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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 5/3 8:00am- Dennis Holle

Saturday, 5/4 5:00pm- Lois Papenberg

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

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



**Anointing of the Sick
will take place
following both
Masses this weekend.**

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 4/28/2024:

Weekly Envelopes (73)-\$4,414.00

Loose- \$222.00

Youth-\$12.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,000.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$2,579.00 (Total
Donated since 8/1/2023)*

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Saturday, May 11th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Servers: Koesters

Lector: Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kevin Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, May 12th, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Lucas Gregson

Lector: Betty Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dale Haudrich

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer

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.

May Procession

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., for our annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. The procession will form in front of Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church. Participants will pray the Rosary as we proceed to the historic grotto on the Rosary Walk. The traditional May Crowning and prayer service will be a part of this tribute to Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket, as there is limited seating at the grotto. There will be a Spanish Mass, with live music, in the Shrine Church at 3:00 p.m. For any questions, please call 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website, www.amm.org.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter - year B

A teacher was giving a lesson on the Old Testament and asked one of her students, "Tommy, who knocked down the walls of Jericho? Tommy answered, "Well, it wasn't me." Worried about this lack of Bible knowledge, the teacher called Tommy's mother. His mother said, "Look, my son's a good kid. If he says he didn't knock the wall down, he didn't knock the wall down."

More worried, the teacher called Tommy's father. He listened to her story and said, "Well, look, I don't want any trouble. Just tell me how much this wall costs, and I'll take care of it."

The gospel discourses this weekend begins with the statement: "As the father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my father's commandments and remain in his love... This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15: 9-12 NAB).

This statement is part of Jesus farewell message to his disciples. Now, what is Jesus implying when he states that loving him means you will keep his commandment?

To understand the implication of this commandment, let us investigate the source of the love Jesus is talking about. Thus, He adds, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13: 34 NAB). The love Jesus wants his disciples to embrace is not the abstract kind of love. Rather, it is the practical love that understands the pains and the joys of others. It is the practical love of listening, hearing and understanding the other in "his language." Jesus' story of love is not just about him and the glory of the Father.

We see Jesus operating in the community of real people. He walked the streets of Galilee, he ate the food, he kept the festivals and connected with all classes of people (the rich, the poor and the middle class.) Jesus was present with real people who sometimes struggled to get along and at other times he enjoyed sharing their success story. He understood their hopes and disappointments. Could this be the kind of love that Jesus is talking about? Yes! Jesus is asking for a movement from the experience of the mystical love to the experience of the real love and its frustrations. It is easy to think of love and feel loved when all goes well, and our expectations are met by those who love us.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta in her record of life experience gave an indication of her spiritual struggle to understand love amid chaos. The love Jesus commands is not a feeling but a commitment to see God everywhere, in everybody, in everything and always. There is no guarantee that it will be easy but there is an assurance that we will not be left to ourselves: "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come to you. ... because I live, and you will live." (John 14: 18 NAB). What if we were to understand Jesus's words this way?



Church News

St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ladies Sodality Meeting will be this **Tuesday, May 7th @ 7pm**, Dessert will be served.
- Finance Meeting will be **Monday, May 13th @ 7pm** inside the Parish Office
- 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!!
- Green 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

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)



NEWS FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Concert

Join us for an evening of entertainment at our Spring Concert on Sunday, May 5, at 7 p.m.

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 or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Other Gospels: The Gospels of Peter and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Fridays, May 10 and 17, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Besides Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, numerous other Gospels appeared in the decades following Jesus' death. These "other Gospels" offer insights into the diverse beliefs about Jesus and his mission held by early Christian communities. In this series we will focus on the Gospel of Peter, in which Jesus' cross actually speaks; and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, which depicts the boy Jesus as a "holy terror."

Cost: \$10 per session / \$20.00 for the series

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs> or call 618-394-6281.



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

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid”
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“As a teenager, I struggled to find my identity and purpose. I had a loving family and great friends, and I was a motivated student, yet I felt lost and empty. I had this gnawing desire to be whole. Everything changed when I encountered the Lord at a confirmation retreat. He spoke to my deepest desires, and for the first time, I felt at home with myself and the world. At the foot of the cross, I discovered that I am loved and known from all eternity. That same gaze of Christ crucified now calls me to respond to his love with love through the path of the holy cross.” *Sr. Viet Oanh Nguyen; Lovers of the Holy Cross; Columbia Magazine, December 2020*



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.**

S. t. Patrick's Church, Ruma Annual Strawberry Festival

Rt. 3 South, Turn Right
at the "Y" in Ruma, IL

**Sunday, May 19,
2024**

11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Sunday Mass—8:00 a.m.

Dinner Includes Fried
Chicken & all the Fixins'
plus Homemade
Dressing...
and
Strawberries & Ice Cream!

**Carry Outs Available
No Drive Thru**

- Large Country Store/Crafts
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Strawberries & Ice Cream Stand

Featuring the Balloonatic!

Music by

"Mike Murry and Hit & Run"

12 noon—2:00 p.m.



St. Joseph Church Spring Festival

Sunday, May 19, 12:00 Noon – 4:00pm

We are excited to welcome the following vendors to the 2024 Spring Festival:

- Studio 158 - handcrafted greeting cards
- Enchanted Papier – journaling products and accessories; gift boxes
- My Crafting Attic – laser-engraved gifts, including on-site laser engraving of personalized gifts
- Sew Original – large variety of handmade items
- G & H Farms – luxury soaps, shower steamers, bath bombs
- Gigi's Good Junk
- 31 Products
- Tradesmen Coffee and Brewing – bags of coffee and merchandise
- GJH Creations – seasonal décor and signs
- Myra's Plants – large assortment of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, and tropical plants
- Handmade Pet Bow Ties for cat and dog collars
- Braeutigam Orchards – bakery items and plants
- Seven Forks Farm – popcorn kernels, popcorn poppers, Johnny Sauce Seasoning, crochet items, farm shirts and hats
- Black Dog Pressworks – pet outfits, bandanas, charms, quirky human shirts for pet lovers and holidays
- Bode's Welding and Machining – metal art
- Watts Custom Woodworks – cutting boards, cheeseboards, kitchen accessories, wooden games and art
- Brazeau Hill Lavender Farm – a large assortment of bath and beauty products, household items, lavender lemonade and cookies
- Be Well and Renew - wellness items for children and adults AND "tune-up massages" at the festival - free-will offerings for the massages will be donated to the St. Joseph and St. Agatha Guatemalan sister parishes

Enjoy lunch, snacks, and desserts from Not Too Slabby BBQ, Spud Shack, Picture Perfect Panini, Soul-Full, Takozz, The Sweet Side, and White Cottage. And don't forget the beer garden, featuring a selection of beers, margaritas, soda, and water.

Lukcan is returning this year to provide an afternoon of musical entertainment. Holy Hawks Golf, dino egg pull, sucker pull, duck pond, and a balloon artist will entertain the kids at the Kids Corner.

You can't win if you don't play! Be sure to get your raffle tickets to win a Wagon of Booze (must be at least 21 years old to win), a beautiful Tory Burch Designer Handbag and matching Wallet, a Custom-designed Door Wreath, a Corn Hole Game Set, a Bundle of Meat from Wenneman's Meat Market. Tickets are \$5 each. Only 500 tickets are being sold. Tickets are available during regular business hours at The Flower Factory and Parish Office. Tickets will also be available at the festival. The raffle drawing will be held at 3:30pm at the festival.

Save the date - join your friends - bring the family - It's going to be a **Sunday Fun Day at the Festival!**

**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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