



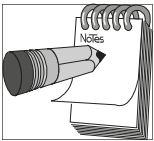
# St. Augustine

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in loving support and forgiveness in union with Jesus Christ. We pledge our talents and resources through communal worship, Christian education, service, outreach, and witness, to love God and neighbor in the world around us. Prayerfully seeking to make the efforts of each the advantage of all, we invite, encourage, and welcome all to join us.

April 25, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



## *A Note From Fr. Joe*

May is shaping up to be a busy month here at St. Augustine Parish. Next Saturday, May 1, we will have a parish May Crowning following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church. I hope that many will stay to honor our Blessed Mother and ask for her prayers. We will also make available the enrollment in the Scapular, which is a very powerful sacramental for placing ourselves under the protection and aid of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and seeking her intercession and aid to assist us in our faith journey, and helping us against the effects of evil and temptation in our world. If anyone has not been previously enrolled in the wearing of the Scapular, they are certainly welcome to receive one.

Also, next weekend we will celebrate the First Eucharist of our second grade children in both the school and Faith Formation programs, during a specially scheduled Sunday Mass at 1:30 p.m. Please keep our First Communion candidates in your prayers.

We welcome the members of the Richmond Council Knights of Columbus at the 7:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, as they join together in corporate communion. We are grateful for all the good work that they do for the Church in general and also for our parish. By the way, the Knights are providing rosaries as a gift to our First Communicants, and I am grateful for their support of our children and young people in their faith formation.

During May, we also will be having a Parish Mission conducted by Fr. Christopher J. Crotty C.P.M. during the week of May 16 through the 19th. Most of the



## Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Last week as I was talking to a Faith Formation class, one of the students asked me, "Why do we crown Mary?" WOW! What a great question! And a great topic for a bulletin article.

We crown the Blessed Mother because she is the perfect follower of Christ. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, she listened to God's word and said "Yes" to his plan for her. She listened to God's words and kept them in her heart.

We all know the story of Christmas and Mary's journey to Bethlehem. It wasn't easy. We know the story of the finding in the temple [Luke 2:41-51] when Jesus was 12 years old and was allowed to accompany Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the annual feast of the Passover. Mary and Joseph walked for a whole day before they noticed that Jesus was missing! And then it took them three days to find him. Finally, when they found him in the temple, and gently reprimanded him for staying behind, he replied to them; "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" Imagine the emotions Mary felt – I'm sure those of any mother. She raised Jesus and stayed close to him. She was present when he performed his first miracle – the Wedding at

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sessions will be in the evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar and expect to hear more about this Mission in future bulletins and mailings.

*Fr. Joe*

## St. Augustine Catholic Church

68035 Main St., Richmond, Michigan 48062  
Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicchurch.com>

Parish Office: (586) 727-5215 Fax: (586) 727-3760  
E-mail: [staugustinerichmond@comcast.net](mailto:staugustinerichmond@comcast.net)

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., or by appointment

Rev. Joseph Plawecki, Pastor - Ext. 115  
Rev. John Nedumcheril, Associate Pastor - Ext. 119  
Bob Fillhart, Business Manager - Ext. 116  
Colleen Baumgarten, Bookkeeper - Ext. 114  
Joe Agosta, Director of Music - Ext. 171  
Ted Suwalkowski, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Bev Clark,  
Christian Service Coordinator/Parish Secretary - Ext. 110

### Office of Faith Formation: (586) 727-9290

Tina Kovalcik,  
Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education - Ext. 125  
Lisa Hamel, After-School Program Assistant - Ext. 141  
Betty Raska, Secretary - Ext. 111

St. Augustine School: (586) 727-9365  
Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicschool.com>

Jerry Bagierek, Principal - Ext. 131  
Connie Miller, Secretary - Ext. 129  
Judy Rey, Secretary - Ext. 130

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

### Daily Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:00 a.m.;  
Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.; First Saturday of the Month - 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses:** 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, Noon and 4:15 p.m. in Church; or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Preparation is required. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation as far in advance as possible.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance; contact the Pastor for an appointment.

