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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as to those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Fri. 9/29 8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer

Sat. 9/30 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sun. 10/1 8:30am- James G. Neary, Charlie Kreher, and Urban Wittenauer



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 9-17-2023

Envelopes (36)- \$1,505.00

Loose- \$153.00

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

Scholarship Fund - \$747.00

(Total Donated since 8/1/2023)

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Next 5th Sunday Collection:

**October 28th/29th -- HNS
Outreach for Thanksgiving
& Christmas**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 30th, 5pm

Set Up: Joan Powell
Servers: Mehrmanns
Lector: Elaine Rader
Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn
Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer
Extraordinary Minister (W): Joan Powell
Camera:

Sunday, October 1st, 8:30am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart
Servers: Doerrs
Lector: Jonella Donius
Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr
Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer
Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder
Camera: Andrew Donius



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, and Shirley 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.

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



PRAY FOR Virginia Parker, nee Valerius, mother of Carol Parker and Jeff Parker, grandmother to Eric Parker, who died and was buried this past week. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

FROM THE PASTOR...

FR. LINUS UMOREN, C.M.

Reflection for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the year in Ordinary time

A six-year-old boy told his Sunday school teacher that his mother says his prayers for him every night. The teacher responded, "That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed."

The story of the landowner and his payroll policy in the gospel this weekend is an intriguing one. "Are you envious because I am generous?" asked the owner of the vineyard (Mathew 20:15 NAB). Being generous and being fair to people are virtues that are highly esteemed in our society. However, in our intriguing story we may agree that the owner of the vineyard can run his business any way he pleases, but we may not be comfortable with his payroll policies—He pays all the same not counting how many hours each put in to work. Hence those who were hired first and paid last complain: It is not fair. Their complaint is fair and well-articulated. The master's generosity is not the question but his fairness in the execution of his role. Here they see the owner of the vineyard's generosity to the others, whom we consider undeserving, as not right. But the owner of the vineyard insists on one thing. He had agreed with them to pay them one denarius each. In other words, he paid them according to their agreement, but to the rest, because he did not have agreement, he paid them from his heart. The focus of the parable is on the question of grace and justice. Where do grace and justice come from? Can they both exist together?

Although we can all see the tension between grace and justice here, there seems to be something more we do not see. The workers do not seem to see their primary motivation. They are angry because they believe they deserve to be treated differently. If the owner of the vineyard wanted to play favorites, they should be the ones favored.

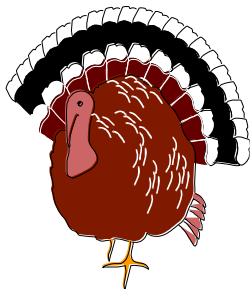
In our Christian faith, we have always asked God why he is unfair to us despite all we do for him: We go to Mass, pay tithes, work festivals, contribute to the poor and always pray. So, the problem is not with the owner's generosity but with our angle of vision. We are looking at the owner's generosity from our point of view—a privileged position. But there is also the grace dimension of God. What is grace? It is an unmerited gift of God. What does it mean to say God is good? Perhaps, God is good when he gives us our due and all that we think we have earned through our good works. But there is another way, the bigger way, we can see the goodness of God. Is God not good when he favors other people that I know may not be as good as myself? In fact, it is when we get to that point of seeing the goodness of God to others, to people we love, to friends, to colleagues, but most especially to those we think, do not deserve such generosity, then we can see the goodness of God for what it is.



There will be choir practice
on Thursday, September
28th @ 2pm.

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!



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOLY NAME
MENS SOCIETY
MEAT SHOOT -- Free Mulligan
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 2023
12 NOON to ??
HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER**

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!!



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.

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.



You are
Invited!



Sister Joan's and Sister Angela's Jubilee!!

When: Following both Masses the weekend of October 28th and October 29th.

