

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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St. Vincent de Paul Help Line 618/792-4059

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Who can comprehend the Lord's ways or conceive what the Lord intends? True wisdom leads us to acknowledge our limitations (matter of "calculation") and our idols of materialism as we seek to follow the Lord without reservation. True discipleship calls us to forgive those who have wronged us. May we gain wisdom of heart to discern more fully our call to take up the cross of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 9-3 5:00 pm -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's
Sun. 9-4 8:30 am – Gilbert E. & Hedwig Birkner and
Evelyn Wittenbrink

Fri. 9-9 8:00 am – Bonnie Casey; Esther Eckart and
Norbert Wittenauer

Sat. 9-10 5:00 pm – Bob Volpert, Bert Kreher, & Janice Mahoney
Sun. 9-11 8:30 am -- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**BLESSED VIRGIN ALTAR
SODALITY MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 6TH, 2022
7:00 PM – PARISH CENTER**

All ladies of the parish are invited to
the meeting.

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD: 8-28-2022

Sunday Envelopes (52) - \$2,813.00
Loose – \$165.00 Youth (3) - \$20.00

*Scholarship Fund - \$354.50
(Total Donated since 8/1/2022)*

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 10th; 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Servers:

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Camera: Lori Amann

Sunday, September 11th; 8:30am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Lector: Jonella Donius

Servers: Tim Donius & Emelia Doerr

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Camera: Drew Donius

Please pray for the following:



Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Bill Cowell, Aria Wagner, Ed Weiler, Joe Gregson, Penny Hofstetter, Walter Krysnoski, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, Ricky Wittenauer, Lois Papenberg, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Damon Stapleton, Jim & Joanne Cowell, and Mike Rheinecker.

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.

PARISH SECRETARY

The position of Parish Secretary for St. Augustine's Parish is available due to the retirement of Joan Powell effective on or before December 31st, 2022. Anyone who might be interested in learning more about the position should contact the Parish Office at 618/473-2217 or via email to staug@htc.net. There would be extensive training required. If you or someone you know, might be interested in completing an application form, please contact the Parish Office. We have widened the search by advertising in the newspapers in nearby towns.



PRAY FOR Ruth Cortner of our Parish and wife of Roger, who died last week and will be buried on Tuesday, September 6th. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR...

FR. EVARISTUS AKABUEZE, C.M.

Reflection for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

To Be A Disciple...

An open-air evangelist, preaching on today's Gospel text was warning his congregation about the eternal damnation. "On the Day of Judgment," he said, "there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." But an old woman in the crowd asked, "Look preacher, I got no teeth!" "Never mind," says the evangelist, "teeth will be provided."

Everybody is called to be a disciple. And Jesus pulls no punches in letting us know that accepting to be a disciple, accepting to follow him means letting nothing stand in the way. It means a willingness to suffer with him and to be quite clear about what the cost will be. It means 'hating' father, mother, sisters, brothers. This is stunning!

Truly, what Jesus is trying to do with these very startling statements is produce change: change in the way people think; then change in the way people act; and finally change in the way the world works. When you put this passage together with the one we heard last week about taking the lower place at a banquet and inviting to our own parties not those who can repay us but the poor, the weak, the lame, those who cannot afford to return the favor, we find a Jesus who is trying to create a new world order, a really new world order. One that is based, as we saw last week, on humility, and the courage to turn accepted social structures upside down, and complete devotion to the person and cause of Jesus.

When Jesus speaks about family ties and possessions, he is primarily asking for a change in mindset. All of us can begin to think differently. And then we can begin to act differently. We can be less consumerist, simpler in our tastes. We can begin to find room for others. We can find more time to serve the less fortunate. The doors of our homes and of our hearts begin to be more open. Prayer becomes more real in our lives. It may mean less television and more conversation. It may mean less money for recreation and more for God's poor. Like Paul writing to Philemon about Onesimus we begin to see everybody as brothers and sisters.

Parish Council

Nominations...

The annual Parish Council Elections will be conducted at the weekend Masses on October 1st and 2nd, 2022.

Nomination slips are attached to the bulletins this weekend & again next weekend and are to be returned **the weekend of September 10th & 11th**.

Elaine Gregson is completing her first term and IS ELIGIBLE for re-election. Dana Mehrmann is completing the appointed term vacated by the death of Donald Braun and IS ELIGIBLE for election.