### Sacrament of the Sick:

Notify the Parish Office of any need for hospital or home visits.

### Registration and Parish Membership:

New Parishioners are always welcome!  
Call or visit the Parish Office during business hours to request registration materials.  
Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any change in your address, phone number, or membership status.

**Richmond Knights of Columbus:**  
Michael Misteravich, Grand Knight



## Stewardship

"... Wherever your treasure lies,  
there will your heart be..."

- Luke 12:34

### Weekend Collection April 17-18, 2010

Budget Amount: \$ 11,329.00  
April 17-18, 2010

Weekend Collection: \$ 10,947.74

Net over/(under): ( \$ 381.26 )

42nd Week Year-to-Date

Budgeted Total: \$ 475,818.00

Weekend Collection

Year-to-Date Total: \$ 439,162.30

Net over/(under): ( \$ 36,655.70 )

### *This Sunday Collection included:*

Number of adult envelopes used: 315

Loose collection: \$181.60

Number of children's envelopes used: 83

Children's collection: \$109.14

## St. Augustine Parish Council 2009-2010

† Gerry St. John, Chair

† Steven Kovalcik, Vice Chair

† Greg Rushlow, Secretary

† Mary Lou Brickel

† Otto Hohmann

† Tanya Muylaert

† Patty Smith

† Mary Szczerbinski

† Sue Thomas

† Fr. Joe Plawecki



## Our Parish Life

*Please remember in your prayers this week ...*

### Scriptures

### Intentions

**Monday, April 26, 2010**

Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

7:30 a.m. -  
Rosary  
8:00 a.m. -  
Mass

David Raska,  
req. by Mark, Christine & Juliana Cieglo

**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

6:00 p.m. -  
Rosary  
6:30 p.m. -  
Mass

Bernadette Smith,  
req. by Barbara Armstrong

**Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

**Saint Peter Chanel;  
Saint Louis Mary de Montfort**

Acts 12:24, 13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

7:30 a.m. -  
Rosary  
8:00 a.m. -  
Mass

Emily Rutkowski,  
req. by Dorothy Pietras

**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

7:30 a.m. -  
Rosary  
8:00 a.m. -  
Mass

**Friday, April 30, 2010**

**Saint Pius V**

Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

7:30 a.m. -  
Rosary  
8:00 a.m. -  
Mass

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

**Saint Joseph the Worker**

Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

8:00 a.m. -  
Mass  
Noon-12:30 p.m.,  
and  
4:15-4:45 p.m. -  
Reconciliation

Edward Tymoszek, Sr. -  
Birthday Remembrance,  
req. by the Cieglo and Tymoszek  
Families

*Sunday, May 2, 2010*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter



### *Eucharistic Liturgies:*

- Saturday -  
5:00 p.m.

- Sunday -  
7:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.;  
11:30 a.m.

### *Scriptures:*

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
Revelation 21:1-5a  
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

### *Intentions:*

Patricia Gale Hart,  
req. by John & Ann Pelachyk

Leo Weingartz,  
req. by Virginia Szymanowski &  
Genevieve Wroblewski

Mae Ottenbacher -  
Birthday Remembrance,  
req. by Her Family

Joann Schubert,  
req. by Chris & Sharon Shinska

Kenneth Bergeron,  
req. by Ed & Gerry St. John

***Please remember those who are ...***

**Facing the challenges of illness at home,  
Receiving extended care,  
and**

**those who have gone on to  
Celebrate Eternal Life in Christ**

*God the Father, Hear Our Prayer,*

*Hear Us, God the Son,*

*Holy Spirit, Hear Our Prayer,*

*Mercy on Your People, Lord.*

## Sunday's Scriptures

~ April 25, 2010 ~

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

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*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

– Revelation 7:17

In terms of eternity, how important is what you are doing now? Maintaining this perspective can help show you what's important on your journey toward heaven. Focusing on the splendid plans God has for us can help us not get caught up in distractions or side roads that go nowhere. Consider, for example, what is in heaven and what is available here to speed us on our journey.

