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St. Vincent de Paul Help Line 618-792-4059

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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saying presence of God, who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress, let us turn to the Lord with faith, to him whom even the wind and sea obey. He died and rose for our sake that we might live and not perish.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Saturday, 6/22 5:00pm- Jennifer Zavala

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

Friday 6/28 8:00am- Roy Schreder, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus and a Special Intention

Saturday 6/29 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday 6/30 8:00am- Mary Rettinghouse, Agnes & Noel Roscow, and Joe Jung



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/16/2024:

Weekly Envelopes (42)-\$1,642.00

Loose- \$186.00

Youth- \$13.00

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, 29th, 5pm

Set Up: Cindy Grohmann

Servers: Patrick Murphy

Lector: Cindy Grohmann

Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ruth Wittenauer

Camera:

Sunday, June 30th, 8am

Set Up: Sister Joan Weiler

Servers:

Lector: Janella Neary

Extraordinary Minister: Raeleen Neary

Extraordinary Minister (W): John Kaiser

Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder

Camera: Mike Karban

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.



5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND!

**Saturday and Sunday, June 29th & 30th –
St. Vincent de Paul (Waterloo) & Life Network
(Waterloo)**

We appreciate your generosity during these 5th 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 5th Sunday Collection. Thank you!



FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

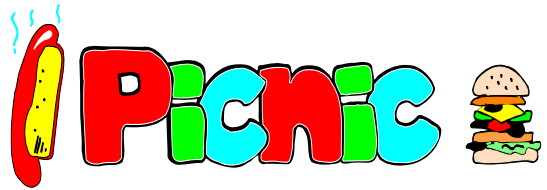
Reflection for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I once came across the saying: "There are no atheists in foxholes." The first truth about this saying is that most people inadvertently turn to superior powers for help in times of fear, extreme stress, or trouble.

Unfortunately, faith does not always have believers covered like insurance companies do. This is precisely because faith is not lived by instant guarantees. If the life of faith were merely for health, security, better and longer life; wealth and happiness, and all we must do is pay the premium through works of charity and religious devotion, then Christianity would be nothing but a transactional experience. But unfortunately bad things happen to good and faithful people. So why do we have to believe at all?

This weekend's reading from the book of Job is a small part of a big story of life. The story recalls the travails of a good and faithful man. Job was a good man who believed and trusted in God. He was healthy and wealthy. But one day, misfortune struck him and his family. Job became bankrupt, his children died, and he became sick with serious diseases. These experiences prompted Job to question God why he should continue to be faithful. God's response as we read this weekend is not impressive at all. The series of questions from God does not help Job. Job wanted some explanations from God. But God did not and does not explain things as science would do. That is the very meaning of faith. As Christians, we do not know why many things happen to us or people we love. Most of us have a cultural assumption: be a good person and good things will happen to you. Be a bad person and bad things will happen to you. But this is an assumption that does not match up with the world in which we live.

God's questions for Job are to show Job that he really cannot understand the immensity of God. Job's greatest frustration was the absence of God in his suffering. But God's questions represent his ever presence even when things don't go well. Although from the bible's perspective, we can give 4 reasons why bad things happen: Because of the Fall, the role of Satan in our world, it is the mistakes others make, and it is the mistakes we make that make bad things happen. Nevertheless, when bad things and difficulty comes our way it's then that God wants us to trust him more and lean on Him ever more. The most important truth to remember in time of crises is that God still sits on His throne. He still reigns on high and He loves more than we ever know. His words are "why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"



St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Next Kirchenfest Chairman meeting will be Thursday, July 18th @ 7:30pm inside the Parish Center- Please try to attend. Please let Aaron Eckart know if you have any questions.

-The next gathering to pray the Rosary will be Sunday, July 7th @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.

- St. Augustine's 200th Year Celebration Saturday, October 19th, 2024. Information to follow in coming months!!

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 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)



Hot Weather Has Arrived and St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help Again!

The Belleville Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul again this year needs donations of:

- bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles) or Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks
- individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/puddings, etc.
- new t-shirts (white)

to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be dropped off at

St. Vincent de Paul Offices
8800 West Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62223
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)
or call 618-394-0126 for additional information.

Joe Hubbard and Pat Hogrebe thank you for any help you can give!



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

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 you want me to print a copy for you, let me know.

Deacon Tom Helfrich



Donations Needed

St. Anne Cradle of Hope, Carbondale



St. Anne Cradle of Hope needs clothing donations to help families in need!

We are asking for summer clothing for boys sizes 2T-4T



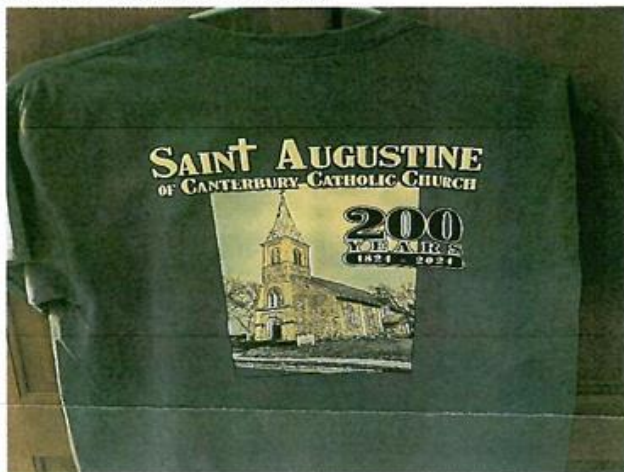
To donate:

Drop off at 2015 W Main St suite b, Carbondale, IL 62901 on Mon or Wed 2-4pm,
Mail to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at 303 S Poplar St, Carbondale, IL 62901,
Or visit our Amazon wish list at <https://www.diobelle.org/stanne-coh>

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 \$ _____

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 54th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood the 29th Anniversary of his Consecration to the Episcopacy and the 80th 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 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 Schanherr Uhl - '69
Diane Drovetta Kreeb - '65
Jackie Luge Lauf - '71
Barb Wessel Masters - '72

For more information, contact Rita Uhl at 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

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center Retreats – A Desperate Seeking

Starting September 13th, 2024, through May 2, 2025.

