

**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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants, like a tender shoot from the cedar which will bear fruit and become a majestic cedar. So shall the just one flourish, like a cedar. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 6/14 8:00am- Jerry Mollet and Roy Schreder

Saturday, 6/15 5:00pm- For All the Fathers of the Parish

Sunday, 6/16 8:00am- For All the Fathers of the Parish

Friday 6/21 8:00am- Joe Wittenauer and John Rheinecker

Saturday 6/22 5:00pm- Jennifer Zavala

Sunday 6/23 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/9/2024:**

Weekly Envelopes (84)-\$4,149.00

Loose- \$199.00

Youth-\$12.00

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, June 22nd, 5pm**

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mehrmanns

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister: Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker

Camera:

### **Sunday, June 23rd, 8am**

Set Up: Donna Rheinecker

Servers: Doerrs

Lector: Donna Rheinecker

Extraordinary Minister: Tiffany Gregson

Extraordinary Minister (W): Lucas Gregson

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr

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.



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

**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!

# FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

## Reflection for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time—Year B

*A Cardinal enters the Pope's residence. "Your Holiness, I have some very good news and some very bad news", he says. "My son, I've had a hard day. Please give me the good news first to cushion the bad news." The Pontiff requests. "Your Holiness, I just received a phone call from Jesus and he has returned to Earth to bring The Kingdom of God!" "Glorious! Glorious!" Shouts the Pope. "'It's finally the day we've waited for millennia! Now what bad news could possibly dampen that good news?" "Well your Holiness, he was calling from Salt Lake City...."*

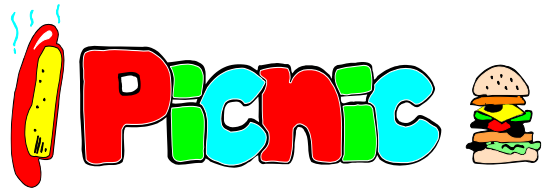
The Gospel this weekend centers on faith and the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Jesus tends to allow the crowd to discern for themselves the meaning and the significance of the gift of the kingdom. Therefore, two parables about the seeds are presented to us in the Gospel reading. The emphasis in the parable of the seed is on the seed as a “capsule of life.” As it is, the seed does not only have life within it allows the life to grow at the same time. Thus, Jesus tells the crowd to consider how someone scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. When the crop is ripe for harvest, the owner wields his sickle at once.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. The mustard seed was considered by the first century farmers in Jesus’ part of the world as the smallest seed. But as small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree and provides a nesting place for birds.

Growth is not an overnight phenomenon. It requires time and nurturing to develop properly. The development of virtues and the love of God is gradual. But when life is rooted in God it flourishes and produces fruit even into old age. So, the reign of God, the kingdom of God begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide.

Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. When we tell people about the love of God and welcome people in our Church, the Kingdom of God is spreading. Although the mystery of the kingdom of God unfolds within human history, we need the eyes of faith to recognize it. Just as the life force that thrust the branches of the mustard seed farther and farther cannot be seen, so also is the kingdom. We observe the reign of the kingdom in the manifestations that we see even when we cannot say how it happens.



## St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Bicentennial Meeting is Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm inside the parish Center
- Kirchenfest **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**; Mass @ 3pm, Dinner served 3-7pm, More to follow in next few weeks!!
- St. Augustine's 200<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Information to follow in coming months!!
- The next gathering to pray the Rosary will be Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> @7:30am. Contact Scott Gregson if you would like to volunteer. Scott can be reached at 618-581-3368.
- 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.

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

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

***-Psalm 100***

Each year the success of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal depends upon the generous response of every Catholic household – **it depends on you!!** Every dollar donated to The Appeal is restricted and supports only the work of 17 diocesan ministries which serve thousands of people throughout southern Illinois each year. To learn more about the good works **your gift** makes possible, visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal poster or call Judy Phillips at 618-722-5007

– she'd love to hear from you!

#### **ST. AUGUSTINE'S**

**PLEDGES TO DATE: 28**

(\$6,190.00 Pledged)

**94% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!**

(\$6,569.00 Parish Goal)

# Happy Father's Day



## My Daddy's Hand



Daddy, take my hand in yours and you will plainly see,  
How very much I need you now to love and care for me.  
As my little hand grows, I will need you even more,  
Everything I do in life, I have never done before.  
Teach me to be kind and loving, sharing and forgiving,  
Show me through your acts of love the pure joy of living.  
The years will pass by quickly and one day I will be grown,  
I will pass what you have taught me onto children of my own.  
Hold me always in your thoughts and remember when we are apart,  
The special love between a child and a daddy's heart.

