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Sacraments

Reconciliation 4:00 – 4:40 pm Saturday at St. Teresa Church or by Appointment Baptism: Contact Rectory Marriage: Contact Rectory 4 Months in Advance Priesthood or Diaconate Contact: Vocation Office at 235-9601

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you, or someone you know, has a desire to know more about the Catholic faith, please contact the rectory.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.



Hearing Assist Devices are available at St. Teresa Church, please ask a hospitality minister for assistance.



Check Out The Websites!



WIN \$10,000!

Tickets for St. Teresa's **\$10,000 Raffle** to benefit our parish are now on sale. The goal again this year is to sell 250 tickets at \$100 each. The first place winner will receive \$10,000, two second place winners will receive \$1,000, and one third place winner receiving \$500. In the event fewer than 250 tickets are sold, the winners in each category will receive a proportionate amount of the money collected. Drawing will be held at the Parish Picnic, **Saturday, August 28**. You need not be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years of age to purchase a ticket. For more information contact Mark or Carol Gass at 779-7534 or Karen Foeller at 978-7310.

This weekend is the last chance to purchase your ticket! Only 37 tickets left. Please help us reach our goal!!!



Mass at 4:00 pm (NO 5:00 pm Mass)

IF you can **help** in any way, please contact Kevin and Ginny Bouse at 618-410-1047 or 618-973-4378. We are asking for help at 8 AM on the school grounds to set up and help the day after (on Sunday) to tear down at 8 AM.

Silent Auction Booth: Items greatly appreciated would be: Gift Certificates; Sports Tickets & memorabilia; Jewelry; Handbags; bottles of wine/spirits; collectibles, etc. Contact Kathy Danielsen at 618-277-4787 or stlramsfan31@hotmail.com for questions.

Basket Booth: Baskets can be any theme or price point. We need 180 baskets!!! We also need empty baskets to fill if you have any extras lying around. Questions - contact Lori Myers at 618-520-8908.

We will be collecting Pepsi & Coke products for the Soda
Stand. Dr. Pepper Coke Pepsi Sprite
Diet Dr. Pepper Diet Coke Diet Pepsi Diet Sprite
Caffeine Free Diet Coke Water

■ We will have our **American Girl® Doll Raffle** this year. She is "Kira". Contact Ginny Ryan (578-2168) for more information.

- We will have **Chicken Dinner**. Remember we will need your pies & cakes for dessert! Drop them off that morning.
- We are seeking queen sized, handmade quilts for our **Quilt Bingo**. Please let us know is you have any to donate.

We will have our **Beer Garden**, **Music**, **Poker & MORE! Only 6 More Days!**

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Bernard Bauza Lenore Bechtoldt Clara Behrns Randy Bertelsman Jimmy Buehlhorn Diane C. Veronica Clark Joan Cook Tom Cordie Tom Ebner Dean Eschman Theresa Kaye Franks John Fritsche Wilma Gass Doris Grant Joel Halminiak Sheila Hoffmeister Daniel Jacobs Sally Jay Yoshiko Johnson Steve Kaba, III



Ron Kahrhoff Doug Kellerman Keith Kellerman Glenda Kennedy Herman Koesterer Jeanne Lewis Michael Lysaker David M. Dakota Ray McArther William McKinney Juli Ann Meanev Linda Miessner Karen Neubauer Karen Nobile Jay Oughton Dick Pearl Elise Pezres

Cliff Polczynski Barbara Pollmann Dennis Pollmann Daniel Price Rev. Joe Rascher Mark Roach Pat S. **Rich Schobert** Garv Strieker Shirley Taphorn Jayla Triplett Hannah Twente Louis Usselmann Mike Vernier Diane Vernier Marge Von Bokel **Richard Voss** Teig Sabo Wetzel Sandra Wenzel Jeff Winter Terry Woolsey

Names are removed after 4 weeks unless the office is notified.



Our Military Prayer Line

Jake Billhartz, Ft. Benning, GA LCpl. Sandra Gale, Saudi Arabia Sgt. Philip Haake, South Korea Capt. Anthony M. Rowe, Lackland, AFB ABHC Alec Weeks, CVN 68, Bremerton, WA John Wildermuth, Goose Creek Naval Base, SC

Please remember in your prayers **Donna Bietsch** who was called home to the Lord.



Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. мt 5:4



We welcome to our faith family **Bella Grace Pikul** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on August 14, 2021.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory. This book will contain everything pertinent to both churches: the various ministries, organizations, activities and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to us, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? If you have not already informed the Church Office about any changes, please let us know **now** so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 21 5:00 pm @ ST Mary Sciarra Sunday, August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00 am @ ST Alvin Bietsch 9:00 am @ SL Bill Stock; Wm & Josephine Korte 11:00 am @ ST Eileen Renner Monday, August 23 Rose of Lima 8:30 am @ SL Allyson Berg-Wolf Tuesday, August 24 Bartholomew 8:30 am @ SL Carol Poreber Wednesday, August 25 Louis 8:30 am @ ST John Roach Thursday, August 26 8:30 am @ SL Orene Sudheimer Friday, August 27 Monica **NO MASS** Saturday, August 28 Augustine 4:00 pm @ ST People of God Sunday, August 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00 am @ ST Dorothy Schmidt 9:00 am @ SL **Dorothy Vogler** 11:00 am @ ST Ray Korte

Stewardship of Treasure

Please consider an online donation				
Atte	2	SCAN ME		
Weekly Envelope			2,870.00	
Loose			121.00	
Online Giving		\$ \$	741.41	
Total			3,732.41	
Other Collections		\$	540.00	
Weekend	Budgeted		Actual	
August 1 \$ 3,770			\$ 3,811	
August 8	\$ 3,770		\$ 2,730	
August 15 \$ 3,770			\$ 3,732	
Total \$11,310			\$ 10,273	
St. Teresa				
Attendance: 127 @5; 58 @7; 181 @11				
Envelope			5,017.01	
Loose			348.00	
Online Giving			4,179.09	

Total Other	\$ 9,544.10 \$ 765.00		
Weekend	Budgeted	Actual	
August 1	\$ 10,692	\$ 8,570	
August 8	\$ 10,692	\$ 8,973	
August 15	\$ 10,692	\$ 9,544	
Total	\$ 32,076	\$ 27,087	

Christian Initiation and Adult Sacraments



Are you thinking of Our parish continues the year-round process of welcoming others into Catholic Church the through the process of the Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults, which prepares anyone over the age of reason (about 8 years old) to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We also offer a period of formation for Baptized adults who desire to complete their sacramental initiation in the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in beginning or completing initiation into the Catholic Church, please call the Parish Office for assistance and more information.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b. Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21. Ephesians 5:21-32. John 6:60-69.

One Last Bread of Life Story. The gospel today is filled with doubt, murmuring, shock, and disbelief. So much so, that many stopped following Jesus, returning to their former lives. Jesus, thus, asked the Twelve: "What about you?" Peter answers for them: "To whom shall we go? We are convinced you are the Holy One of God."

- Why do I still follow Jesus?
- Of what am I convinced about him?
- Bread of life. Communion. What do I believe?

Community Interfaith Food Pantry

Both Parishes are a partner in the Food Pantry.



▶ This week's needed item: **Jiffy Corn Bread** Saltine Crackers

Please leave your items in either church and they will be taken to the pantry. Monetary donations can be placed in the Sunday collections, mark envelope "Food Pantry", & will assist in buying perishables.

Ministers of the Lituray August 29 John Fritsche Lector Sat Min. of Com. Amy Mannino, Barb Masters, Pat Ives 4pm Ushers Bill Cramer, Brent Wilhelm, Volunteers @ ST Cleaners Volunteers Sandy Jouglard Lector Sun Min. of Com. Jim Wolf, Barbara Snider, Volunteer 7am Ushers Dennis Meile, Virainia Stark, Mike Caponi, Mark Kaiser @ ST Volunteers Cleaners Lector Steve Sauthoff Sun Min. of Com. Joyce Baker 9am Ushers Ed Goreczny, Volunteers @ SL Cleaners Mary Foster, Kerry Kehoe Lector Jane Spreng Sun Min. of Com. Carrie Thouvenot, Jane Haake, Pat Noonan 11am Dennis Haake, Bill Fahrner, Gary Korte, Volunteer Ushers @ ST Cleaners Brian Thouvenot, Julie Neill Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

Building and Grounds Committee for both Parishes We are looking for a Building and Grounds committee that will be reportable to the Finance Committee. We are interested in both male & female representation. If you have an interest in your parish's building and grounds contact us (236-1124 or 233-3500) as soon as possible.

We continue to prepare the Parishes' School of Religious Education Religion classrooms for the new year. This year PSR will be "in person." If anyone needs to turn in your registration forms, do so as soon as possible. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm and Sunday, September 19 from 8:45 – 10:10 am. The Parishes' School of Religion is for children in Kindergarten to Grade 8. If you do not have registration forms, e-mail Sister Theresa Markus at tmarkus@ssndcp.org or Connie Woods at connie.woods@bellevillepsr.org. The Parishes' School of Religion is held at the St. Augustine Campus / 1900 West Belle Street, Belleville, IL 62226.

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D. & Sister Carol Markus, S.S.N.D. Co-coordinators of the Parishes' School of Religion

Welcome New Parishioners

If you have not yet registered as a member of either parish, please take time to complete this form and return it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. You will then be sent a registration form. Registration also available on websites.

