



**Annual Scout Religious Award
Recognition Mass**

March 30, 2025

5:00 pm

St. Augustine of Canterbury
Belleville, Illinois



The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

The Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville

Monsignor Bill McGhee
Chaplain

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Delivering Catholic Youth Ministry Through Scouting Programs

Prayerful Silence before the Mass Begins

Cantor: Greeting

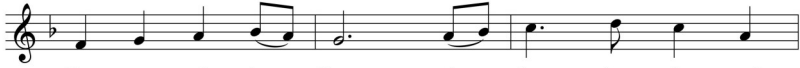
(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn:

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned through my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sister, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

No Gloria During Lent

Liturgy of the Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

(Joshua 5:9a, 10-12)

The LORD said to Joshua,
“Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.”

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

The Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7)

All R. *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Second Reading:

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God***

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

All: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

Please remain standing until Bishop McGovern has venerated the Book of Gospels.

Homily

(Please stand)

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Universal Prayer

The assembly responds to each petition "Lord, hear our prayer."

(Please be seated)

Collection

All of the Religious Awards presented today are paid for through donations to the Diocesan Committee on Scouts. Please help us to continue to provide Catholic education to the Scouts of our Diocese through your prayers and donations. Just place your donation in the collection baskets.

Thank you for your generous support!

Preparation of the Gifts

Table Of Plenty

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line ends with a quarter rest. The second line ends with a quarter rest. The third line ends with a quarter rest. The fourth line ends with a double bar line and a fermata. A '2' is written above the final measure of the fourth line, indicating a second ending.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; } come to
3. My bread will ev - er sus - tain you through days of
4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will

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1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel - come the lost and
2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad - ness will feed your
3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

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1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
3. glad - ness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. har - vest, will send my rain on the soil.

to Refrain

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Please stand)

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

***May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good, and the good of all His Holy Church.***

The Preface

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

Holy

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Eucharistic Prayer

(Please Kneel)

The Mystery of Faith

***When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your
Death, O Lord, until you come again.***

Eucharistic Prayer concludes with:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sign Of Peace

Lamb of God

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.***

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Dismissal

And may almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn:

Led By The Spirit

KINGSFOLD



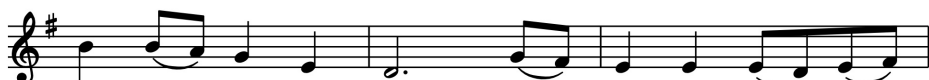
1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -



1. pray With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his
2. face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re -
3. birth With hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it
4. ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to



1. pas - chal way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn
2. deem - ing grace. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but
3. and in truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall
4. set us free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to



1. back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and
2. nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of
3. nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who
4. make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -



1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
2. God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

**A Very Special Thanks to Tom Doctor and Rita Schaefer
for lending their musical talent to this year's program.**



BLESSING OF THE AWARDS AND EMBLEMS

(Please Stand)

Celebrant:

Lord our God, before us are the symbols of these Scouts' efforts to live their promises to give reverence to You. We ask You to bless these Scouts and these symbols of their devotion to You. Give them a pure heart that they may see You, a humble heart that they may hear You, a heart of love that they may serve You, a heart of faith that they may continue to live their lives in fulfillment of their Scout promise to revere You. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All: **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*



Girl Scout Awards



God Is Love

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville

Troop #427 - Sarah North, Leader

Mabel Brackman

Margaret Brackman



St. Teresa of the Child Jesus - Belleville

Troop #519 - Abby Gibson, Leader

Lyla Gibson

Audrey Neighbors

Claire Meirink

Oakleigh Rea

Holy Childhood of Jesus - Mascoutah

Troop #519 - Abby Gibson, Leader

Brooke Proffitt

Family of God

St. Augustine of Hippo

Troop #249 - Evelyn Jenkins, Leader

Elizabeth Rains



St. Teresa of the Child Jesus - Belleville

Troop #248 - Claire Chatham, Leader

Emelyn Neighbors

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus - Belleville

Troop #519 - Abby Gibson, Leader

Chloe Javier

Adriana Sabatino



I Live My Faith

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus - Belleville

Troop #248 - Claire Chatham, Leader

Vivienne Sabatino

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville

Troop #427 - Sarah North, Leader

Kylie Buckley-Neumeyer Gabriella North

St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Troop #298 - Laura Lebryk, Leader

Harper Bailey Claire Feger
Mary-Margaret Hasenstab Ellie McAuliffe
Raelynn McKendre Madelyn Walford

Corpus Christi - Shiloh

Troop #298 - Laura Lebryk, Leader

Ann Marie Hill Emma Lebryk



Mary, The First Disciple

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville

Troop #427 - Sarah North, Leader

Christine North

Ad Altare Dei



Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville - Troop 8529

Andrew Dong
Callum McCoy
Mason Phelps

Andrew Meyer
Braden Stein

St. Mary - Chester - Troop 8347B

Jackson Powell

St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon - Troop 8094

Luke Claxton
Matthew Hawk

Jake Portera

St. Jude - Peoria - Troop 5050G

Emersyn Jones

Pope Pius XII



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Herrin - Troop 7085

Christopher Banks
Christopher Diedrich

Noah Banks

St. Clare - O'Fallon - Troop 8005

Kyle Lockwood

Pillars of Faith



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Herrin - Troop 7085

Christopher Banks
Christopher Diedrich

Noah Banks

St. Clare - O'Fallon - Troop 8005

Kyle Lockwood

Simon's Cross



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Herrin - Troop 7085

Christopher Banks

Noah Banks

ADULT SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS

BRONZE PELICAN AWARD



The *Bronze Pelican* emblem is a diocesan recognition. The image of a pelican is used for this medal because the adult pelican gives of itself to nurture its young. This medal recognizes the selfless dedication of those adults who receive it to the Catholic Scouts of our Diocese.

