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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Fri. 9/22 8:00am- Roy Schreder and Frank Gregson

Sat. 9/23 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 9/24 8:30am- Raymond & Eleanor Braun, Joe Jung, and Lawrence Kaiser



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-10-2023

Envelopes (43)- \$2,822.00

Loose- \$157.00

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

Scholarship Fund - \$732.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 23rd, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Grace and Braden Koester
Lector: Kevin Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Gary Wittenauer
Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss
Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder
Camera:

Sunday, September 24th, 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle
Servers:
Lector: Betty Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle
Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser
Extraordinary Minister (W): May Stellhorn
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) Firnkes, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Heather Grohmann Kurtz, Sister Sarah Harbaugh, 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.



Thank you for your generous 5th Sunday Collections from July...we were able to send both St. Vincent de Paul in Waterloo and the Newman Center at SIU-C each a check for \$171.00!! THANK YOU!!!

**Next 5th Sunday Collection:
October 28th/29th -- HNS
Outreach for Thanksgiving
& Christmas**

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Twenty–Fourth Sunday of the Year- A

A man buys a parrot and brings him home. But the parrot starts insulting him and gets really nasty, so the man picks up the parrot and tosses him into the freezer to teach him a lesson. He hears the bird squawking for a few minutes, but suddenly, the parrot is quiet. The man opens the freezer door, the parrot walks out, looks up at him, and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness. "The man says, "Well, thank you. I forgive you. "The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the chicken do?"

I wonder how many people have been able to keep record of offenses against them. As much as this would be a good subject for research, it may not be emotionally healthy to keep such records. Our uniqueness, incompleteness, and vulnerability continue to challenge our relationships. Therefore, to get our relationships on the right course, we constantly negotiate around the feelings of others. Sometimes we get it right; and other times we don't. It is when we don't get it right that people feel offended. Nevertheless, it is the act of negotiation that warrants apology and forgiveness.

Peter's question to Jesus in this weekend's gospel reading is not surprising given the above description of the human nature and the dynamic of relationship. "Peter approached Jesus and asked him, 'Lord if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?'" (Matthew 18:21 NAB). Although it would be mean to keep score of people's sins against us, some people argue that being mindful of the hurts from people and what they can potentially do against us is good for relationship. But Jesus response to Peter's question takes the focus away from oneself to the need of the community or family. The Rabbis in Jesus time taught that one could forgive three times but no more. Peter perhaps put forward the number seven as an exhaustive gift of forgiveness. Yet, with a veiled reference to the law of vengeance, Jesus insists that forgiveness is a gift from God, and we are dispensers of this gift. God is extravagant in his mercy. Although we are not God, we are invited to participate in the divine life in dealing with each other.

A second dimension that demands our curiosity is that forgiveness does not necessarily begin with the offenders repenting of their offense and asking for forgiveness. Rather, the process of forgiveness is more generative if the offended offers a room for the process of forgiveness to set in. Such openness to forgive is often transformative to the offender. It transforms the offender from feeling like a victim to becoming a survivor. Retaliation which is usually our natural tendency in responding to the offender always opens the door to unexpected and regrettable events. But God's way is the way of mercy.

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!!

If you would like to send Fr. Eva a card or note of thanks, here is his new address:

Father Evaritus Akabueze
Cahokia Holy Family Catholic Church
116 Church Street
Cahokia, IL 62206

I'm sure he would be thrilled to receive some words of praise in the mail!!



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!



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 to be returned **THIS weekend of September 16th & 17th, 2023!!!**



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!



NEWS FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

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>

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!



**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**



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)*.”

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[“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”](#)

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.](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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DIOCESE of BELLEVILLE

➤ **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](http://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/>

Save the Dates



Wednesday, September 27

Opening rally at 331 Salem Place,
Fairview Heights - 4pm
Rev. Michael Salemkink will be the guest speaker.

Thursday, October 26

Line The Fence Hour of Prayer at 331 Salem Place,
Fairview Heights - 4pm

Friday, November 3

Closing Banquet at St. Clare of Assisi
Catholic Church, O'Fallon - 5pm
Steve Karlan from 40 Days for Life will be the guest speaker.



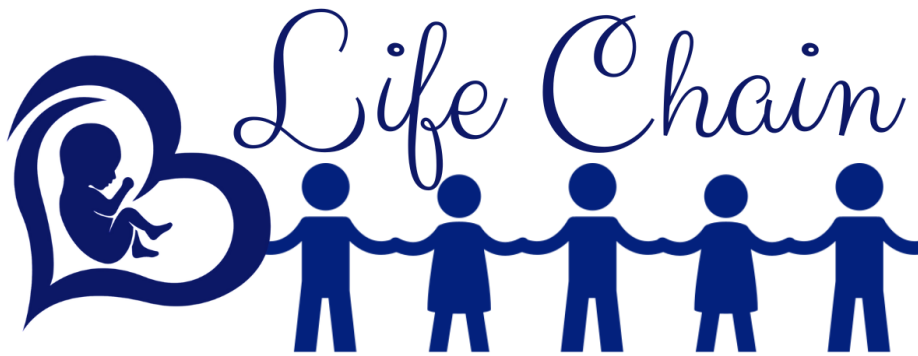
Follow the campaign on Facebook!



<https://www.facebook.com/FVH40Days>

Contact Us
618-750-3338

FVH40Days@yahoo.com



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Many thousands of churches participate each year in this annual event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.