The following **are not eligible** for nomination because they are already members of the Parish Council, Finance Committee, officers in parish organizations, Parish Trustees. Please do not nominate the following:

Walter Krysnoski-Trustee
Mary Schaltenbrand-Sodality
Annette Schreder-Sodality
Roger Cortner-Cemetery Rep.
Joan Powell-Finance
Clinton Mudd-Finance
Scott Gregson – Parish Council
Kay Rist – Parish Council
Aaron Litteken – Ss Peter & Paul School Board Rep.

Larry Schaltenbrand-Trustee
Ralph Eckart-Holy Name
Chuck Wagner-Holy Name
John Kaiser-Holy Name
Carrie Koester-Finance
Dawn Grohmann – Parish Council
Mike Karban – Parish Council

At this time, registered members (18 years and older) are asked to submit their nominations for election. Please write the names of two (2) women and two (2) men on the nomination slips that will be **attached to the bulletin this weekend**.

Please take the nomination slips home, fill them out and return in the collection basket NEXT weekend of SEPTEMBER 10th & 11th. If your household needs an additional nomination slip, extras are available in back of church.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 473-2217.



Thank you to all who worked in the Kitchen and Dining Room areas who prepped the food, cooked, served & cleaned up for our dinner at the Kirchenfest on August 20th. We appreciate all of your hard work!!!

Signed: Cindy & Raeleen

BRIEF REPORT ON THE KIRCHENFEST – AUGUST 20TH, 2022

- There were 143 runners in the Tiki Trot
- There were 921 adult dinners served & 47 kids dinners served
- A more detailed report will be shared once all of the bills have been received and paid.

TIKI TROT SHIRTS - Additional shirts were ordered and will not be ready for another two weeks or so. They will be available for purchase at \$20 each. We will let you know when they arrive!!!!

*Save
the
Date*

SAVE THE DATE...

The weekend of October 22nd and 23rd, Bishop Michael McGovern will be our guest celebrant and homilist for our weekend Masses. Bishop McGovern has expressed his great interest in visiting all Parishes in the Diocese of Belleville and this October will be our turn.

Please won't you plan to attend Mass that weekend...wouldn't it wonderful if there were no empty seats?!!! Plans are underway for a brunch at the Hecker Community Center following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 23rd. More details will follow!!!!



DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities -- “Another Look at Abortion”
respectlife.org/another-look-at-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>.



To stay informed of Pro-Life events in our Diocese, like and follow our FaceBook page,
Respect Life Apostolate - Belleville

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 2022

Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to The 2022 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!

Our goal is 166 pledges for a total of \$6,580.

Pledges to Date: 33

\$6,190.00

95% of our goal



As our country honors Labor this weekend, we can rejoice in the goodness of work for the Lord. We are each called to spread the Word and promote our Catholic Church. This is the vocation of ALL of us. We can do this effectively in following the exhortation of Jesus in today's Gospel. We need to forgo everything and put Jesus first in our lives. We have our role in praising our God, in sharing our Faith and in educating our families in the ways of the Lord. We need to encourage our family members to be attentive to their call – maybe even to the priesthood or religious life.



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!**

Ground-Breaking Ceremony at Mount Carmel Cemetery

You are cordially invited to attend the ground-breaking ceremony of the new Good Shepherd Mausoleum at Mount Carmel Cemetery, 10101 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The Very Reverend Steven L. Beatty, V.G., Vicar General of the Belleville Diocese, will officiate. The cemetery's regular monthly memorial Mass will immediately follow the groundbreaking; refreshments will be served.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

A History of Sin: From Adam – Augustine; Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.
Saturdays, September 10 & 17, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon in the Guild Center

At first glance it may seem odd to think that sin has a history - but it does. The saga of sin is a long journey with many twists and turns. In this series we'll see that there are several different meanings of sin in the Old Testament. We'll show that even Jesus and Paul did not share the same understanding of sin. And we'll trace the evolution of sin through some of the important theologians of the early Church. Join us for the history of sin from Adam to Augustine.

Cost: \$40 for series; \$10 per session; For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

The Well: Encountering Jesus and Finding Ourselves; Visitor Center – IN PERSON

Presenters: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI, Karen & Scott Seaborn

Friday, September 9 – September 11 5 pm Fri– 2 pm Sun

Come join us as a couple, to ponder, through the lens of the story of Lazarus, how Jesus once again steps into our world of loss and death and calls us to new life, while also entrusting us the continued task of unbinding and setting free...tasks which will lead us to a better future.