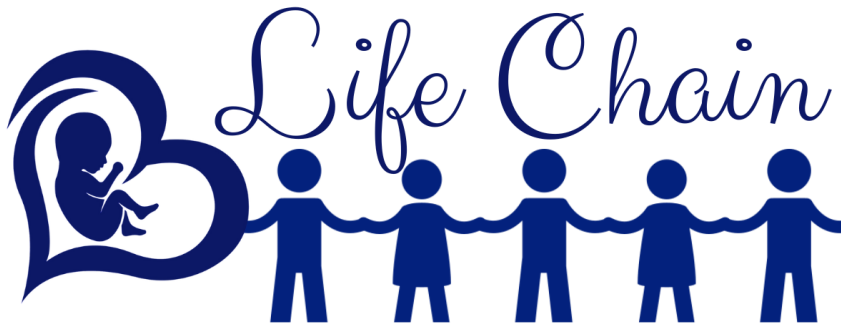
Where: Parish Center

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!



The talented ladies of the quilting group have resumed this past week! If you are interested in joining, please contact Margie Holle at 618-473-2944...they meet every Tuesday in the Parish Center from 12:30-4:30pm.



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



NEWS FROM GIBUALT 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. Donations are being accepted for our live and silent auctions, too.

Contact dfrasure@giabulthawks.com to donate. 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!

OLD-FASHIONED QUILTING BEE

**We will gather at: St. George Community Life Center
317 E. Maple St., New Baden, IL (In Quilting Room)**

**Date: Monday, October 9, 2023 From: 1:00 pm-9:00 pm
Dinner and good conversation will be served 5:00 p.m.
We will be quilting all evening, so come when you can!**

&

**Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 From: 6:00- 9:00 pm
Refreshments & Desserts will be served.
We will be quilting all evening, so come when you can!**



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Suicide is Tragic”

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

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/>

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.



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Jewish and Christian Views on the Stories of Creation and the First Sin

Presenter: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, PhD

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The stories of creation and the first sin in the Book of Genesis are core to how we understand the world and our role in it.

But is there more than one way to interpret them? For centuries Jewish and Christian communities have read these stories very differently, and that has led to fundamental differences in theology and worldview.

Join us as we explore these texts through Jewish and Christian lenses and uncover how our views on the start of our world impacts our attitudes and behavior today.

Cost: \$20 per person For information, call 618-394-6281

Register online at snows.org/Jewish-and-Christian-views

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!

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.



Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2023, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.



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!!

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

- **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. 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
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church- Dubois, IL**
Sunday, October 8th, 2023, Quilt and Cash Bingo-Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors open @ 11am, Games begin @ 1pm
Paper cards, lunch will be available. Cake Raffle, Basket Raffle, Bingo
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- **Immaculate Conception- Tamora, IL**
Sunday, October 15th, 2023, Quilt/Cash Bingo @ KC Hall in DuBois
Doors open at 11am, Bingo starts at 1pm
- **St. John Catholic School Trivia Night- Red Bud, IL- SBJ School Gym**
Saturday, November 4th, 2023 @ 7pm, Shop vendors 6pm, Trivia Begins 7pm
\$120.00/table, Cash prizes, 50/50, golden tickets, Extra Games!
Bring snacks, cash bar, mulligans available for purchase

ST. CLARE
23rd Annual
Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

3RD & CHERRY ST., DOWNTOWN O'FALLON, IL

4-10 PM

Huge Biergarten | Live Music

Festival Foods all night

German Dinner 4-7 PM

inside school with kids' meal option

Games for all ages | Raffles | Inflatables for kids

5K Run 4 PM | Kids' Fun Run

BINGO in the gym 8 PM | Online Auction opens Sept. 25

www.stclarechurch.org/oktoberfest

JOIN US FOR MASS AT 4 PM AT ST. CLARE CHURCH



Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO

Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm

Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

Menu: Bratwurst & Bun

Potato Salad & Applesauce,

Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)

Cards & BINGO with prizes



The angel told the women something. What was it?

Use the code to find out.

A = B	F = G	J = K	N = O	R = S	V = W
B = C	G = H	K = L	O = P	S = T	W = X
C = D	H = I	L = M	P = Q	T = U	X = Y
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