

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 the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In him we have been chosen to be full of love.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 7/12 8:00am- Virgil Gregson

Saturday, 7/13 5:00pm- John & Jeanne Huss, John Link, and Joseph & Virginia Parker

Sunday, 7/14 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Friday 7/19 8:00am- Urban Wittenauer

Saturday 7/20 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday 7/21 8:00am- John Rheinecker



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 7/7/2024:

Weekly Envelopes -\$7,120.00

Loose- \$137.00

Youth-\$13.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,750.00

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

***Scholarship Fund - \$3,634.00 (Total
Donated since 8/1/2023)***

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Saturday, July 20th, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Servers:

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Angie Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss

Camera:

Sunday, July 21st, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers:

Lector: Betty Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Bernadette Gregson

Extraordinary Minister (W): Tiffany Gregson

Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, 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 Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen, Ande and Abby Grohmann.

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



PRAY FOR Annabelle Hoffarth, wife of Robert Hoffarth, Sr., who died and was buried this past week. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

There is a story about a young priest assigned to be the new pastor of a small rural community. The previous pastor had been there for 30 years, and the parishioners loved him deeply. This made it very difficult for the new priest to be accepted. There was one woman who had been very close to the previous pastor. She wanted nothing to do with the new priest. Every time he suggested doing something, she would oppose it. Every time he preached, she would disagree. She continuously stirred the pot of discontent within the parish. A great deal of distrust and hurt had developed between this priest and his parishioner within a brief time. Because this community was so small, it was the practice that every year, the pastor would visit each parish member in their own home.

The priest dreaded the thought of going to visit this difficult woman. But when her name came up, he steeled himself and set out. He drove to her house, paced for a while in the front yard building up the courage to knock on the door. Finally, he took a deep breath, walked up the steps, and knocked. No answer. It was good news to the priest. He thought he could leave his card and go away. But he felt he should try knocking again. He did, and again no answer. But he heard a small sound inside, and that caused him to worry. Perhaps the woman had fallen or suffered a stroke. She might need help. So, he knelt and looked in through the keyhole to see if there was anything amiss. To his surprise, he caught an eye looking back at him. Then from within, the woman said with a chuckle, "Well, Father, I guess this is the first time you and I have seen eye to eye." To which the priest responded, "Yes, and we had to get down on our knees to do it."

Christian witnessing or teaching people about God is not always a pleasant experience. Sometimes you will be rejected or even made to feel awkward as happened to the Old Testament prophets. Amos for example had opposed the lavish lifestyle and hypocrisy of the priests who supported the king and the rich but ignored the suffering of the poor. His prophesy brought untold persecution on him. Amaziah, the Bethel's priest, got angry with Amos and told him to take his prophesy back to his own country. They did not need him in Bethel. They were not ready to change.

Change is difficult, especially when the good of others demands it. The Christian invitation to change is called repentance and repentance is for the good of the individual and of the community. Moreover, it leads to being at peace with God. Repentance means a change of heart and a change of action, from a self-centered life to a God-centered life. Such a change may hurt because old boundaries are hard to alter, and old habits die hard. But if repentance is to happen, God must be involved in it. Hence, we must get down on our knees to do it.

St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Next Kirchenfest Chairman meeting will be this Thursday, July 18th @ 7:30pm inside the Parish Center.

-Be sure to order your Bicentennial shirt! Forms available at church entrances!

-The St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus #11691 are once again preparing to work at the Monroe County Fair July 21st-28th. We provide help in the beer stand, token stand, gate admissions, and parking. We are asking parishioners/friends to consider helping us in this endeavor. Proceeds can benefit the scholarship fund, cemetery fund, carpet/painting fund or your choice. Shifts are typically 2.5-3 hours and is not difficult work. Anyone interested please contact Kevin Schreder at 618-406-7037. **We are in special need of help Wednesday evening 7/24 5-9 pm and Saturday night 7/27!! Please let Kevin know ASAP if you can help!!!**



Please pray for Ande and Abby Grohmann as they are both on Mission trips to Tanzania (Ande- 3 weeks) and the Dominican Republic (Abby-1 week). May God keep them both safe as they serve those less fortunate.

Upcoming Collection for Mission: Diocese of Cuddapah, India

Father Michaelsami preaches the weekend of July 20th and 21st the missions appeals on behalf of his Diocese of Cuddapah, India. The proceeds from this special collection will build an extension of a small village parish church, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Koduru, South India, where he was the Parish priest prior to his assignment in our Diocese of Belleville in August 2021. This small church is presently about 585 square feet serving the Catholics from 15 families, those who are embracing our faith and "those of good will and God fearers" who come to the church from the local town of 100,000 people belonging to different religious traditions. The extension will help accommodate our Catholics and others for liturgical celebrations, and will serve as a multipurpose hall when needed for pastoral purposes.



Picnic



ANNUAL KIRCHENFEST ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

618-473-2217 -- Hecker, Illinois – 15 miles south of Belleville on Route 159

HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS AND BUILDING –
2 BLOCKS EAST OF CHURCH

Saturday, August 17th, 2024

OLD-FASHIONED FRIED CHICKEN & PORK SAUSAGE DINNER

Family Style Buffet

MAX 4 PIECES OF MEAT

(1/2 CHICKEN OR ¼ CHICKEN & 2 SAUSAGES)

**WITH DRESSING, DESSERTS,
DRINKS, ETC.**

**Served indoors in A/C – Hecker
Community Center Building**

**Serving begins at 3:00 pm-No tickets
will be sold after 7:00 pm.**



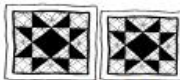
17th ANNUAL TIKI TROT
5K Competitive & Fun Run/walk
and
Half-Mile Youth Run/walk
ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION

<https://register.chronotrack.com/r/80828>

For info
email tikitrot@yahoo.com

Pre-register by 8/1 receive
T-shirt
No Rain Date or Refunds

MASS @ 3PM



6:30 P.M. QUILT BINGO

BL#51810

CONTACT INFO ON DAY OF PICNIC ONLY

If you have questions about the weather affecting
any of the activities, call Parish Office at

618-473-2217.