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Parish: St. Luke / St. Teresa (circle one)				

Sunday August 22	Monday August 23	Tuesday August 24	Wednesday		Thursday August 26	Friday August 27	Saturday August 28
7:00 am ST 9:00 am SL 11:00 am ST	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	August 25 School Mass 8:30 am St. Teresa Masks must be worn by all attending		Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	NO MASS	Mass 4:00 pm St. Teresa
	Sodality 7:00 pm SL Hall	Adoration 9:15 am-6:30 pm Adoration Chapel			Quilters Quilters		PET. TERESA
		PTO 6:30 pm ST Parish Center			Legion of Mary 12:30 pm Community House		Saturday August 28, 2021 4:00 - 11:00 pm Mass at 4:00 pm
Please Note: Items in Green are at St. Luke; Items in Black are at St. Teresa							
St. Luke				St. Teresa			
Ladies Sodality St. Luke's Ladies Sodality will be meeting on Monday, August 23 at 7:00 pm in St. Luke's Hall. St Luke Rummage Sale Donations: anythingbut NO furniture, tv's or computers. Accepting items: Tues, Sept 7 5-8pm Wed & Thu, Sept 8/9 8am-2pm & 5-8pm (\$5 admission; Clothes \$2/bag) Regular Sale: Sat, Sept 11 8am-Noon (FREE admission; Clothes \$2/bag) Workers are needed during the sale & after. For questions, please contact Susan at 397-2295 or susan.evers@sbcglobal.net.		Hall. puters. -8pm		28 - ST Paris aber 6 - NO MA 7 - Perpet 11 - SL Rum 11 - Tigers @ 12 - SL Golf 13 - ST Men 14 - SL Men	SS, Rectory Clo ual Help mage Sale Grizzlie Stadie Tourney I's Club I's Club; Book cent de Paul al Council ality	sed - Labor Day um Club	

Rectory Needs Updated

At this time we are seeking monetary donations to purchase linens, replace worn out drapery, and other items with size specific requirements. Please place any donations in the mail slot of the rectory or in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Rectory Needs". You may also contact the Parish Office for more specific needs. A big Thank you to all who have donated items thus far!!

Special Thank You

Thank you to all Parishioners who generously donated to our SVDP collections at both parishes the weekend of August 7/8. A large collection of new socks and underwear were collected and will be distributed to underprivileged children as the new school year commences. In addition, we collected \$412 in cash



donations that is being used to purchase sweatpants and leggings. These will be donated to four schools located within our parish boundaries. Your donations make a direct positive impact on the less fortunate who live within both our Parish's boundaries and SVDP thanks you.

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world.

Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.

Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school! Amen.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.



accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go?

But truth is truth. If we cannot

There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

St. Luke's Men's Club Annual Golf Scramble Yorktown Golf Course, Shiloh, Illinois - 18 Hole – Par 3 Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. (Complimentary hotdogs between Noon and 1 pm start.)

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Four Person Scramble – Cost \$40 per person or \$160 per team. Includes 18 holes of golf, BBQ Dinner and two drinks. Mulligans Extra: \$5 each with a maximum of 4 per team for a total of \$20.

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Please return the completed form and check payable to St. Luke's Men's' Club to St. Luke's Men's Club, c/o Tom Wissehr, 2446 Oak Park Drive, Belleville, IL 62221-4611. For more information, contact Tom at (618)310-4789 or wissehr@sbcgloabal.net

> Queenship of Mary August 22



Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

"Notes of hope"

She stood on the bridge ready to step off into oblivion. The post-traumatic stress disorder she suffered had made her life — at 18 — unbearable. She had had enough.

But what she recalls most vividly are the words of two strangers who stopped her from taking her life.

"You are worth so much more than this."

That made her stop and back away from the edge of the bridge — and go home.

"Those words changed my life," she realized, and later thought, "If those words could help me, who else could they help?"

So the next day, she wrote those words down on several pieces of paper and returned to the bridge — the site of many suicides — and stuck the notes all over the bridge. It's been three and a half years since Paige Hunter, now 21, stood on Wearmouth Bridge near her home in Sunderland, England. Since that cold January night, Paige has spent countless hours crafting handwritten notes on colorful paper, which she laminates and ties to the bridge with string.

Don't give up. Not now, not tomorrow, not ever.

Even though things are difficult, your life matters.

Pause. Stop. Breathe. There are better options, and so many people who love you.

The signs have made a difference. Many would-be suicides, overwhelmed by depression and anxiety, have turned away from the edge because of one of her signs — and Paige continues to correspond with many of them via Facebook.

But Paige insists that writing those messages is "therapeutic" for her.

"I believe helping other people has helped me tremendously. I feel really grateful that I've been able to help people through my own struggle."

[The Washington Post, June 3, 2021.]

To someone in such despair, so lost that they are ready to end it all, Jesus speaks the "words of eternal life" in a compassionate, caring soul who pleads in a series of signs, You are worth so much more than this. Paige Hunter's work is her "confession" of hope that Peter articulates in today's Gospel: that despite our own doubts, fears and misgivings, we know in the depth of our hearts that, in the end, the words of Jesus will triumph. May we possess the constant faith and resolve of Simon Peter and the Twelve who remain with Jesus faith that, even in the most difficult times, senses the light and refuses to abandon the hope of God's love.