Sunday, October 1

From 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pick up signs in the parking lots of
Hobby Lobby - 6549 N. Illinois, Fairview Heights
and Associated Bank - 6550 N. Illinois, Fairview Heights

We will stand along Highway 159

Diaper Drive: Please bring wipes and diapers size 0-5 to donate to local pregnancy care centers and families in need!

Office of Respect Life Apostolate

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2023
The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity

Pledges to Date: 31

\$5,880.00

92% of our goal!

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
- **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

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 once believed that becoming a priest was a fate worse than death! I always wanted to get married, have a family and own a golden retriever. My plan was to become a doctor, and I was studying for a degree in science when I had an honest conversation with my childhood pastor. Without coercing me, he affirmed that I would be a great doctor, husband, father – or priest. "The most important thing," he said, "is to seek God's will, because that is where you will find true peace and happiness". Days later, I prayed as I had many times before: "God I'll do anything you want me to do." But this time I added, "And if you want me to be a priest, I'd love to!" Immediately, I felt afraid, hoping no one had overheard me. Simultaneously, I felt a profound peace from the Holy Spirit. That fall, I decided to join the Companions of the Cross and found that God's plan fit live a glove."

Fr. Simon Lobo; Companions of the Cross; Halifax, Nova Scotia
Columbia Magazine June 2022



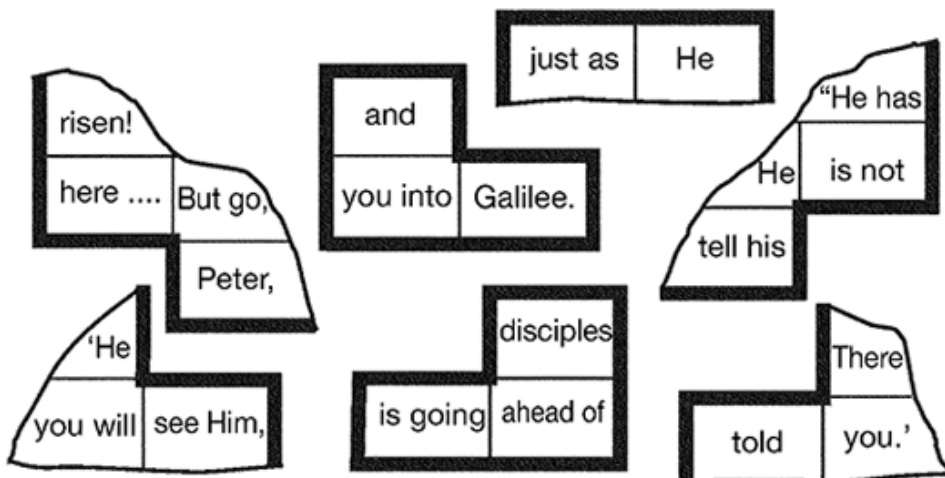
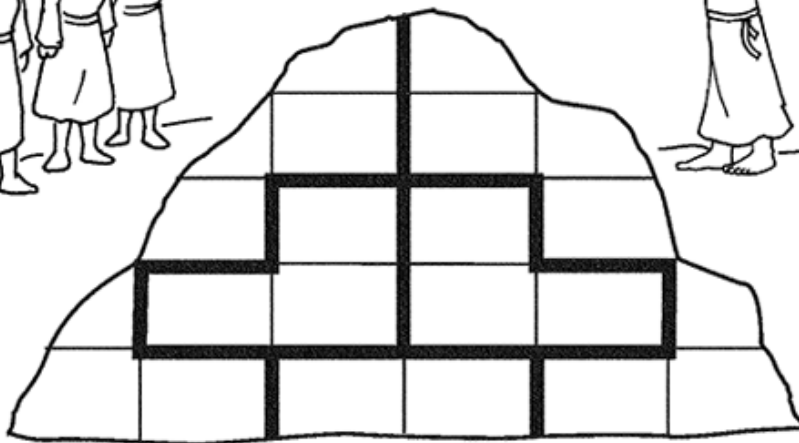
The Serra Club of St. County is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and 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!



“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.”

Fit the pieces in the puzzle below to read the passage.



DID YOU KNOW...

That “the Creed is the spiritual seal, our hearts’ meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul.”
St. Ambrose (See CCC, 185-197)

APOSTLES’ CREED

The Apostles’ Creed is the epitome of Christian doctrine. In twelve articles, it contains the truths taught by the Apostles. It has existed essentially since the second century and was first referred to in the fourth century. The earliest text dates from the eighth century. Developed by early Church councils, it was adopted in its present form in the eleventh century. Since the early centuries of the Western Church, catechumens were required to learn and recite it before Baptism.

NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed was a response to the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. It takes its name from the city of Nicaea, where an ecumenical council was held in A.D. 325. At this council Saint Athanasius, a doctor of the Church, defended the divinity of Christ. Subsequent to the meeting in Nicaea, the original creed underwent some changes – at meetings in Constantinople in A.D. 381 and Chalcedon in A.D. 450. The Nicene Creed is the only Christian creed accepted in common as authoritative by the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and major Protestant Churches.

ATHANASIAN CREED

This creed receives its title from the fact that it embodies Athanasius’s theology of the Trinity. Composed by Hilary, bishop of Arles in the fifth century, it is common doctrinal ground – along with the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds – for both Catholics and Anglicans. It is characterized by its extraordinary length and its anathemas against any who would deny the doctrines it professes. Its Latin title is its opening word, *Quicumque* (“He who with this...”): “If anyone wishes to be saved, before everything else he must hold the Catholic faith.”