Cost: \$350 per couple (includes lodging and meals). **Register at snows.org/programs; or call 618-394-6281**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows -- QPR Suicide Prevention Training**

Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Shrine's Guild Center (near Shrine Church)

Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to "question, persuade, and refer" someone to help. Registration is required due to space limitations.

Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide**

Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Shrine's Lourdes Grotto

Registration: QPR training/Candlelight Vigil at [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil](https://snows.org/Vigil) or call 618-394-6281.

St. Agatha Designer Purse Bingo

St. Agatha Parish in New Athens will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, October 2nd, in the Parish Hall 207 S. Market St. New Athens. Doors open at 11:30 am, bingo starts at 12:30pm.

Cost is \$40.00 in advance & \$50.00 at the door. Price includes 10 games, 6 paper cards per game, dabber and drinks. Bring your own snacks. For advance sales contact Debbie Matzenbacher 618-210-3318.

BACK TO SCHOOL – HOMESCHOOL MASS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2022 AT NOON
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, BELLEVILLE
WITH BISHOP MCGOVERN

Reception to follow. RSVP to Marie Williams: marie@hey.com

Wanted: Young Adults (from our Diocese) Interested in Building Community

We are searching for young adults interested in forming a strong, faithful Catholic community. As we are still in the formative stages and primarily seeking a handful of people to help lay the foundation for future growth and involvement, an initial meeting will be held to organize and discuss ideas moving forward.

Please contact Sam AuBuchon to RSVP. Email: samaubu@outlook.com

Phone: (618) 975-3494 Facebook: Samuel AuBuchon

VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault – January-December 2022. \$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 2022. \$20 per ticket. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights – January thru December 2022. \$30 each or 4 for \$100. Limited tickets in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory – March 2022 thru February 2023. \$40 each; Limited tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine's.
- St. Patrick Parish, Ruma – Bidding ends Sept. 4th at 5pm; Bidding is done through private messaging on church FB page, place bid in comment section or contact the Parish Office at 618/282-3176 to place a bid.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 6th – Noon Luncheon; St. Luke's Belleville; \$10 for lunch; Cards & Bingo.

Sept. 10th – Friends of the Poor Walk; 8am-12 registration & walk; Lady of Snows Shrine; coordinated by St. Vincent de Paul Office; 618/394-0126 or pat.hogrebe@gmail.com

Sept. 11th – Quilt & Cash Bingo; St. James Millstadt; 1pm; Opens 10:30am; Fried Chicken Dinners; raffles, Donate 1 canned good item & receive 1 free card per tally; Bring Your Own Covers.

Sept. 11th – BBQ at Red Bud IGA, for St. Patrick's Ruma; 10:30-??? Pork Steaks, Brats & sides.

Sept. 16th, 17th & 18th – Rummage Sale; Corpus Christi Parish Center; 205 Rasp St. Shiloh; Fri 6-8pm-\$3 ea; Sat 8am-1pm- \$5/bag (13 gal) & Sun 10a-2pm-\$5 bag (13 gal).

Sept. 18th – Picnic; St. Mary's Valmeyer; 11am-6pm; Live Music; Food; Raffle; Country Store; Silent Auction

Sept. 24th – Picnic; St. Augustine's Belleville; 4-10pm; 4pm Mass; Dinner 3-6:30pm; Quilt/Cash Bingo 7pm.

Sept. 30th – Wine Tasting Event; St. James Millstadt; \$30 per person; Doors Open 6:30pm; Starts 7pm.

**METRO-EAST VICARIATE FALL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR LADIES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2022

8:30AM-2:00PM

Held at St. Clare of Assisi Parish; 1411 Cross Street

Across from Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh

Cost \$15.00 & includes registration fee & lunch

RSVP BY September 1st.

**(Nancy Karrigan, 704 W. Highway 50; O'Fallon, IL 62269 or call Nancy at
618/632-5127 or 618/530-2428)**

Photo Opportunity for a Good Cause

Does it make you smile to see a field of sunflowers?

Come take a picture and capture a moment with family, friends or just for fun.

Dale & Kay Haudrich are growing a field
just west of Hecker along Route 156.

A free will offering may be made to

For more info, call Dale Haudrich, 618/719-9426

Growing Hope Globally

An ecumenical Christian based organization supported by Catholic Relief Services which links
US agricultural communities with smallholder farmers

in developing countries to succeed

in growing and feeding its communities.

