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Confessions: heard each Saturday night from 4 to 4:45 pm

Parish Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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THEME FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ACENSION OF THE

LORD): As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost". Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 5/10 8:00am- Virgil Gregson

Saturday, 5/11 5:00pm- For All the Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, 5/12 8:00am- For All the Mothers of the Parish

Friday 5/17 8:00am- A Special Intention

Saturday 5/18 5:00pm- Marie & Lawrence Kaiser, John Rheinecker, and Jacqueline Cleveland

Sunday 5/19 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 5/5/2024:

Weekly Envelopes (54)-\$2,644.00

Loose- \$194.00

Youth-\$12.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,000.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,902.00 (Total
Donated since 8/1/2023)*

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Saturday, May 18th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder
Servers: Patrick Murphy
Lector: Kevin Schreder
Extraordinary Minister: Barb Bruss
Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Kern
Camera: Lori Amann

Sunday, May 19th, 8am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart
Servers: Tim Donius
Lector: Jonella Donius
Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser
Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson
Extraordinary Minister (W): Tiffany Gregson
Camera:



Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Marge Abel, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Marcia Rheinecker, 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, Shirley Wittenauer, Annette Lovelace, Mel Parker, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stelhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, and Dorothy Christiansen.

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

Memorial Day

Mt. Carmel Cemetery will be celebrating our annual Memorial Day "Rose" Mass at 10101 West Main St, Belleville at the outdoor altar area on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 9 am. Holy Cross Cemetery at 9409 Holy Cross Road, Fairview Heights, will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. You may pre-purchase a rose for your loved one to be placed on the altar by coming into the office at Mt. Carmel or mailing in a payment.



FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Seventh Sunday of the Easter (Ascension of the Lord)

God calls from the heavens, "it is time." But Jesus and his friends can't hear over all the partying. On day 39, the same thing. "Son, come sit by my right hand in heaven. Still nothing.

On the 40th day, God hears that the music is booming and knows they will likely ignore him again. So he grabs a very loud megaphone and yells, "May I have your ascension please! May I have your ascension please."

The ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after the resurrection of Christ.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day, we shall be where Christ is. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), "...Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever" (CCC 665-667).

The Biblical accounts of the ascension focus not so much on the event's details as on the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. One would notice, for example, that Luke places the location of the ascension in Jerusalem while Mathew and Mark say that it took place in Galilee. However, what is essential in this narrative is the substance that the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven, and his disciples witnessed it.

This weekend, the first reading recounts the last moments of Christ with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Luke is interested in indicating that the earthly presence of Jesus came to an end at a specific time. Consequently, before He departed, Jesus gave the divine instruction to the apostles, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised." The apostles were to be faithful and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in proclaiming and witnessing these things.

Jesus knew that his apostles needed help to succeed. He knew how the human heart could be delicate and forgetful. So, Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable them to carry out his instructions. The mission that Jesus entrusted to the apostles two thousand years ago is the same mission he entrusts to us when we are baptized. To be a Christian is to be an evangelizer. Thus, Pope Francis exhorts in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients... Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love" (E.G, 120)



St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Finance Meeting will be **Thursday, May 16th @ 6pm** inside the Parish Office (**changed**)
- Parish Council Meeting will be **Thursday, May 16th @ 7pm** inside the Parish Center.
- Kirchenfest **Saturday, August 17th, 2024**; Mass @ 3pm, Dinner served 3-7pm, More to follow in next few weeks!!
- Graduation inserts are available and must be returned to Parish office or email/call with info by May 19th so the information can be shared in a special Graduation bulletin insert for Masses the weekend of May 25th and May 26th Inserts are available near each entrance to church and on the last page of this bulletin.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ***Serve the Lord with gladness.*** ***-Psalm 100***

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on **YOU**. Please make your contribution today!

ST. AUGUSTINE'S
PLEDGES TO DATE: 22
(\$4,760.00 Pledged)

73% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!
(\$6,569.00 Parish Goal)



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

May 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Half of the collected funds stay right here in our Belleville Diocese to assist with local projects and programs and the other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops as well as other national projects in the United States.

Let me share just one example of the impact of your generosity. Your gift helps support Catholic News Service (CNS) which has been a premier source of news about the Pope and the Vatican for Catholic newspapers, magazines and websites not only in the United States but throughout other English-speaking countries as well. Today, CNS's Rome staff continues this legacy of service by providing articles, photographs and videos to approximately 100 Catholic newspapers and dioceses, as well as a daily highlight that appears on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org).

Thanks to your generosity to the Catholic Communication Campaign, here in the Belleville Diocese we are reaching thousands of Catholic people through The Messenger, our Diocesan newspaper. We also have a growing social media presence, including podcasting. Your continued support will allow our social media presence to grow reaching even more people across the 28 counties of southern Illinois.

Thank you for your support of this year's Catholic Communication Campaign. Let's continue to share the Gospel of Life with our neighbors and our world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville



NEWS FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

Visit Gibault!

Summer is a great time to bring the entire family for a private tour of Gibault Catholic! See the school and get all your questions answered by our admissions staff. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Enrolling for Fall 2024

There is still time to be a Gibault Hawk this fall! We are accepting incoming freshmen and transfer students at all other grade levels. To learn how you can be part of the Gibault family, visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Senior Art Show

The Class of 2024 art exhibit will be open at Awards Night on May 17 at 7 p.m. and Graduation on May 20 at 7 p.m.

Summer Camps

Registration for our summer camps is now open! Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer.

<https://gibalthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>

Summer Classic Golf Tournament

Tea up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibalthawks.com or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>



DIOCESAN INFORMATION

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 CORNER

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Radical Solidarity”



Mothers' Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast “Do whatever He tells you”. We pray for all our Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own “FIAT” – our surrendering to God’s plan for us.



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**



2024 VARIOUS QUILT OF THE MONTH RAFFLES IN THE AREA

- **St. Michael, Paderborn – January thru December 2024. \$20 per ticket. 12 Chances to win!! Picture of quilts available inside Parish office. Contact Sue Walsh 473-2798. Limited number of tickets available in Parish Office at St. Augustine’s.**
- **St. Patrick’s Ruma – January thru December 2024; \$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 2024. Tickets are \$25.00 each. See your Parish Office for tickets or contact St. James, 618/476-3513.**
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Renault Quilt of the Month!
Tickets are \$25.00 each for the year of drawings. Winner goes back into the box for a chance to be drawn next month. Please call Phyllis at 618-458-6854 or text Lisa 618-444-5544 to purchase a ticket.**
- **Holy Trinity Catholic Church- St. Ann’s CCW, Quilt of the Month Raffle 2024
Tickets are \$25.00 each, drawings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month; Contact Carol Geluck for more info! 618-792-9439.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN



Mt Calvary Cemetery

Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 am

Shiloh, IL

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #4239

Coffee and Doughnuts Follow at KC Hall



For more info: John 314-616-6429

Graduates Mass 2024

For those students graduating from Pre-School, Kindergarten, Grade School, Junior High School, High School, Trade School, or College/University, we will recognize you on your efforts at Masses on May 25th & 26th. To be sure you are recognized, we will need to have this **form completed and returned ASAP but no later than May 19th, 2024.**

Student Name: _____

Names of Parents & Grandparents:

SCHOOL:

GRADE GRADUATING: _____

DEGREE (IF APPLICABLE): _____

Please leave this information in the collection basket, office mail slot, email staug@htc.net, or call the Office 618-473-2217 and leave the information.

Please return by May 19th, 2024.