Starts on Friday at 4:00pm through Sunday's at 2:00pm

This year's weekend quite retreats explores the dense text of Mark's Gospel containing two different healing stories (Cf: MK 5:21-43). Both Jairus and the woman suffering from a hemorrhage are desperately seeking Jesus' healing touch. Come and experience the loving response of Jesus to the needs and pleas of those he encounters – Jarius, the suffering woman and you.

Minimum Donation: \$230.00 per person (includes lodging and meals).

For information, please call 618-397-0584 or go to <https://kh.snow.s.org/>



“I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing, and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, “OK, I will do it”. Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase.”

Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, Columbia, May 2016, pg. 42.



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 & Events

- **St. Michael's Annual Picnic and Homecoming Paderborn, IL**
Saturday, July 6th, 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 13th, 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 14th, 2024, Doors and Lunch Available @ 11am,
Bingo begins at 1pm, 24 Games and 24 Quilts!
- **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 \$15.00 served 3-6:30pm, children's meal
available, carry-out available; Grand raffle- prizes include Quilts, cash, & More!
- **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.



157th ANNUAL

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JULY 12
5 PM-1 AM

SAT
JULY 13
4 PM-1 AM



Featuring World Famous
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CHILDREN'S ZONE
Provided by
MidAmerica Moonwalks

Quilt Raffle
HAMBURGERS • NACHOS
HOT DOGS • ICE CREAM
Cake Wheel

BAGS 1 PM
SATURDAY
Registration at Noon
TOURNAMENT



STONE BLANKET
FRIDAY 8 PM-MIDNIGHT



SCATTERGUN JACK
SATURDAY 8 PM-MIDNIGHT

NEW ATHENS IN THE HEART OF KASKASKIA COUNTRY HOMECOMING

HELD AT CITY PARK IN NEW ATHENS, ILLINOIS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY,

JULY 7 & 8

2023



FRIDAY
8:00 PM TILL MIDNIGHT



TOP GUNZ
SATURDAY
8:00 PM TILL MIDNIGHT

PARADE SATURDAY

STARTING AT 5:00 PM



CARNIVAL
By Sunray Amusements
Armbands Nightly 6-10 PM
plus a Saturday Matinee
Noon-4 PM



FAMOUS FISH SANDWICHES!

Queen Coronation
SATURDAY 10:00 P.M.

Grilled Chicken
Grilled Cheeseburgers
Pulled Pork - Onion Rings
Fried Mushrooms & More!

SSPPCC



The Society of SVdP is partnering with the House of Neighborly Service (HNS) to provide lunches during the summer break. If you would like to support this program, please pick up a lunch sack at the exits of church; attached is a specific list of items needed. Or, you can provide a cash donation for the "Families Feeding Families" program in the envelope provided. This program assists over 60 families in Monroe County for 12 weeks. Please drop all donations at the HNS office located at 217 West Mill across from the AFF House. Your support is greatly appreciated.

More From St. Peter and Paul...

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM



SPPCS

APPLY NOW!

24/25 FALL OPENINGS:

- JR. HIGH SCIENCE TEACHER
- JR. HIGH MATH TEACHER
- PART-TIME LATCHKEY DIRECTOR



217W-3RD ST WATERLOO, IL 62208 - 815-820-7217 - WWW.SPPCS.COM



Moms Ministry

A new and exciting ministry to the Moms in our parish! Join us at a Waterloo park for our weekly play date! This week's park play date will be Wednesday,

June 19, 9:00 am - 10:00 am at Lakeview Park, Co. Hwy. 7, Lakeview Drive. Watch the bulletin for location, as the location will vary each week. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Mom, Elizabeth Mercurio, (904) 234-1376.



2024 MONROE COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday July 19 5:30-11:30pm & Saturday July 20 12:00-11:45

**FRIDAY - VANNAH LEIGH
PICK N AN A GRIN N . CORE X-TREME
BOULDERDASH . CLUESS**

**SATURDAY - RAELYNN ALYSE MUSIC
MARLI & DANIEL . DEER HILL BAND
DAYS OF NOAH . TOM CHRISTOPHER BAND
DADS WITH A PLAN . TIM BERG & THE KURTZ
FAMILY BAND . UNHINGED
DAZED & CONFUSED . DOS AMIGOS
KICKBACK . KICKSTAND . SOUTH MAIN**



FOUNTAIN INN

1912 Fountain Road, Valmeyer, IL 62295

Friday July 19 5:30-11:30pm & Saturday July 20 12:00-11:45

Sponsors:



Luhr Bros., Inc.



KDBZ radio will be doing a live broadcast from 2 to 5 on Saturday.



Tickets:
\$10* One day pass
\$15* Two day pass
*Suggested donation



All proceeds will be going to the House of Neighborly Service Monroe County, IL