

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

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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 PENTECOST SUNDAY:** All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who “renews the face of the earth,” was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness of sins.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

Friday 5/24 8:00am- Jerry Mollet

Saturday 5/25 5:00pm- For the Graduates of the Parish and all the Veterans of the Parish

Sunday 5/26 8:00am- For the Graduates of the Parish and all the Veterans of the Parish

Monday 5/27 7:00pm- Mike and Wally Amann and Roy Schreder



*Pentecost*

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 5/12/2024:**

Weekly Envelopes (60)-\$3,145.00

Loose- \$200.00

Youth-\$12.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,000.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,904.00 (Total  
Donated since 8/1/2023)*

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**

## SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

### Saturday, May 25th, 5pm

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Ruth Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Parker

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

### Sunday, May 26th, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Ryan Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Kyle Doerr

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

Extraordinary Minister (W): Bernadette 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.



## Hecker Volunteer Fire Department BBQ, & Hecker Community Center Tractor Show



Sunday, May 19th 11AM-??? Hecker Community Center Park. BBQ Pork Steaks, Brats, Chicken, Hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, baked beans, potato salad, slaw and more. Meat Raffle. ARCH Helicopter will be on Hand. Tractor Show starts at 11AM

# FROM THE PASTOR...

**Father Linus Umoren, C.M.**

## **Reflection for Pentecost Sunday**

During a brief ceremony in front of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica this weekend, Pope Francis handed a document "*Spes Non Confundit*" (Hope does not disappoint) to the entire Church, which specifies that the holy year will open at the Vatican Dec. 24 this year and close Jan. 6, 2026, the feast of Epiphany. Pope Francis also asked bishops around the world to inaugurate the Holy Year in their dioceses Dec. 29 this year and celebrate the conclusion of the Jubilee locally Dec. 28, 2025. Jubilee like Pentecost invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ.

The feast of Pentecost has its origin in the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Ex 34:22), which was celebrated 50 days after the Passover (Deut 16:10). It was the feast of harvest (Ex 23:16) marking the end of the wheat harvest. When the Temple in Jerusalem was built, the feast of Pentecost was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate God's covenant with them in the giving of the law at Sinai. The Jews believed that the ten commandments were given to Moses 50 days after the Passover. Consequently, Pentecost was observed as a national holiday which brought the Jews together from all part the world. Like the Americans do on thanksgiving, the Jews come together on Pentecost to offer sacrifices and thank God for all his blessings.

The first reading this weekend retells the experience of the early Christians during the celebration of Pentecost. There is the outpouring of the Spirit amid the rush of wind, tongues of fire and the ability to speak in different tongues. God's spirit is contagious, adaptive, charismatic, and unifying.

Tom and Alice were young and deeply in love. They had been married for four years and their friends had given up on waiting for their love to fade. These two had the ability to keep their love fresh and alive. They were easy at showing affection in public, and many people would point to them as an example of a couple who knew how to maintain romance in their relationship. Then tragedy struck. Alice suffered a severe stroke that paralyzed half of her body. She was confined to a wheelchair. Tom became the primary care giver. The two struggled to continue loving each other in these new circumstances. One day as Tom entered the room, he found Alice crying. "I'm so discouraged," she said. "How can I be a partner with you when I am in this condition? I can't love you like I did in the past. Even the simplest things are taken from me. When you enter the room, I want to smile, but I can't do it. Only a part of my mouth turns upward, whereas the paralyzed part remains a crooked little frown." Tom thought for a moment and then knelt in front of his wife's wheelchair. He carefully twisted his own mouth until it mirrored hers. Then he gently kissed her. "See," he said, "We still fit."

It is this kind of love that we celebrate on Pentecost. God give us His Spirit to unleash the power of his love in the world. It is God's Spirit that allows the effects of the resurrection to match our circumstances.

The Spirit of God is flexible and can adjust to our personal conditions. It reshapes herself to meet the circumstances of our lives and makes us agents of God's love in our broken world.

As evident of God's presence, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are expressed in the life of each Christian as: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22).



**PRAY FOR** Jerome “Jerry” L. Wittenauer, son of Eugene and Marlene Wittenauer, who died and was buried this past week. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May his soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### **St. AUGUSTINE’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**-A Special Mass has been added for the Feast of Saint Augustine on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7pm, here at St. Augustine’s- Hecker.**

-Kirchenfest **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**; Mass @ 3pm, Dinner served 3-7pm, More to follow in next few weeks!!

- Graduation inserts are due!! Please turn-in ASAP!!

FROM SSPPCC

-The Mary and Martha Society of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Waterloo, is hosting a dinner for their May meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 in school cafeteria. The cost will be \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Carol Postlewait (Treasurer) at 618-980-5827 or Pat Feiser (President) at 618-401-5228. You can pay at the door.

### **The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

***Serve the Lord with gladness.***

***-Psalm 100***

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at

[www.diobelle.org](http://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](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

**ST. AUGUSTINE’S**

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 23**

(\$5,760.00 Pledged)

**88% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!**

(\$6,569.00 Parish Goal)



### **INVITATION TO BISHOP BRAXTON'S CELEBRATION JULY 14**

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop Emeritus of Belleville, invites you to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM O'clock in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, Illinois commemorating the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Consecration to the Episcopacy and the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his birth. The Intention of this Mass will be Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. You are invited to greet the Bishop and enjoy Refreshments at a Reception immediately after the Mass in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. RSVP by Friday June 14 to Mary Fleming, Chief of Staff, [mfleming@diobelle.org](mailto:mfleming@diobelle.org) 618-722-5031.

