

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Theme for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who seek only their own comfort. In his parable about the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus echoes Amos, exhorting those who have to share with those who have not. Self-sufficiency must never blind us to the needs of others. Only in this way do we keep God's commandments in integrity and in truth.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 9/26	8:00 am- Virgil Gregson
Saturday, 9/27	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 9/28	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet
Friday, 10/03	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Saturday, 10/04	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sunday, 10/05	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet, Gary Rist

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 9-21-25:

Weekly Envelopes- \$2380.00

Loose- \$197.00

Youth- \$

Retired Priests \$50.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-25)-
\$715.30

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, October 4th, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Servers: Mallory Kern

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister: Angie Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer

Camera:

Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Shelly Fizer

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

A little girl was given her birth certificate to take to her new school. "Be sure not to lose it," her mother said. So she lost it, and when someone saw her crying and asked her what was wrong, she answered, I have just lost my excuse for being born.

The Gospel of Luke, which we read at this time, has a recurring theme about riches and wealth and how not to be possessed by them. Jesus parables in the Gospel speak directly to the people of his time. His emphasis is that we strive for a more lasting wealth. That is the desire for Heaven. Although Luke does not present wealth as evil, he does not shy away from giving examples of people who left their possessions to follow Jesus because they saw him as the authentic way to Heaven. Peter and Zebedee's two sons left their possessions and families to follow Jesus (Lk5:1-11). Mathew left the tax office and his job to follow Jesus (Lk 5:27-32). Zacchaeus vowed to give part of his possession to the poor (Lk 19:5-9).

In the parable this weekend, Jesus teaches about the pride that goes before the fall of a rich person. There is nothing in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus that indicates that the rich man was a dishonest person. Rather he enjoyed life with his family and friends. He used to dine sumptuously every day. But it seems in his self-contentment he did not notice Lazarus, the poor man at his gate. Although Lazarus was present at his gate and wished that someone would see his plight and helped him, the rich man lived his life without any reference to Lazarus.

Who is Lazarus? Where does he live? Lazarus can be anybody in every city. The unique character of Lazarus is that he is in need. Life has maltreated him. Lazarus is that woman with no access to health care, that single parent whose toxic marriage has resulted in a divorce that leaves him broken and friendless. Lazarus is that colleague who lost his job and the older man/woman who has been in a nursing home for ten years whom no one visits. The rich man did not even notice that Lazarus existed.

The concluding part of the story is exciting. When the poor man dies, he is carried off to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also dies and goes to a place where he is in need, with no status, and less in control. Now he notices Lazarus for the first time. He calls him by name—"Father Abraham pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue for I am in agony in these flames."

Perhaps we have inadvertently ignored people who are different from us. Jesus invites us in the parable to notice these people and let our ability to share with them make a difference. When people die out of neglect when we could have done something through our gifts or love, our prayers and flowers will be too late and meaningless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Praying of the rosary will take place Sunday October 5th before the 8:00 am mass.
- Anointing of the sick will take place next Saturday evening October 4th after the 5:00 pm mass and next Sunday morning October 5th after the 8:00 am mass.
- Voting for Parish Council will take places after communion during both masses on October 4 and October 5th.
- Ladies Sodality Meeting October 7, 2025, at 7:00 in the Parish Center.

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

“The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt. 25:40).”*

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Live the Gospel of Life”
respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

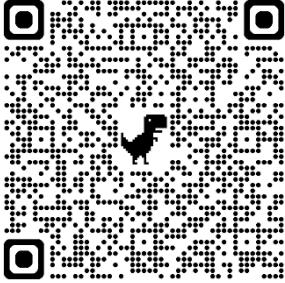


Vocations

This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday – a day set aside to celebrate Priesthood and all those who have accepted it as their life's work. When praying the rosary today, offer the first decade for the priest who **baptized** you, the second for the priest who gave you **first Communion**, the third for the bishop who **confirmed** you, the fourth for the priest who **witnessed your marriage** or the bishop who **ordained you** (or will do so in the future), and the fifth decade for the priest who will **anoint you at your death**. These are the priests who have been with you in your life.

From the Deacons Desk

Since my reassignment is effective October 1, I'm going to continue my series on Eucharistic Adoration weekly for the next few weeks. When did Catholics start spending time in Eucharistic Adoration? According to AI,



“Eucharistic Adoration began in the early centuries of Christianity, with practices of reserving the Eucharist for the sick and dying emerging around the 4th century. The formal practice of adoration developed significantly in the 11th century and was further established in the 13th century, particularly after the victory of King Louis VII of France in 1226, which led to the first continuous exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.” EWTN published a lengthy article titled “The History of Eucharistic Adoration: Development of Doctrine in the Catholic Church” In the article they say “At the turn of the first century, Ignatius of Antioch, on his way to martyrdom in Rome, had to warn the Christians not to be taken in by the Gnostics--a good modern term would be "visionaries," who denied the Real Presence. Ignatius said these people abstained from the Eucharist because they did not accept what true Christians believe, that in the Eucharist is the same Jesus Christ Who lived and died and rose from the dead for our salvation.” Here’s a link

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/history-of-eucharistic-adoration-development-of-doctrine-in-the-catholic-church-4086>

and a QR code that will take you to the EWTN article.

Deacon Tom