

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Theme for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed. They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than money, we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need, especially the poor whom the Lord will raise up.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 9/19	8:00 am- Don Braun, John Rheinecker
Saturday, 9/20	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 9/21	8:00am- Roy Schreder, Henry & Bertha Braun
Friday, 9/26	8:00am- Virgil Gregson
Saturday, 9/27	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 9/28	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 9-14-25:

Weekly Envelopes- \$1960.00

Loose- \$189.00

Youth- \$

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-
\$663.30

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, September 27th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmens

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, September 28th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Lector: Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister (W): Raeleen Neary

Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Ricky Wittenauer, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Annette Lovelace, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen, Joan Wittenauer

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



The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Hope in the Lord

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving".

It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on **YOU**. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

PLEDGES TO DATE: 28 88 % OF OUR GOAL MET

\$5,955.00 pledged of 8/3/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

Reflection for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his cupcakes."

Jesus tells a very complex story in the gospel of this weekend. The punch line is that he praises a dishonest steward. What is there about the actions of the dishonest steward that Jesus finds good? This man squandered his master's property and was to be fired because of it. Once his dishonesty was discovered, he resorted to incredible bargains with his master's debtors. Was he actually reducing their debts? The steward was not reducing their debt and was not removing his master's profit but cutting off his profit. He probably had added more commission for himself. Therefore, he hopes they would acknowledge his generosity when they see him give back. Additionally, he hopes that when his master fires him, he will be favored by these clients.

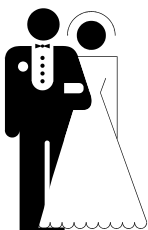
This action implies that the steward gave away his expectation of becoming rich quickly. He also realized another aspect of life—interdependence. The steward learned the truth of life that no one cheats his way into greatness. Although you may rise through cheating, such success does not last.

Consequently, the dishonest steward occupies the center of this story not because of his dishonesty. A careful reading of the story directs us to his desire to live. When he found himself damaged and broken by his greed and mistakes and the master found him out, he was unwilling to give up. Instead, he was ready to pick up the broken pieces of his life and move forward through a different route, this time restoring what was not his originally.

In our world today, some people use their wealth to make friends. They give away a large part of their wealth to enhance the lives of others. Perhaps the more we understand that life is a gift and that all that we have is a gift, we will be able to see each other as a gift, and instead of dishonest living, we will make an effort to promote justice, truthfulness and respect in our dealings. In the end, what God wants from us is that the wealth entrusted to us is used for God's kingdom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have Tiki Trot Shirts available for sale for \$15.00. If you would like to purchase a shirt contact Aaron Eckart at 618-920-5258 or the parish office at 618-473-2217
- Ladies Sodality Meeting October 7, 2025 at 7:00 in the Parish Center.



Congratulations to Jodi Griffin and Corey Harter on their marriage here on Saturday, September 13, 2025. May they become one in heart and mind as witnesses to God's presence in their marriage

All Souls' Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 2nd -8:00 am Mass

We will be remembering those who have died since All Souls' Day 2024 during the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025.

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.

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

Respect for Life

“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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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”



Vocations

“There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God...Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord’s call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.”

– Pope Francis, November 26, 2016

From the Deacons Desk



For the next few months I'm going to do a monthly series focusing on Eucharistic Adoration. Let me start with a simple fact about relationships. In your relationships with your spouse, children, family, friends, etc. do you spend time with them, talking, laughing, and sharing thoughts and feelings? Of course you do, that is how we develop and nurture relationships with those we love and those who we care about. So, do you want to be in a relationship with Jesus? We all want to be in a relationship with Jesus our Savior. And the best way to develop and nurture a relationship with Jesus is to spend time with him just like you do with your spouse, children, family, friends, etc. And there is no better way to do that than to come and spend time with Him in during Eucharistic Adoration. A quiet time to talk to Him, share with Him, pray to Him, or just sit in silence with Him enjoying His presence. Typically we offer Eucharistic Adoration all day on the first Monday of the month, in the morning on the first Saturday of the month, and other times that are announced and posted in our bulletin, Facebook page, etc. Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities and come and spend some time developing and nurturing your relationship with Jesus. Still hesitant? Here's a link

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/new-to-eucharistic-prayer-ask-jesus-to-teach-you-to-adore-him?hsmi=371402224> and a QR code that will take you to a good article that I think will help overcome your hesitation.

Deacon Tom