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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 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: With the Lord there is mercy and redemption for the reign of sin has come to an end in the person of Jesus. Hence we must never lose heart for we believe we shall be raised up with him.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

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



OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/2/2024:

Weekly Envelopes (45)-\$1,715.00

Loose- \$90.00

Youth-\$12.00

Carpet Fund Donations- \$1,250.00

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

***Scholarship Fund - \$3,124.00 (Total
Donated since 8/1/2023)***

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Saturday, June 15th, 5pm

Set Up: Elaine Rader

Servers: Koesters

Lector: Elaine Rader

Extraordinary Minister: Ruth Wittenauer

Extraordinary Minister (W): Angi Kern

Extraordinary Minister (W): Donna Rheinecker

Camera:

Sunday, June 16th, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Tim Donius

Lector: Jonella Donius

Extraordinary Minister: Margie Holle

Extraordinary Minister (W): Betty Schreder

Extraordinary Minister (W): Ryan Grohmann

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.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION IS COMING UP NEXT MONTH!!

**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 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. At a picnic one day, the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why such a good thing would be forbidden. When will you break down and try it?" To which the rabbi replied, "At your wedding."

Our first reading this weekend from the book of Genesis narrates the story of the fall of Adam and Eve. It revisits their experience after they ate of the forbidden tree. This story is part of the best-known biblical stories. There is hardly any Christian who does not know this story. Traditionally, people have referred to this story as the FALL. This is meant to give the impression that Adam and Eve fell from the trust God had on them. In a religious context, sin is a transgression against divine law or a law of the deities.

Therefore, it is obvious that Adam and Eve sinned by doing what God had commanded them not to do. Nevertheless, we must pay attention to the third figure in this narrative — the serpent. Eve's statement alludes great power to the serpent, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." (Gen. 3:14 NAB). They were tricked the very moment they believed what the serpent had told them as the truth. Although there was some truth in what the serpent had said, that is the very trick Eve is referring to—half-truth. The half-truth of the talking serpent is realized by Adam and Eve but by this time it's too late to quit.

Thus, the striking effect is their feeling or consequential awareness of bad judgement. Still in that state, they felt exposed, or they realized that they were naked. Consequently, their weakness, infidelity and discontentment were exposed and their relationship with God was ruptured. The consequence of the ruptured relationship is humiliation, shame and low self-esteem. However, this story goes beyond Adam and Eve. The truth is that it is about us, and our insatiability. The more we are discontented about who we are, what we have and what we can do, we become easy targets for the talking serpent.

The talking serpent is the force of temptation that suggests something to us other than what God commands. The talking serpent begins his allurements by appealing to our senses to see, feel, touch and smell, then he calls for action with the promise that you can be anything without God. Moreover, he suggests that the real problem is God with his prohibitions. But by the time we realize it, we are already naked; that is, humiliated and ashamed.

However, the good news is brought out in our Gospel. It is the power of God that recreates us. Thus, Jesus makes known to us God's power against the tactics of the evil one. We can claim the word of God as the power to resist the half-truth of the serpent. By the power of God, we can enjoy the fullness of redemption from the constant trick of the serpent.



Church News

St. AUGUSTINE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Kirchenfest **Saturday, August 17th, 2024**; Mass @ 3pm, Dinner served 3-7pm, More to follow in next few weeks!!

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

-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.

- A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped move statues last minute this week so the carpet company could work...it is super appreciated!!!

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

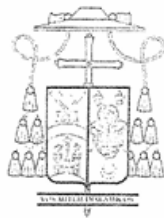
Serve the Lord with gladness.

-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: 27
(\$6,160.00 Pledged)

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



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

June 3, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up annually to support the Universal Church and the works of the Holy Father. By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, you support the Holy Father's mission and ministry in two ways: you support the ongoing activities of the Holy See, and you contribute to the charitable works of the Holy Father.

Your contribution to Peter's Pence helps fund all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in his ministry, and also several solidarity projects that aid those most in need. To learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

Our Catholic tradition calls us to provide for the material needs of the Church, and the Peter's Pence Collection is one of the opportunities we have to do so. The collection will be held June 29 and 30.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

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 17th. jspringer@ssppcc.org or call 618-939-6426, ext. 22 and leave a message.



St. Patrick Church-Tipton

35th Annual Auction & Chicken Plate Dinner

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Mass celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

Dinner: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Auction beginning at 12 noon

Quilts to sell approx. 2:00 pm
(Silent Auction, Country Store & Quilt Raffle)

Air-Conditioned Hall & Lots of Shade Trees
Carry-outs available

Large Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

Friday and Saturday July 26th & 27th

From 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Located in Church Hall

Rummage sale items half price on Auction Day

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

“Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life”

<https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-graphics-st-joseph-defender-life>

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.



“During middle school, people often asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. The Holy Spirit gave me the grace to ask a more fundamental question: “Who do I want to be?” I realized that I simply wanted to be as joyful and free as my religion teacher. One day, I worked up the courage to ask her; “what makes you so happy?” Her response transformed my life: “My relationship with the Lord.” Upon graduating high school, I entered religious life and embraced our Marian charism. My vocation is the greatest gift God could have ever given me!”

Sr. Alexa Zaldivar; Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary; *Columbia Magazine*, Apr 2021



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.**

Quilt Bingo!

24 Games, 24 Quilts!

Sunday, July 14, 2024

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Center
519 Hazel St., Red Bud
Info: 618-282-3222

Doors Open and Lunch Available at 11 a.m.

Chicken Salad, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Desserts

Cash Bar Available



Bingo begins at 1 p.m.



More Chances to Win!

Colorball Raffle Game - Early Bird Raffle Games

Queens Raffle Game - Quilt at the Door Raffle

Lotto Ticket Board Raffle