

**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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relatives. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride, which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 7/5 8:00am- Jerry Mollet and Lucille & Ralph Recker

Saturday, 7/6 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday, 7/7 8:00am- John Rheinecker and Roy Schreder

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



**Anointing of the Sick  
will be THIS weekend  
following both  
Masses.**

**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/30/2024:**

Weekly Envelopes -\$1,449.00

Loose- \$184.00

Youth- \$13.00

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection-\$303.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,750.00

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

*Scholarship Fund - \$3,324.00 (Total  
Donated since 8/1/2023)*

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

## SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

### Saturday, July 13th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Ruth Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W):

Camera: Dana Mehrmann

### Sunday, July 14th, 8am

Set Up: Elaine Biffar

Servers:

Lector: Janella Neary

Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary

Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson

Extraordinary Minister (W): Dennis Biffar

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, 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.



**Congratulations to the new Confirmation Class of 2024!!!**

**Ss. Peter and Paul Confirmation 2024**



# FROM THE PASTOR...

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

## **Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-B**

There is a story told about a man of Italian descent who always had a dream of visiting the city of Rome and of meeting the Holy Father. So, he saved up money and put together a trip to the holy city, believing it would be the trip of his lifetime. The day before he left, he went to his barber for a haircut. He told the barber about his plans. "Rome," said the barber, "it's over-rated. I've been there. How are you getting there?" "Well," the man said, "I'm flying Alitalia." "That's a mistake," said the barber. "That airline is a loser. It's always late. And the food—you can't eat it. Trust me; you won't eat a thing. So, where do you plan to stay when you get there?" "Well," said the man, "I have reservations at the Hotel Michelangelo. It's supposed to be very good." "I've stayed there," said the barber. "It's over-priced. It's a dump. When you need something, you can't find anyone. So, what do you plan to do when you get to Rome?" "Well," the man said, "my heart's desires to meet the pope." "Forget it," said the barber. "The pope is very busy. He only has time for wealthy and important people, not ordinary people like you and I. Trust me.

You will not even get close to him."

A few weeks later, the man returned to his barber. The barber greeted him and said, "I bet you never made it to Rome, did you?" "Oh yes, I did," said the man. "I flew Alitalia. And not only did we arrive thirty minutes ahead of time, but they bumped me up to first-class, and I ate like a king. I stayed at the Hotel Michelangelo. And they were nice enough to send a car to the airport to pick me up and give me a room that had a beautiful view of the city. The service was impeccable. But most of all," said the man, "I had a private audience with the pope in his apartments." "No," said the barber. "I'm amazed. I can't believe it. Well, what did you do when you saw the pope? Did he say anything to you?" "Oh yes," said the man. "I was brought into his apartments, and I knelt to kiss his ring. He looked down at me and said, 'My son, where did you get that terrible haircut?'"

This weekend, Jesus comes to his hometown, but he feels rejected, and he can do no miracles there. The Galileans who knew and heard Jesus' words acted negatively towards him. For them, Jesus had no audacity to act specially. He was merely the son of a carpenter. It is easier to be negative about people, especially when they are gifted. The worst of all is the negativity that comes from close people who should naturally act in love. The Galileans lack the faith required for the power of God to be effective. What about us? The Eucharist is so close to us; it is made visible in the elements that are common to us: Bread and Wine that we often lose its meaning and the presence of God in it. Like the Galileans, frequently, questions about the Eucharist don't result from awe but the denial of the power of God.

St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

-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...text messages are welcome. Thank you for your consideration.



*Gathering to pray the Rosary will be this weekend before Sunday 8am Mass, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, @ 7:30am. Contact Scott Gregson if you would like to volunteer. Scott can be reached at 618-581-3368.*

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

“Psalm 100 reminds us that we are called to serve the Lord and our service is not just done out of obligation but with a spirit of joy and gladness. With confidence in Jesus, I am turning to you asking for your support of this year’s Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Sharing our resources together we can truly ‘serve the Lord with gladness’ throughout southern Illinois.”

-Bishop Michael McGovern

Please consider making your gift today!

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S**  
**PLEDGES TO DATE: 28**  
(\$6,190.00 Pledged)

**94% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!**  
(\$6,569.00 Parish Goal)



# 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.**



MASS @ 3PM

**17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tikitrot@yahoo.com)

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



### 6:30 P.M. QUILT BINGO

BL#51810



**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!

#### **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.

# 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

Over the years, the FDA has bent the law and shown disregard for women's health when it comes to chemical abortion. Most recently, the FDA began allowing mifepristone to be prescribed through virtual doctor's visits, to be ordered online, and to be available at neighborhood pharmacies. This lack of safety standards puts women and girls at risk. Because they are less likely to go to a doctor's office and get an ultrasound, they may unknowingly have an ectopic pregnancy or be farther along in their pregnancy than they realize. It is very dangerous to the woman to take abortion pills in either of these circumstances. In addition, allowing access to the pills through virtual appointments and online orders may be exploited by violent partners and human traffickers.

