

**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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi):** Moses ratifies the covenant by offering a thanksgiving sacrifice and by sprinkling blood over the people. The new covenant, the law's oblation, is ratified in the blood of Christ, the unblemished offering poured out for us.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Friday, 5/31 8:00am- Delmar and Wylma Wachtel

Saturday, 6/1 5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's

Sunday, 6/2 8:00am- Don Braun, Quentin & Veronica Gregson,  
Frances Gregson, & Clem Orlet, and Lois Papenberg

Friday 6/7 8:00am- Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday 6/8 5:00pm- Cletus and Agnes Gregson

Sunday 6/9 8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine's



**OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 5/26/2024:**

Weekly Envelopes (19)-\$2,025.00

Loose- \$212.00

Youth-\$12.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,250.00

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

***Scholarship Fund - \$3,104.00 (Total  
Donated since 8/1/2023)***

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

## SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

### Saturday, June 8th, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder  
Servers: Patrick Murphy  
Lector: Kevin Schreder  
Extraordinary Minister: Alice Kuehn  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Marvin Parker  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Angie Parker  
Camera:

### Sunday, June 9th, 8am

Set Up: Arnie Eckart  
Servers: Lucas Gregson  
Lector: Kay Haudrich  
Extraordinary Minister: Dale Haudrich  
Extraordinary Minister (W): Bernadette Gregson  
Extraordinary Minister (W):  
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.



**Anointing of the Sick will be THIS weekend following Saturday Mass only.**



# FROM THE PASTOR...

Father Linus Umoren, C.M.

## Reflection on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*A four-year-old was in church when the wine and communion wafers were passed out. He was very interested in this, and started to get up. His mother leaned over and told him that he was not old enough to partake in the Communion. Later, when the collection plate came by, he ignored it. His mother again leaned over and tried to coax the nickel out of him. He steadfastly refused, stating, "If I can't eat, I'm not paying."*

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi. This feast has its origin in the visions of Saint Juliana of Liège way back in the 11th century. The feast is intended to make us value and appreciate the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to see him acting in the Church, the body of Christ and transforming the world through the Church.

Transubstantiation is the doctrine that teaches that the bread and the wine after the prayer of consecration by the priest at Mass, substantially assume a new spiritual essence—the body and blood of Christ. Like the disciples of Jesus, many people have difficulty understanding this mystery.

A new Pew Research Center survey finds that most self-described American Catholics do not believe this core teaching. In fact, nearly seven-in-ten Catholics (69%) say that the eucharist is more of a symbols than the real presence.

However, in John's gospel chapter 6, Jesus teaches about the bread of life by explicitly talking about "eating His flesh" and "drinking His blood. At the last Supper Jesus says, "This is my Body and This is my Blood." Thus, the Eucharist is the unbloody renewal of the sacrifice of Calvary itself.

Moreover, Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist not to perpetuate the Last Supper, but rather the sacrifice of the Cross (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1367).

There are occasions when the accidents of the bread and wine have also changed. Look up **Eucharistic miracles** on the internet: In Oct. 2006, a parish in the Chilpancingo-Chilapa Diocese of Mexico held a retreat. During mass, two priests and a religious sister were distributing communion when the religious sister looked at the celebrant with tears in her eyes. The Host that she held had begun to effuse a reddish substance. To determine the validity of the event, Bishop Alejo Zavala Castro asked Dr. Ricardo Castañón Gómez (who researched the Eucharistic miracle in Buenos Aires) and his team to conduct scientific research. In 2013, the research concluded that: "The reddish substance analyzed corresponds to blood in which there are hemoglobin and DNA of human origin. . . The blood type is AB, like the one found in the Host of Lanciano and in the Holy Shroud of Turin." The Eucharist is God himself who comes to us in a loving and lowly way. In the Eucharist we reenact the love of God who creates and recreates the world by intervening in the course of history. At mass, the bread and wine become a real presence of Jesus in the community of believers celebrating the Eucharist. Consequently, whenever we eat the bread and drink the wine at the Eucharistic celebration (or brought to people at home or hospital), we receive into ourselves the very life of Christ. Moreover, the Eucharist reminds us that the most sacred thing that we can also do in life is to sacrifice our lives for others. This is to say that there also another important aspect of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a bread that can be eaten alone. It is bread broken and shared with the community. Pope Francis highlights this point beautifully in *Amoris Laetitia*: "We must not forget that "the 'mysticism' of the sacrament has a social character". When those who receive it turn a blind eye to the poor and suffering, or consent to various forms of division, contempt and inequality, the Eucharist is received unworthily."



**St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Bicentennial Committee Meeting, Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm 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!!

-Dale and Kay Haudrich's landline is no longer in service, please use their cell numbers!  
Dale cell # 618-719-9426.



*Gathering to pray the Rosary will begin again before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass each month, beginning June 2, 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**

A donation to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal assists people throughout southern Illinois through the work of 17 diocesan ministries and programs. Your donation can be a one-time gift or a pledge and be made in cash, by check, credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or stocks and securities. If you haven't yet done so, please consider making your gift today! Thank you for your generosity.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S**  
**PLEDGES TO DATE: 23**  
(\$5,760.00 Pledged)

**88% OF OUR GOAL MET!!!**  
(\$6,569.00 Parish Goal)

# **Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Parish Picnic**



**Friday, June 7**

**Serving at 4:00 pm**

**Fish Fry, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Brats**

**7:00 pm - Quilt and Cash Bingo**

**7:00-11:00 pm - Nighthawk DJ Service**

**Saturday, June 8**

**3:00 pm Mass**

**4:00-7:00 pm**

**Dine-In & Carry-Out Fried Chicken Dinner**

**Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Brats - served all night**

**7:00 pm - Quilt and Cash Bingo**

**7:00-11:00 pm - Bryan Toben Band**

**\*Chicken Dinner and Bingo will be in our air conditioned gym.**





NATIONAL SHRINE of  
OUR LADY of the SNOWS

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**

**Memorial and Traditional Planting- Starting May 29, 2024**

As Pope Francis noted in his book *Laudato si'*,  
“Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting  
in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction  
with it.” The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is a very beautiful oasis in Belleville, IL.,  
hosting not only many devotional sites, but an abundance of trees, flowers, bushes,  
and plants to honor God’s creations. We love to share our beautiful gardens and nature  
with thousands of visitors each year and are working to ensure future generations have  
the same opportunity by offering this tree and bush planting opportunity.

**For information on pricing, plants and location,  
please go to [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org) or call 618-397-6700.**

## **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**

“Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.” Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. [https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp\\_ii\\_enc\\_25031995\\_evangelium-vitae.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp_ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html)  
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/ev-eucharist.png>

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

**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!



Yesterday, Saturday, June 1st, Bishop McGovern ordained Levi James to the Transitional Diaconate. We heartily congratulate him on completing this much of his discernment and training. We look forward to his Ordination to the Priesthood. We need to continue to pray for vocations as today we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. This remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests. Pose the question: "Have you ever considered being a priest?"



**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.**



Mary & Martha Society

# Rummage Sale

## SPPCS GYM

**\*EARLIER DATES\***

Friday & Sat. May 31 & June 1

8 am – 1 pm both days

“bag sale” & bargains all Saturday

Donations of items will be accepted

Saturday May 25 9 am - 1pm

Tuesday & Wednesday May 28 & 29

9 am to 3 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm

Please have items in clean condition. We cannot accept large furniture, TVs or computers



**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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