The Cross and Jesus as Savior

Tuesday: Ashes and God's loving, healing mercy and forgiveness

Wednesday: Bread and the Eucharist

Thursday: The Altar and Our Mission"

Mark your calendars and Plan to attend!

Information/questions call 618-282-3222 ext. 4
www.sjbcatholicredbud.com



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.”

USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts”



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

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

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Journey to Nicaea: The Evolution of Christianity from Gospel to Creed

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD, September 2 10:00 am – Noon The first four centuries of the Christian era saw an incredible evolution – from a tiny movement in Israel to a vast, thriving institution in much of the Roman Empire. In its earliest days the Christian movement was a disorganized network of communities with no Bible, no central authority, and no unified system of beliefs. But by the year 400 the Church had adopted a universal statement of faith – the Nicene Creed. In this three-part series we will explore Christianity’s historical and theological journey from Jerusalem to Nicaea.

cost: \$10 per session / \$30 for the series. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org>

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

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 makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!

9/5/23 NEW UPDDATED TOTAL!!!!

Pledges to Date: 31

\$5,880.00

92 % of our goal!



“ACTS family and friends allowed me to spiritually open my mind, heart and soul to understand that what God wants me to do daily is different than the everyday routine.”

“I had been searching for ways to get closer to God on my own. The ACTS Retreat helped me to strengthen that relationship in so many ways.”

“The ACTS Retreat Weekend for me was a spiritual awakening and much needed conversion. Now I am directing my focus and energy on following Him and striving to stay on this long-life path.”

“My ACTS Retreat showed me how to listen to Gods whispers even in the most noisy day-to-day experiences.”

“I’ve wanted to get to know my fellow parishioners better. The ACTS Retreat gave me quality time to get to know and form new lasting relationships w/ my fellow Retreatants and the Team.”

Find out more about ACTS Retreats at the national organization web site: <http://actsmissions.org>

Please Join Us

Ss. Peter and Paul men over the age of 18 are invited to the **September 28-30, Oct. 1, 2023**, ACTS retreat weekend. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community.

The retreat begins on Thursday evening, September 28th with check-in at 6:30 p.m. at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Transportation will be provided for you to and from the retreat center. The retreat concludes at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. A lunch reception will follow.

Approximately 7–10 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you (clothing, pillows, etc.) for the weekend. Come experience discovery, renewal and peace with the men of Ss. Peter & Paul, and other area parishes.

A **deposit of \$50** is requested to reserve your place with the remaining registration fee due at check-in (295.00 for single, 235.00 double). We understand these are challenging times, **so everyone will be accommodated regardless of ability to pay.**

To register, go to <https://sppcc.org/acts>, click on the ACTS tab and fill out the online form or return your registration form & deposit to the Parish Office.

Confidential financial assistance is available.

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.



“I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God’s extravagant love and unfailing presence... Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me...and he was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could neversatisfy. He showed me that he wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus.” **Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas**; Sisters of Life *Columbia Magazine Jan-Feb. 2023*



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!!

- **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. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, IL**
Sunday, September 10th, 2023
Quilt/Cash Bingo 1pm, Doors open at 10:30am, Pull-tabs, Basket Boutique,
50/50 Raffle, Fried Chicken meal and refreshments available to purchase!
Bring one (1) canned good and receive one (1) free tally.
Expired canned goods will not be accepted.
- **Holy Trinity – Fairview Heights, IL**
Saturday, September 16th, 2023
Mass at 4pm, 4-10pm Food, Inflatables, quilt and cash raffles
- **Corpus Christi Catholic Church Rummage Sale**
205 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL, Corpus Christi Parish Center
Friday, September 15th, 2023, 6-8pm, \$3.00/person Admission
Saturday, September 16th, 8-1pm, Bag Sale Sunday 17th, 10-2pm
- **St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish Picnic- Belleville, IL**
Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 4-10pm, 4pm Mass
Quilt and Cash Bingo 7pm, All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner 3-6:30pm
- **Corpus Christi Trivia Night- Shiloh, IL**
Saturday, September 30th, 2023
Doors open 6pm, Trivia at 7pm, \$10.00/person, table of 10 \$100.00
Reserve a table call 618-632-7614
Bring your own drinks and snacks. 50/50, silent auction, and more!
- **Life Network Trivia Night, Waterloo High School Cafeteria**
Saturday, September 30th, 2023 Doors open @5pm
Start Time is 6pm SHARP, Raffle Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Prize Wheel,
Attendance Prizes, Max 10/ table/ \$150.00 per table
Bring your own food/drink, NO ALCOHOL, Soda and water to be sold.
- **St. James' CCW Wine Tasting Experience!**
Saturday, September 30th @ 7pm
Doors open at 6:30pm. \$30 per person. To reserve a single seat or entire
table, call Dawn Sheldon at 618-223-9605 / Michelle Hucke 618-781-7665
- **Immaculate Conception- Tamora, IL**
Sunday, October 15th, 2023, Quilt/Cash Bingo @ KC Hall in DuBois
Doors open at 11am, Bingo starts at 1pm

God Cares for Us

Jesus told His followers not to worry so much about food and clothes. How did He say it?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

Is not life more important than food,
and the body more important than clothes?"

