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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, 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of his own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. 9-11 | 5:00 pm -- Norbert Wittenauer; John Rheinecker; and Bert Kreher |
| Sun. 9-12 | 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Fri. 9-17 | 8:00 am – Josephine Gregson, Allan McCarthy, and Bonnie Wiegand |
| Sat. 9-18 | 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's |
| Sun. 9-19 | 8:30 am – For the Intentions of Roy & Betty Schreder on Their 65 th Wedding Anniversary |



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-5-2021

Sunday Envelopes (28) - \$1,872.00

Loose – \$142.00

Scholarship Fund - \$619.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2021)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 18th; 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Kevin Schreder

Sanitizers: Biffars

Camera: Eric Schreder

Sunday, September 19th; 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector: Betty Schreder

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Sanitizers: Grohmanns

Camera: Grohmanns

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, Lisa Davenport, Penny Hofstetter, Paden Schultz, Michelle Knepelkamp, Donna Kaiser, Walter Krysnoski, Mark Triller, Ralph Ruhmann, Zach Wheat, and Bob Volpert.

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.



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!



PRAY FOR Josephine Gregson, sister-in-law of Bernadette Gregson and wife of Robert Gregson (deceased), formerly of St. Augustine's. She died on August 25th and buried in Ashland, KY. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her mails. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 50 Catholic and 50 Baptist ones."

In the Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus asked the Apostles, who do people say I am? The responses are not surprising. Some of the people saw in Jesus another John the Baptist, Elijah, and one of the prophets. The crowds had encountered these people in their extraordinariness and witness the great works they did. So, it was just right for them to think that Jesus Christ was a reincarnation of any of these men.

When Jesus further asked his disciples who they thought He was, He took them by surprise. He put them in an instant witness box. So often, it is easy to report what people say and don't say than to say what one thinks. Peter's response is clear and on point. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Perhaps since Peter responded thus, we have all learned to say the same way in religion class. But to respond to that question personally, we would have to move beyond the lessons of religion class to the commitment of our hearts. That begins with customizing the question: Who is Jesus Christ for me?

This weekend, we remember the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack that destroyed the entire complex of the Twin Towers. We recognize the 2,977 people who lost their lives, and we hail the heroism of the 441 New York first responders who died in active service. Although the attacks occurred within the United States, many countries shared the shock and grief experienced in the attack. For this reason, we observe Patriot Day 2021 this weekend in America and across the world.

Additionally, September 11 is the day that changed everything. After the event, many people were drawn to religious services in unprecedented numbers because of their emotional suffering and search for answers. The Sundays following the event witnessed a 25 % spike in church attendance across the United States. Yet, now, 20 years after, where are we? This year again, we mark patriot day amid a global pandemic, but in the middle of all these, the constant question is who Jesus is for us? There is no more important question we can be asked now.

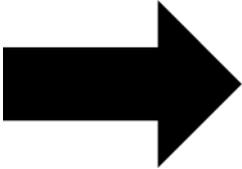
THANK YOU!!!

To the volunteers who designed and decorated the float for St. Augustine's & Friedens UCC Church that was in the parade last week Saturday. It turned out great! Fr. Linus & Pastor Horn really enjoyed themselves!!!! Thanks for all your hard work!!!!



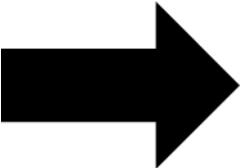
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 13th...I'll be back in the office on Wednesday, September 15th!!!

Joan Powell



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).**



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

Details to follow after the first of 2022.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

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” Bulletin Insert.

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.**

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED PARISH COUNCIL
NOMINATION SLIPS THIS WEEKEND.
YOU MAY DROP THEM INTO THE COLLECTION BASKET!!!

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

From our Enrollment Office -- “Learn a Latte” about Gibault Catholic High School! Visit with us from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.: Off the Square (Red Bud) – 9/24
Bean Tree Café (Waterloo) – 10/1; Proving Ground (Columbia) - 10/14
Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2YAJ8Ic>!

Save the date for Open House 2021 on November 7. More information will be coming soon! As always, if you are interested in learning more about Gibault, contact our Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day, at kday@gibaulthawks.com.

Top Golf -- We had so much fun last year, we’re bringing back our Top Golf Fundraiser! Join us on Oct. 3 for a day of golf to benefit the students of Gibault. Registration and sponsorship information available at <https://one.bidpal.net/gchstopgolf2021>.

Oktoberfest 2021 -- Mark your calendars for our Hawk-toberfest on October 23! This is our 50th Oktoberfest, and we want to celebrate with our Gibault community! At this time, we are planning for an in-person event. 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. For more information, visit www.bidpal.net/gibault2021. Thank you for your support!