The Board of the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE) is pleased to present an evening concert of spiritually inspiring and uplifting music featuring renown singer, recording artist and composer Janèt Sullivan Whitaker. Janèt is a veteran pastoral musician, having served in parishes of the Oakland Diocese for 40 years. You will find her work in liturgical publications and worship aids nationwide. Her compositions are widely-known and sung throughout the world, they include such beloved favorites as *Here at This Table, In Every Age, The Least of These, Day of Peace, and As Christ Is For Us*. The details for this wonderful evening of entertainment are as follows:

**Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**Place: Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fairview Heights, IL**

**Time: 7:15 PM**

**Cost: Free Will Offering (\$10.00 per person recommended)**

**Reservations: Not Required**

Won't you please join Deacons and their wives from across the United States for an entertaining evening of music and fellowship. For more information contact Deacon Wayne Weiler at (618) 593-2755 or Deacon Corby Valentine at (618) 795-3737.



After His teaching in the Temple in today's reading, Jesus notes that "a prophet is not without honor except in his native place". This "rejection" is often what have to truly face in the daily living of our vocation. Evangelizing is not always an "accepted" thing. But, nonetheless, we are all called to be proclaimers of the Gospel. Do you have that "empty spot" in your soul that might be filled by becoming a priest? Do you feel that "gnawing feeling" of being called to the religious life? Do not waver in the face of this "rejection"!

Let the Lord lead you down your right path.

**Emmaus Days** are today and tomorrow at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Hopefully, your family can spend some time with the Eucharist and be a part of the procession.



**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.**



## Upcoming Local Church Picnics & Events

- **St. Damian Church Picnic– Damiansville, IL**  
*Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024*; Chicken & Sauerbraten Dinner from 3:30-7pm;  
Quilt/cash Bingo @ 6pm; Mass @4pm; Bounce Houses, Laser tag & more!
- **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Quilt Bingo**  
519 Hazel St, Red Bud, IL, 62278, Church Parish Center  
*Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024*, Doors and Lunch Available @ 11am,  
Bingo begins at 1pm, 24 Games and 24 Quilts!
- **St. Bruno’s Church Picnic, Pinckneyville, IL**  
*Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*- Dinner served from 3-7:30pm, Mass @ 4pm;  
Quilt/Cash bingo from 5-11pm
- **St. Patrick Church-Tipton** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction and Chicken Plate Dinner,  
*Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024*- Mass @ 10am; Dinner 11am-4pm, Carry-Outs  
Available, Auction beginning at Noon.





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



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)



# Lunch & Card Party



Tuesday, August 6, 2024

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



# Summer fun



Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO  
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm  
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!



**Menu:** Pulled Pork on Bun,  
Potato Salad, Slaw, Sliced Pickles,  
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)  
Cards & BINGO with prizes



Bring canned goods  
for the Food Pantry



# Back to School Backpack Drive

The Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry is coordinating Backpack Giveaways after the Spanish Masses in our diocese, and we need your help!

## How you can help

- Donate Backpacks with supplies (suggested supplies, notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, scissors, spiral notebooks, glue sticks)
- Financial Contributions towards our Backpack Giveaway.
- Volunteer to be part of the preparation and giveaway.
- Share this request for donations with friends and parish community

## Drop Off Locations

- St. Damian Parish  
1 West Main St., Damiansville, IL
- St. Francis Xavier Parish  
Mon. - Thurs. 9:30am-3:30pm  
303 S. Poplar St., Carbondale, IL
- Holy Rosary Parish  
Mon., Wed., & Thurs. 9am-2pm  
2716 N. 42nd St., Fairmont City, IL
- Hispanic Ministry Office  
222 S. Third Street, Belleville, IL

**Deadline for Drop offs July 26, 2024**

## Financial Donations

Checks payable to: Hispanic Ministry  
222 S. 3rd St. Belleville, IL 62220

Credit card donations:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=FpaXxV>



For more information or to volunteer contact Lucy Barragan - 618-722-5050  
[Lbarragan@diobelle.org](mailto:Lbarragan@diobelle.org)



*Thank you for making a difference in a child's life!*

**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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