St. George Award



The St. George emblem is a national recognition. St. George is the patron saint of knighthood in England. He was known as a defender of virtue even at the risk of life itself, and is a person who spent his life in services of others. The St. George medal gives a special recognition to those adults who made a significant and outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in scouting. Only two St. George medals may be awarded by the Diocese each year.

“The MSGR. URBAN KUHL LIFETIME OF SERVICE” AWARD

Monsignor Urban Kuhl served as the Chaplain of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for many years and had been a supporter of Scouting in the Catholic Church throughout his life. This included holding Mass at Scout camping events over the years in all kinds of good and foul weather. He did so without complaint even though he had consistent pain in his back that made it difficult to stand and walk for extended periods of time. This award in his honor is to recognize those adults whose service to Catholic Scouts has already earned them the national recognition of either the St. George or St. Ann Awards, but who have continued to provide years of service to the Catholic youth of our Diocese.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouts is deeply grateful to this year’s Award recipient for many years of unselfish, dedicated service to the scouts and youth of our Diocese.

Are you called to be actively involved in bettering the lives of our Catholic youth?

The purpose of the Diocese of Belleville Catholic Committee on Scouting is to give guidance, vitality, and leadership in the spiritual phase of Scouting to all Catholic scouts and scouters of the diocese.



Emblem Counselor Training

A counselor approved by the Catholic Committee on Scouting, Diocese of Belleville is required to offer the religious emblems designated for Scouts BSA and older, especially the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII programs. This training will prepare and qualify an adult to serve as a Religious Emblems Counselor.

**For Future Religious Emblem Class Schedules
Please visit our website:**

www.diobellescout.org



Award Questions?

Contact the Chairman of the Diocese of Belleville Catholic Committee on Scouting

Daniel O'Keefe

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Girl Scout Recognitions

God is Love



The *God Is Love* program is designed for use with students who are in kindergarten or first grade. The program helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.

Family of God



Brownie (or Junior)

The Family of God Award is for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire girls, ages 7 to 9, or in the second and third grades. The Family of God is an activity series developed to compliment the Catechetical efforts of the parish and families. It's purpose is to help girls discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

I live My Faith



Junior (or Cadette)

The I Live My Faith program is designed to help Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members, ages 9 to 11, appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion occupy in their daily life. Youth recognize their potential as a growing person, friend, and member of their family, a citizen, and a participant in the community of faith.

Mary, the First Disciple



Cadette (or Senior)

Mary, the First Disciple, is for Catholic young women ages 12 to 15. It involves these youth in an understanding of Mary as the model of openness and spirituality -- a woman of the Church. Through this program, young ladies gain the opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, their friends, parents and the world around them.

The Spirit Alive








Senior or Ambassador

The Spirit Alive program is designed for Catholic youth in high school who are in the Senior level or higher of Girl Scouts or are Horizon Club members of Camp Fire. It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry.

Scouting America Awards



<p>Light of Christ</p> 	<p>Cub Scout Tiger or Wolf The <i>Light of Christ</i> program helps the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. A Cub Scout earns this religious emblem by completing all steps in the Light of Christ Activity Book, to the satisfaction of the scout's parents, <i>before</i> starting third grade.</p>
<p>Parvuli Dei</p> 	<p>Cub Scout Bear or Webelos The <i>Parvuli Dei</i> (Children of God) program helps Bear Cub and Webelos Scouts discover the presence of God in their daily lives, as a member of a family, parish and community. A Cub Scout earns this religious emblem by completing all steps in the Parvuli Dei Activity Book, to the satisfaction of the scout's parents, <i>before</i> becoming a Scout BSA or finishes fifth grade.</p>
<p>Ad Altare Dei</p> 	<p>Scouting America The <i>Ad Altare Dei</i> (to the altar of God) program is for Scouts who completed sixth grade, <i>before</i> beginning the program, & are not yet 18 years old. Scouts relate the knowledge of their faith in areas of the seven Sacraments. Their active participation in the Church should take on new meaning.</p>
<p>Pope Pius XII</p> 	<p>Scouting America The <i>Pope Pius XII</i> program is available to any Catholic Boy Scout who has started ninth grade. The Pope Pius XII program deals with Church related ministries and vocations.</p>
<p>Pillar Of Faith</p> 	<p>Scouting America The <i>Pillar of Faith</i> program provides a special recognition to those Scouts who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious Emblems: The Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and the Pope Pius XII emblems. The name and design of the award represent the four religious emblems like pillars, supporting the Scout's development and appreciation o the Catholic faith. The religious emblems are the pillars, not the roof, for none of us are ever done growing in our faith.</p>