We’re #gibaultproud of: Ella and Lucy Range (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) who were named to the Marissa Volleyball Tournament All-Tournament Team!



SPECIAL COLLECTION

COLLECTION TO BENEFIT HAITI

The bishops of the United States are inviting the faithful to respond to the needs of our brothers & sisters in Haiti through a special collection. All funds donated for Haiti will be distributed by the Emergency Disaster Fund of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to various charities which will provide immediate aid to those who are hurting as a result of the two disasters (both an earthquake & a tropical storm earlier in August).

At St. Augustine's we will have a second collection taken during the Masses **NEXT WEEKEND on Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th**. If you wish to make a donation please do so at that time. If you are writing a check, please make note on the memo line. Thank you!!!



LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS' TASTE OF FALL

First Baptist Church of Columbia Property 1200 Valmeyer Road, Columbia
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- SAME DAY REGISTRATION - 7:00 AM
- 15/50 MILE BIKE RIDE - START 7:30 AM
- 1.5 HOUR MOTORCYCLE RIDE - KICKSTAND UP 8:30 AM
- 2.2 MILE RUN - START 9:00 AM (Self-timed ONLY)
- 2.2 MILE WALK - START 9:05 AM
- ADVENTURE TRAIL (1/2 MILE) 9:00 - 11:00AM
- PARENT-CHILD CATCH & RELEASE FISHING 9:00 - 12:00PM
- FALL FOOD TASTING STATIONS
- PARKING ON-SITE
- LOCATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA PROPERTY

MORE FUN:

9:30 - 11:00 AM BALLOONATIC, RN

9:30 - 10:30 AM PETTING ZOO & PONY RIDES

10:30 am BRATS & HOT DOGS

ANY QUESTIONS? 618.939.4224 OR 618.282.4225



POSITION AVAILABLE
DIRECTOR OF RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) Director of Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) to educate Catholics – whether clergy, religious, or laity – on the issues surrounding the Catholic Church’s teachings regarding the dignity of the human person and sanctity of human life. The Director provides leadership for the RLA and works towards collaboration among offices and agencies within the Curia.

The Director supervises, develops, and directs the Office in fulfilling the three-fold mission: to educate, to advocate, and to provide pastoral and spiritual programs that protect and respect human life from conception to natural death. RLA programs and ministries reach across age, gender, and location groups and are offered to the Catholics who reside in the five Vicariates, 103 parishes, 25 elementary schools, and three high schools within the boundaries of the Diocese of Belleville. The Director empowers parishes and schools in forming strong respect life ministry programs by providing support and resources.

The Director oversees the coordination of respect life activities and programs within the diocese, representing the diocese at the Illinois Catholic Conference and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Pro-Life Secretariat; and establishes a working relationship with the media, as well as with other pro-life organizations. The Director takes direction from the Bishop, the Illinois Catholic Conference, and the USCCB. He/she serves as an advisor to the Bishop.

Essential qualifications include being a practicing Catholic; Bachelor’s Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years’ experience in a related role plus knowledge in Microsoft Office and other computer programs/applications.

TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org
Application Deadline: September 24, 2021.



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

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2021
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12

Griffin Center, an agency that receives funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal, provides after-school and summer programs free of charge to 450+ children who live in public housing. With an emphasis on learning, homework assistance, computer labs and tutoring, Griffin Center gives these youngsters a chance for a brighter tomorrow. Be a part of their dreams and make **your gift** to this year's Appeal today!

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

Pledges to Date: 33

\$5,520.00

98% of our goal

In St. James letter, he asks “What good is it... if someone says he has faith but does not have works?” In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us instruction on how to get to heaven –“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Those are emphatic words underlining our call in life. What is your cross to take up? What is your vocation? Should you be asking someone about considering a call to the religious life? Should you be considering that call?



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!**



COMING EVENTS

Sept. 12th – Quilt/Cash Social; St. James Millstadt; 1pm Bingo; Opens 10:30am; Fried Chicken Dinners/Refreshments; Bring Own Covers; Donate 1 canned good item & get 1 free card per tally
Sept. 19th -- Designer Purse Bingo; St. Agatha New Athens; Parish Hall; Opens 11:30; Bingo at 12:30; \$40 in advance/\$50 at door; includes 10 games, 6 paper cards per game, dabbers, drinks. Call Debbie Matzenbacher at 618/210-3318 or go online to glo-bingo.com for tickets; Bring Your Own Snacks.
Sept. 19th – Fall Church Picnic; St. Mary's Valmeyer; Cash Bingo 1-4pm; Music; Games; Food; Stands.
Sept. 26th – Drive Thru/Carryout Pork Sausage/Roast Beef Dinners; St. Bernard's Albers; 10:30am-5:30pm; \$12 each; Masks required; To order call 618/267-1181.