**Music by
The Saloonatics
8PM-12AM**

Come see our
Kids Korner
Games! Cake
Stand, Silent
Auction,
Baskets,
Country Store,
Sandwich
Stand etc.
Most stands
opening after
3pm Mass!

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

“Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us.
We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“An Adoption Love Story”

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 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!

ST. AUGUSTINE'S
PLEDGES TO DATE: 29
(\$6,240.00 Pledged as of 7/7/2024)

95% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!
(\$6,569.00 is the Parish Goal)



The Apostles are sent out on mission today with only a walking stick, no food, no sack, no money. They are truly called to live their faith and evangelize. Can we let go of our fear and worries and immerse ourselves in proclaiming/living a life in the Lord? Do you feel an “emptiness” that you can’t seem to explain or satisfy? Maybe it is the Lord asking your to be a priest or sister or brother. Make some time for silence and just sit and listen. The Lord may be talking in a whisper to you.



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.**



Upcoming Local Church Picnics & Local Events

- **St. Bruno's Church Picnic, Pinckneyville, IL**
Saturday, July 20th, 2024, Mass at 5pm, Fried Chicken Dinner served from 3:30pm-7:30pm; Quilt Cash Bingo Begins at 8pm; Raffles, Kid games, & more!
- **St. Charles Borromeo Church Picnic, Dubois, IL**
Saturday, July 27th, 2024, Polka Mass @ 4pm; Quilt & Cash Bingo @ 7pm
Smoked Pork Chop Dinners served 3-6:30pm \$15.00 Children's Meal \$7.00 to include a hotdog, mac n cheese, green beans, applesauce, dessert, drink.
- **St. Boniface, Germantown, IL**
Tuesday, July 30th, 2024, Fried Chicken dinner served with famous dressing begins @ 3:30pm- carry out or dine-in options available; Quilt/Cash Bingo @ 6:30pm; inflatables, raffles, games, picnic poker, Over/Under and Big Six!
- **St. Anthony's Parish Picnic, Lively Grove, IL**
Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, Fried Chicken Dinner served 4-8pm, Quilt & Cash Bingo starting at 6:30pm, Polka Mass @ 4pm; Concessions, novelties, & prizes!
- **St. Francis Church Picnic- Aviston, IL**
Saturday, August 3rd, 2024- Dinner Served 3:30-6:30pm (seating by #), Mass @ 4pm; Quilt Bingo @ 6:30pm (every game for a quilt!)
- **St. Joseph- Prairie du Rocher, IL**
Saturday, August 3rd, 2024- Dinner served from 3-7:30pm, Mass @ 4pm; Quilt/Cash bingo from 5-11pm
- **St. Patrick Church-Tipton** 35th Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner,
Sunday, August 4th, 2024- Mass @ 10am; Dinner 11am-4pm, Carry-Outs Available, Auction beginning at Noon.
- **St. George- New Baden, IL Church Picnic-** 200 N. 3rd St. New Baden, IL
Saturday, August 10th, 2024- Chicken Dinner Served 3-7pm; Mass @ 4pm; Lightening Raffle 5:45pm, Quilt & Gift card Bingo @ 6:30pm; Bounce houses, basket stands, Texas poker, and more!
- **St. Michael's Church Picnic- Radom, IL-**
Saturday, August 10th, 2024- Polka Mass @ 4pm, Dinner begins at 3pm; Quilt Bingo begins at 6:30pm.
- **St. Rosa of Lima Church Picnic-** St. Rose, Illinois
Saturday, August 10th, 2024- Mass @ 4pm, Chicken Dinner served after mass. Quilt/cash bingo.

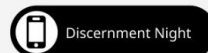


YOUNG ADULT

DISCERNMENT NIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2024

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER



RSVP HERE

4:00PM MASS

BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN
PRESIDING

FOLLOWED BY:

ADORATION

DINNER

TALK & DISCUSSION

ON HOW DISCERNMENT
WORKS IN OUR DAILY LIVES



The Four Churches of St. Augustine's of Canterbury

1st Church Winstanley Settlement- 1824- Log Church,
Blessed by Priest Prairie du Rocher, Bishop- Bardstown, Kentucky

1826- Bishop Joseph Rosati

1st Stone Church (2nd church) - Built in 1835- Consecrated by Bishop Rosati in 1838.
First consecrated catholic church in state of Illinois.

2nd Stone Church (3rd church) - Built on original foundation. Rebuilt the roof, floor,
sanctuary and windows.

1854- Rev. John A. Griffin, Bishop Henry D Juncker- Diocese of Alton

Two new bells purchased- one for St. Augustine 1,260 lb, and one for St. Maria 608 lb.-
Consecrated by Bishop Johanna Jansen from the Diocese of Belleville on April 8th, 1891.
The steeple was too weak for these bells and the architect declared that the church
building was unsafe.

Fourth Church- Cornerstone April 1, 1893 with a solemn dedication on October 10,
1894.

Bishop Johannes Jansen from the Diocese of Belleville, Rev. John B. Schlotmann,
Hecker/Freedom, Illinois

Protestants from Frieden's United Church of Christ in Hecker assisted the Catholics in
building it with money, labor, and materials.

We are the second oldest English speaking Catholic church in the state of Illinois.



Thanks to May
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work behind piecing this
information together
above.