A drop box will be available for offerings. Please place donations in an envelope to the
attention of

Haudrich Project, Monroe County Illinois

Checks may be made out to

Growing Hope Globally

Thank you for your support and enjoy



**HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY LABOR DAY
HOLIDAY
WEEKEND!!!!**



**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**

Gibault Men's Club Full Moon Ride

The Gibault Men's Club in coordination with the City of Waterloo is sponsoring the Full Moon Ride, a five-mile bike ride through the streets of Waterloo on Friday, September 9, 2022. Individuals (\$25) and families (\$75) are invited. All riders (families up to four riders) are guaranteed a t-shirt if registered by August 22nd. The ride starts at 8:00pm (assembly at 7:00pm) at Gibault Catholic High School. To register, please send your check payable to Gibault Catholic High School, c/o Full Moon Ride, 501 Columbia Ave., Waterloo, IL 62298 or use the link, <https://gibaulthawks.square.site>. For additional information, please text Darren Mechler, (618) 972-9989, or Mark Reinholz, (314) 496-0056. Please include shirt sizes (adult unisex and youth sizes available).

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

Oktoberfest 2022 -- Mark your calendars for our "Deuces Wild" Oktoberfest on October 22! For full event info, including ways to get involved, visit <http://www.bidpal.net/gibault2022>.

Patriotic Living Rosary -- Please join us Monday, Sept. 12, for our Patriotic Living Rosary. The Rosary will begin at 7:15 a.m. outside Hustedde Gymnasium. All area First Responders are invited to be part of this event.

Grade School Night -- Grade school students! The Lady Hawks' Volleyball team invites YOU to join them at Grade School Night on Sept. 7! You'll run out with the team, stand with them during the national anthem, and cheer with our Superfans! Grade school students will receive free admission to the game. Freshman game begins at 5:00 p.m., with JV and Varsity to follow. Arrive by 6:15 p.m. to be part of the pre-game fun!

We're #gibaultproud of: Kanen Augustine (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) for being named *The Republic Times*' Athlete of the Week!



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**

We are a Catholic lay organization providing service to the needy and suffering. Our Conference includes the parishes of:

- St. Augustine of Canterbury-Hecker
- St. Mary-Valmeyer
- St. Patrick-Tipton
- Saints Peter & Paul-Waterloo

Telephone numbers are 939-0605 and 618-792-4059

Mailing address is P.O. Box 443, Waterloo, IL 62298

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Adult Faith Formation House at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline:

800-640-3044.

**Purchase SPPCS “Scrip Cards” for your shopping
and gift giving needs!**

Scrip cards make great gifts and in addition, consider
purchasing “scrip cards” to use in place of cash, checks or
credit cards for purchases you make.

How does that help St. Augustine families? Each SPPS student family is required to earn \$250 each year in fund raising. Plus, each student must pay \$400 registration and book fees. Then the tuition begins. At the end of each month the rebates from scrip sales are tabulated and applied to the family’s account. You may designate a particular family or St. Augustine students as a group in which case it will be equally divided. Please consider trying this program and perhaps add an item each month to help our parish support the SPPS/St Aug. families with absolutely no cost to you.

St. Augustine’s contact for the Scrip Program is Angi Kern.
You may reach her at 618/973-7580 (call or text) or email her at 51014wedding@gmail.com.

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THE MYSTERY OF

THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Excerpted from *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* approved
November 2021, USCCB)

This is the final entry of the above named document.

All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others.

58. We have offered these reflections on the Eucharistic faith and practice of the Church as a starting point. There is much more that could be said, but what is most important is that we enter more deeply by faith and love into this great Mystery of Mysteries. Let us all ask the Lord to call us into a time of Eucharistic renewal, a time of prayer and reflection, of acts of charity and sincere repentance. The Lord is with us in the Eucharistic Mystery celebrated in our parishes and missions, in our beautiful cathedrals and in our poorest chapels. He is present and he draws near to us, so that we can draw nearer to him. The Lord is generous to us with his grace; and so we, by his grace, should always humbly ask him to give us what we need.

59. *I am the Alpha and the Omega*, the Risen Christ says to us, *the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water* (Rev 21:6). Brothers and sisters, let us thirst for the Lord who first suffered thirst for us (Jn 19:28). Let us adore Jesus who ever remains with us, on all the altars of the world, and lead others to share in our joy!