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.

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!

BLUE MASS

**To Honor the Work of All Public Safety Personnel
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021; 3:00 PM
St. Mary's Centralia, IL**

- Please join us as we honor the men & women from our community who
- serve us in public safety, and remember those who gave of their lives on September 11th, 2001. Open to the public, all are invited to attend.
For info contact St. Mary Parish Office, 618/532-6291



Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo
BLUE MASS
Sunday, September 12th
10:00 am Mass

**All First Responders are
invited to attend!!!**

MONSIGNOR JOHN MYLER
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH
SSPP CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM
6 - 7 PM



MONSIGNOR JOHN MYLER is the Rector of our Cathedral in Belleville. He has been a priest for 39 years. He has been a pastor (in Belleville and in Cahokia) and has been a teacher (at Gibault Catholic High School and at the college level.) He has doctorates in Communications and in Sacred Theology. Pope Benedict XVI named him a Monsignor in 2012.

"I SEE AND I PRAY"

Do you know that this long-neglected painting of a kitchen table scene is actually a religious painting from the life of Christ?
(Come and find out its almost-hidden meaning ...)



"A picture is worth a thousand words."

It's true in advertising, in watching the news, in social communications.

It's true in the spiritual life, too.

This evening, Monsignor Myler will give a "talk" but more important than the words will be the images!

Come learn how an ancient Catholic practice, known as "Visio Divina" -- praying with divine images -- can help us pray in the modern world, young and old, individuals and families.

THIS EVENT QUALIFIES FOR A 1-HOUR CATECHIST CERTIFICATION ELECTIVE CLASS

***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**

In that sense, such movements are “social poets” that, in their own way, work, propose, promote and liberate. They help make possible an integral human development that goes beyond “the idea of social policies being a policy *for* the poor, but never *with* the poor and never *of* the poor, much less part of a project that reunites peoples”. [145] They may be troublesome, and certain “theorists” may find it hard to classify them, yet we must find the courage to acknowledge that, without them, “democracy atrophies, turns into a mere word, a formality; it loses its representative character and becomes disembodied, since it leaves out the people in their daily struggle for dignity, in the building of their future”. [146]

INTERNATIONAL POWER

170. I would once more observe that “the financial crisis of 2007-08 provided an opportunity to develop a new economy, more attentive to ethical principles, and new ways of regulating speculative financial practices and virtual wealth. But the response to the crisis did not include rethinking the outdated criteria which continue to rule the world”. [147] Indeed, it appears that the actual strategies developed worldwide in the wake of the crisis fostered greater individualism, less integration and increased freedom for the truly powerful, who always find a way to escape unscathed.

171. I would also insist that “to give to each his own – to cite the classic definition of justice – means that no human individual or group can consider itself absolute, entitled to bypass the dignity and the rights of other individuals or their social groupings. The effective distribution of power (especially political, economic, defense-related and technological power) among a plurality of subjects, and the creation of a juridical system for regulating claims and interests, are one concrete way of limiting power. Yet today’s world presents us with many false rights and – at the same time – broad sectors which are vulnerable, victims of power badly exercised”. [148]

172. The twenty-first century “is witnessing a weakening of the power of nation states, chiefly because the economic and financial sectors, being transnational, tend to prevail over the political. Given this situation, it is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments, and empowered to impose sanctions”. [149] when we talk about the possibility of some form of world authority regulated by law, [150] we need not necessarily think of a personal authority. Still, such authority ought at least to promote more effective world organizations, equipped with the power to provide for the global common good, the elimination of hunger and poverty and the sure defense of fundamental human rights.

173. In this regard, I would also note the need for a reform of “the United Nations Organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth”. [151] Needless to say, this calls for clear legal limits to avoid power being co-opted only by a few countries and to prevent cultural impositions or a restriction of the basic freedoms of weaker nations on the basis of ideological differences. For “the international community is a juridical community founded on the sovereignty of each member state, without bonds of subordination that deny or limit its independence”. [152] At the same time, “the work of the United Nations, according to the principles set forth in the Preamble and the first Articles of its founding Charter, can be seen as the development and promotion of the rule of law, based on the realization that justice is an essential condition for achieving the ideal of universal fraternity... There is a need to ensure the uncontested rule of law and tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation and arbitration, as proposed by the Charter of the United Nations, which constitutes truly a fundamental juridical norm”. [153] There is a need to prevent this Organization from being delegitimized, since its problems and shortcomings are capable of being jointly addressed and resolved.