**Please Note: Your prompt response is extremely important in order for us to prepare the refreshments for the Reception.**

### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION IS COMING UP NEXT MONTH!!**

**Saturday and Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> –  
St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) & Life Network (Waterloo)**

We appreciate your generosity during these 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collections. Once again, if you wish to have your donation listed on your annual financial statement, please indicate on your check memo line or put cash in an envelope with the designation of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection. Thank you!



## 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**

Tee 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](mailto:dfrasure@gibalthawks.com) or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

## **Holy Spirit Prayer**

**Every day for 5 minutes control your imagination & close your eyes to the things of sense & your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptized soul (the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit:**

***Oh, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul.***

***I adore you. I thank you.***

***Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.***

***Tell me what I should do. Give me your orders.***

***I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me  
and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.***

***Let me only know your will!***

### **Secret of Sanctity & Happiness**

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

Cardinal Mercier

a book by a French Trappist Monk who died in 1935, Jean-Baptiste Chautard. In his book *The Soul of the Apostolate*, Father Chautard said, even doing good works without prayer will lead to spiritual disaster. Let me repeat – even doing good works without prayer will lead to spiritual disaster. Father Chautard continues, there was nothing more paltry than the zeal of the Apostles before Pentecost.

-Taken from Deacon Dave's Homily

**Pilgrimage to Greece: *In the Footsteps of Paul***

December 1-11, 2024

Retreat Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez, and Cheryl Sommer  
Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Cost: \$3999

**Registration Deadline: June 1, 2024**

By traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul as he organized churches throughout new territory, pilgrims will be invited to reflect on what their own knowledge of Christ is calling them to do and what it means to be part of the Church today. We will also see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees in southern Greece. Pilgrimage sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and more.

To receive more information and a registration brochure, contact CRS Diocesan Animator, Cheryl Sommer at [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com).

During the month of June

**Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery and Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery**  
are offering pre-need graves at a special, reduced cost.

For additional information and to make an  
appointment please call: **618-397-0181**

Come and see the beautiful, well-maintained grounds and talk with our caring staff about your personal needs. People of all faiths are welcomed.

**Catholic Diocese of Belleville Cemetery Association, 10101 West Main  
Street, Belleville Illinois  
Mount Carmel, Belleville \* Holy Cross, Fairview Heights**



# Mass

FOR LIFE



MAY 29  
2024

ST. CLARE  
OF ASSISI CHURCH  
O'FALLON, IL

6:00 PM MASS,  
ROSARY TO  
FOLLOW



BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM  
TO CELEBRATE LIFE AND PRAY  
FOR THE UNBORN

# 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

“Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Understanding Conscience”



### 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.



“I was on a cattle drive in the Sawtooth Mountains of Wyoming when I heard God’s simple words calling me to the priesthood: “You’re moving the wrong herd.” After years of running away from his divine will, I knew that God had finally caught up with me. My running started when I enlisted in the Army; I followed in my family’s legacy of military service and served five years as a “grunt” in the airborne infantry. I then worked in construction, where I noticed that I had a gift for talking to other contractors about God. Desiring to know more about the faith, I enrolled at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where I fell deeper in love with Jesus, the Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and mission work. I served the homeless in the Bronx, brought mercy to prostitutes in Chicago and evangelized souls in Honduras. Still, I was afraid to say “yes” to the collar, so after graduation, I ran to Wyoming to hide. Now, I thank God that he never stopped pursuing me.”



**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month; Contact Carol Geluck for more info! 618-792-9439.**

# St. John the Baptist Catholic School Annual 4 Person Golf Tournament



Thursday, June 6, 2024  
8 am Shotgun Start  
North County Country Club  
Red Bud, Illinois

Entry Fee: \$250 per team  
Includes – Golf, Cart, Meal, and Drink Tickets  
Optional Skin Game

**All proceeds will benefit St. John the Baptist Catholic**

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Please complete registration form and return by Monday, June 3, 2024  
Chris Schield 431 Willow Run Drive, Red Bud, IL 62278

**Please make checks payable to SJB**

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Carts

**Hole Sponsorship \$50**

Business or Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Chris Schield 618-317-5397 with any questions

Diocese of Belleville

# CATHOLIC SINGLE MOMS

MEET AND GREET

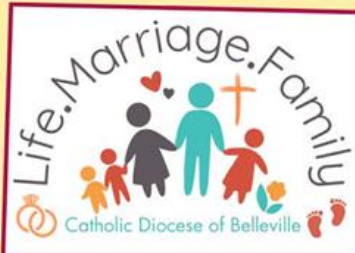
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024

Bicentennial Park Pavilion Splashpad  
4811 Belleville Crossing, Belleville, IL  
4-8 pm Drinks and Snacks Provided

FIND SUPPORT



GROW IN FAITH



Come hear about a new program to bring single Catholic moms together for faith and fun!

Come with or without your kids ... all mom ages and stages welcome!

For more information or to RSVP: [mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. To be sure you are recognized, we will need to have this **form completed and returned by THIS SUNDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Student Name:

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Names of Parents & Grandparents:

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SCHOOL:

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GRADE GRADUATING: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please return by THIS SUNDAY  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**