

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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House of Neighborly Service Help Line 618-939-8680

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 Sixteenth in Ordinary Time: Jesus, our shepherd, nourishes and strengthens us, guiding us in right paths. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Friday 7/26 8:00am- Mary Morales and Family

Saturday 7/27 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday 7/28 8:00am- Lawrence & Marie Kaiser



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 7/14/2024:

Weekly Envelopes -\$1,829.00

Loose- \$119.00

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 27th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Servers:

Lector: Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kevin Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, July 28th, 8am

Set Up: Sr. Joan Weiler

Servers: Tim Donius

Lector: Jonella Donius

Extraordinary Minister: John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson

Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder

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.

Tuesday, August 20th,

2024 1PM-5M: Hecker Community Center Blood Drive at HCC.



Sunday, July 23, Sunday

July 28: Monroe County Fair, visit monroecountyfair.org for more info.



FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday of the Year—B

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks: "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?" Her mother replied: "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked: "Mumma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

The history of salvation as found in the Bible narrates the grand mission of God to bring humanity to know him, love him, serve him, and be with him in eternity. However, we also read in the Bible how privileged people (Kings, prophets, and priests) in history have claimed exclusive access to God and His authority and try to debar others in many ways of having easy access to God.

In the first reading this weekend, Jeremiah uses the image of "shepherd" to refer to the kings of Judah who abused and scattered the people committed to their care by God. On the contrary, Jeremiah looks forward to when there will be a caring and compassionate shepherd in Israel raised up by God to care for His people. The new Shepherd (Messiah) will have a fourfold mission: to unite the scattered children of Israel, cleanse the temple, fight and, of course, defeat Israel's enemies, and finally, reign as King of all the world. Although Jeremiah was referring to a King who will restore the kingdoms of Israel, the true shepherd—King will rule with honesty and integrity. Christians naturally see this shepherd—King as realized in Christ, who definitively brings God's people into a new unity.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus and His apostles spend an incredible time teaching the people that they had no time to eat. Consequently, Jesus takes pity on the crowd because according to Him, "they were like sheep without a shepherd." The meeting of the people's hunger and he outstretched hands of Jesus creates the possibilities for miracles of grace.

Thus, Jesus teaches the crowd and shows them the love of God. In our world today, people are searching for teachers of the faith. They seek to learn more about God and hunger for support and direction —these may be people who are angry and confused because they have lost confidence in the Church. These, too, are like sheep without a shepherd. Therefore, Jesus invites all Christians today to be persons of compassion who deeply feel the suffering and the anguish of the people around us. There can be no true Christianity without the virtue of compassion.

St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-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 Saturday night 7/27!! Please let Kevin know ASAP if you can help!!!**

KIRCHENFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in helping at this year's Kirchenfest at any of the stands, please contact Aaron Eckart at 618-920-5258. Thank you!!!



Please feel free to take 1 basket for the Adult Basket Stand (suggested value \$15.00) and 1 basket for the Kid's Basket Stand (suggested value \$10.00) from the table in the entry way this weekend to fill and bring back. Baskets can be dropped off during office hours or by coordination with the parish office @ 618-473-2217.

Upcoming Collection for Mission: Diocese of Cuddapah, India

Father Michaelsami preaches next weekend July 27th and 28th 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.

From SSPPCC

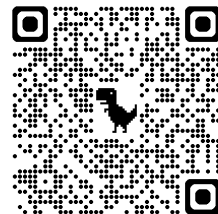
From the Deacon's Desk

In addition to the National Eucharistic Pilgrimages and the Eucharistic Congress, our USCCB has been quite busy. They had their Spring Plenary Assembly last month. They discussed many things including: the 2021-2024 Synod on Synodality; the Religious Worker Visa Program; the National Review Board; advancing the cause for beatification and canonization for Adele Brise; three action items related to liturgical texts pertaining to the Liturgy of the Hours; two sets of guidelines to assist with specific ministries ('Listen, Teach, Send: A National Pastoral Framework for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults' and 'Keeping Christ's Promise: A Pastoral Framework for Indigenous Ministry'). A complete recap can be found here <https://www.usccb.org/plenary-assembly-june-12-14-2024>

The USCCB also issued the National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States of America (National Synthesis). Bishop Flores expressed, "This document reflects the sense that there exists among Catholics in the United States a deep desire to rebuild and strengthen our communion as the Body of Christ." The National Synthesis is a culmination of a nationwide listening process that followed the First Session of the Assembly of the Synod in October 2023 and along with the contributions of episcopal conferences worldwide, will form the basis of the work to be engaged at the Assembly of the Synod in October 2024. The QR code and this link will take you to the USCCB press release which contains a link to the full National Synthesis document.

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/us-bishops-release-national-synthesis-interim-stage-2021-2024-synod> If you want me to print a copy for you, let me know.