### **From the Deacon's Desk**

Did you know that our diocese has a new pastoral plan? It was released right after Pentecost and it is titled **SERVANTS ON CHRIST'S MISSION: A PASTORAL VISION FOR THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE 2024-2027**. The input of hundreds of people across the diocese was vital in creating this vision for our future. The plan sets forth 4 priorities, each with 3 to 7 goals. Priorities include 1. youth & youth adult initiative, 2. family life, 3. faith formation, and 4. revitalize parish life and ministry. Next steps are to establish a Pastoral Vision Steering Committee that will advise Bishop McGovern and the diocesan staff about how to best fulfill the goals, assess progress, and report to the people of the diocese how our vision is being realized. Details on how to help are included in the plan, you can get the plan with this QR code or this link will take you to it <https://www.diobelle.org/news/2301-servants-on-christ-s-mission-a-pastoral-vision-for-the-diocese-of-belleville-2024-2027> or if

*Deacon Tom Helfrich*



print a copy for you, let me know.

## **NEWS FROM Ss. PETER and PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH- WATERLOO, IL**

Thursday, June 20th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm  
in the Adult Faith Formation House

### COMMUNITY – OUR PATH TO HEAVEN



Saint Vincent de Paul says, "Our business is to gain Heaven; everything else is a sheer waste of time."

As Christians, Heaven is our principal goal; therefore, it is our job to help each other get into Heaven. In a tribute to our beloved friend, Mary Kinsey, who passed from this earthly life on July 12, 2022, Lauren will share how she discovered community in a meaningful way which offered profound life experiences that she will never forget.

**Lauren Niebruegge**  
SSPPCC Parish Trustee

**Come and join us for a great religious experience at St. Raymond's Maronite Cathedral. The Maronite Church is an Eastern Catholic Church in full compliance with the Roman Catholic Church. Part of the Mass will be in Arabic.**

**Arrive at St. Raymond's Cathedral by 10:45 AM. You will have time to look around the Cathedral before 11:00 AM Mass.**

**Mass usually last 30 minutes. They will have a cafeteria-style lunch from 11AM to 1PM in the Cedars across the parking lot from the Cathedral.**

**Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.**

**Address: St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral  
931 Lebanon Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63104**

**Let me know if you want to car-pool, or feel free to meet us there. They have a large parking lot at the Cathedral.**

**In order to give them an idea for the lunch count, please RSVP to Joyce by June 17<sup>th</sup>. [jspringer@ssppcc.org](mailto:jspringer@ssppcc.org) or call 618-939-6426, ext. 22 and leave a message.**

## **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 Wednesday, June 26th** 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.**

Please note the extended date of the RSVP.

Thanks, Mary

## 100TH CENTENNIAL OF OUR ALMA MATER **ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME**

All AND graduates, please join us for a Mass and dinner commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Academy!

Sunday, August 18, 2024

St. Augustine Catholic Church and Parish Hall  
1910 West Belle St., Belleville, IL 62226

Mass at 3:00 pm | Dinner at 5:00 pm (\$25/person)



### Centennial Committee:

Rita Scharherr Uhl - '69  
Diane Drovetta Kreeb - '65  
Jackie Luggé Lauf - '71  
Barb Wessel Masters - '72

For more information, contact Rita Uhl at [ritakayuhl@gmail.com](mailto:ritakayuhl@gmail.com)

## 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

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/fathers-irreplaceable-role-welcoming-life>  
<https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/joseph-spiritual-bouquet->

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center “*The Secret Letter of James and Other Messiahs*” Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD**

**Saturdays, June 29, and July 6, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**

***The Secret Letter of James:*** Continuing our exploration of the scriptures that were not included in the New Testament, we turn our attention to the Secret Letter, or Apocryphon, of James. This collection of the sayings of Jesus was intended as a private revelation to “the elect,” and not for the broader Christian community.

***Other Messiahs:*** The first century of the Christian era was a time of unrest and rebellion in Israel. Jesus was not the only person in his day about whom the claim of Messiah was made. Historians of the times recorded the stories of several other Messianic figures. In this session we will take a look at these “other Messiahs” and the movements they led.

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

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





Today's parable of the Sower invokes an image of how parents can "plant the seed" of a vocation in their own family. We are all called as the Church to spread the Word of God through our "sowing" the seed of our faith and sharing it with others. Hopefully, our personal mustard seed will blossom into the "largest of plants" as we live out our own vocations – Priest, sister, parent, single person.



**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. Michael's Annual Picnic and Homecoming Paderborn, IL**  
*Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024*; Mass @ 5pm; Fried chicken Dinner 3-7pm  
Quilt/Cash Bingo 6pm-? (In case of inclement Weather will move into hall)
- **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; Bingo @ 7pm  
Dinner served 3-6:30pm
- **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.