Deacon Tom Helfrich



ST. AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY PARISH BICENTENNIAL T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



FRONT



BACK

We will be selling Bicentennial T-Shirts. The shirt is a Gildan Ultra Cotton T- Shirt in the color of Heather Indigo in various sizes (see below order form) with the logos as above. There will be samples of the shirts in the vestibules at church to view. If interested please complete the order form below and either drop it in the church collection basket with ATTN: Mary Schaltenbrand or mail to Mary's address as stated below. If you have any questions please call Mary's cellphone @ 618-973-0994. The committee thought that wearing these at the Kirchenfest would be a good way to advertise for the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in October. Thank You.

ADULTS - \$15.00

CHILDREN - \$10.00

Please detach and mail to: Mary Schaltenbrand

5366 White Oak Dr. Smithton, IL 62285

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ORDER FORM – Cash or check accepted. Make checks payable to St. Augustine's

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADULT

CHILDREN

SMALL _____ XL _____

SMALL _____

MEDIUM _____ 2XL _____ 4XL _____

MEDIUM _____

LARGE _____ 3XL _____

LARGE _____

TOTAL: _____ @ \$15.00 = _____

TOTAL: _____ @ \$10.00 = _____

Overall Total \$ _____

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

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

“Married Love and the Gift of Life”

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)



Mark's Gospel recounts the return of the Twelve, having been sent two by two, without money, food nor second tunic. He encourages them to rest awhile. Jesus demonstrates the value of taking some quiet time to reflect on all the activity in one's life. It is in this reflection that a young person can "hear" the call of God and what their true vocation in life is. Try this week to find some quiet time to "listen for" the Lord's call.



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 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 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.

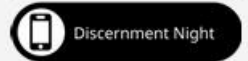


DISCERNMENT NIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2024

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER

RSVP HERE



FOR SINGLE MEN & WOMEN AGES 16-35

4:00PM MASS
BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN
PRESIDING

FOLLOWED BY:

ADORATION

DINNER

TALK & DISCUSSION
ON HOW DISCERNMENT
WORKS IN OUR DAILY LIVES





All are welcome!

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 3RD**

5:00PM-10:00PM

KIDS' CORNER • BBQ • MUSIC
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT • BAR
RAFFLES!

405 W. MADISON ST | MILLSTADT, IL 62260



**CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**



Bags fly at 5:30pm!

\$50 A TEAM

or \$25 for single entry



3 Games round Robin | House Bags provided if needed

Pre-register by July 25th: Pikesports@charter.net or 314.304.0527



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Can I be a Firefighter?

WE WANT YOU!

The Hecker Volunteer Fire Department is seeking candidates to fill the following positions...

Probationary Firefighter/First Responder

Probationary First Responder

Visit heckerfire.org/volunteer for more information and to apply.



A SPECIAL REMINDER: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council relies on your generosity to continue serving those in need **right here in our local area**. If you wish to assist St. Vincent de Paul in their ministry, please consider making financial contributions or donations of food, clothing or merchandise at:

St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council Offices
8800 West Main Street, Belleville IL 62223
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

or at the
SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen
3718 State Street, East St. Louis, IL 62205

For additional information please call 618-394-0126. Thank you.



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows-81st Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

Sunday, July 28, through Monday, August 5

Mass 7:30 p.m. nightly.

“Pondering the Word of God with Mary!” -During our 81st Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows, we will embark on a reflective journey exploring Mary's role in the Gospels through various events in her life. This journey begins at the Annunciation, delving into the pivotal moments where the Word of God directed her Spirit and Life!

Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. Bilingual Celebrations on Wednesday, July 31, and Saturday, August 3. Anointing of the Sick on August 3.

For more information, call 618.394.6276. www.snows.org

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference “Recovering Family Wellness: Rebuilding Relationships”

Presenters: Ky Miller, MSW, LCSW; Jessica Donaldson, LMFT; Liesl Wingert; Jo McGuire

Friday, August 23, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

This annual and unique conference is for family members and friends who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field.

Cost: \$40.00 per person, including lunch. Additional \$35.00 for IL CEU

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PARISH

123rd

NEW IN 2024
CRAFT FAIR
SUN 11-5

SEMINARY PICNIC

Perryville, Missouri

"Where Friends Meet Friends from Everywhere!"



AUGUST

FRIDAY
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GROUNDS OPEN: 6PM-11PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Ables: 7PM-11PM
Umbr: 7PM-11PM
Handmade Quilt Bingo: 7PM-9PM

SATURDAY
3

GROUNDS OPEN: 1PM-11PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Waterloo German Band: 3:30PM-6:30PM
Johnny Holzum and Well
Hungarians: 7PM-11PM
Handmade Quilt Bingo: 4PM-10PM

SUNDAY
4

GROUNDS OPEN: 11AM-8PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Bootheel Underground: 3PM-7PM
Kickin' Kountry: 3PM-7PM
Handmade Quilt Bingo: 1PM-7PM

**Chicken and Beef
BUFFET**
All You Can Eat

\$14 Adult | \$6 Child (9-12)

---Carry Out is Available---

Dining Hours:

Saturday: 3PM-7PM

Sunday: 11AM-5PM

Ticket Sales:

Saturday: 2PM-7PM

Sunday: 10AM-5PM

No Pets or
Coolers Allowed

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

WWW.SEMINARYPICNIC.ORG