There, in the company of the saints and angels, God shelters us with His presence. Here, we know His presence at times when He shelters us through a near miss in a car accident or allows things to happen that prevent a questionable relationship from becoming more serious.

There, hunger and thirst are no more. Here, we can share what we have by contributing to our local food cupboard or give as little as a drink of water to someone in Jesus's name.

There, the sun will not cause us to wither. Here, sitting a long time in an uncomfortably warm waiting room can teach us patience and hope.

There, the Lamb seated upon the throne will be our shepherd. Here, the Lamb guides us in the Eucharist and through the church.

There, God will wipe away every tear. Here, as we sit with a loved one in the last stages of cancer, we can wipe away tears ourselves as we minister Jesus's love.

Thanks to the redemption Jesus won for us, heaven is our inheritance, and every day brings us one step closer to our true home. What's more, every day that we live in the hope and expectation of that home, God gives us countless opportunities to manifest the glory of heaven to the world. So enjoy the trip today, knowing that the destination is amazing!

*"How glorious are Your promises, O Lord! Through your Son, we can experience an eternity of Your love. Lord, I revel in this promise today, even as I take up the call to work out my salvation in You."*



## Altar Sodality May Meeting

The next St. A's Altar Sodality meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

New members will each be presented with a Pin and a Constitution.

The Refreshment committee for the meeting is: Christina Kerin, Bernice Kowalski, Dorothy Raepsaet, Betty Raska, and Jacquie Rushlow.

### Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

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Cana. She stayed close – right up until his death on the cross.

As a mother, she was the first person to pray with him, teach him, laugh with him, and more. She is the perfect Mother! So, in a very special way she won the "crown of righteousness" [see 2 Timothy 4:8] – the "crown of glory" [see 1 Peter 5:4] that is promised to those who follow Jesus.

Here in the United States, a custom developed and grew in popularity before Vatican II. In parishes, someone is chosen to place a simple wreath of flowers on the statue of Mary. This ceremony took place in May which is the month that we honor or venerate our Blessed Mother, Mary. The ceremony sometimes took place in the context of a Benediction, a special Rosary celebration, or sometimes at the end of a particular Mass. This practice continues today in many parishes throughout the United States.

Mary's prayers for us and our intentions are requested. As we rejoice with her, we pray and hope in anticipation that one day we may share her dignity, when we ourselves may receive the "crown of glory."

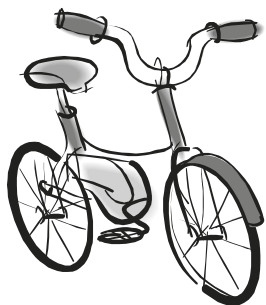
**Tina Kovalcik**

Pastoral Associate/DRE

### Faith Formation Registration 2010-2011

Do you have a child in 1st to 8th grade not enrolled in faith formation? Are you interested in preparing your child to celebrate a sacrament? Please contact the Faith Formation Office, (586) 727-9290, ext. 111, for details. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15**



# Bicycle Safety Rodeo

**Saturday, May 15  
10:00 a.m.  
Beebe Street Park**

Sponsored by the  
Kiwanis Club of Richmond,  
Richmond Police Department,  
Richmond Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep,  
and local businesses and  
service organizations

**Come Join The Fun!**

- ✧ One free helmet for each child with parent in attendance
- ✧ Learn to size and wear a helmet
- ✧ Demonstration by the Richmond Police Bicycle Officers
- ✧ Bike Parade around 'Safety Town' set up by Richmond Parks & Recreation



## ~ Project Kidsight ~

**Free Children's Eye Screening  
for ages 1-5**

**Saturday, May 15  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Richmond Community Center**

**Conducted by the  
Richmond Lions Club**

**This screening  
can be used for  
kindergarten  
documentation**



## ~ The Week Ahead ~

**Monday, April 26, 2010**

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Hall)

**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

10:00 a.m. OA Meeting (Room 5)  
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Room 7)

**Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Friday, April 30, 2010**

6:00 p.m. First Eucharist Practice (Church)



## St. Isidore Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 6 - 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
~ Early Bird Admission \$1.00 at 9:00 a.m. ~

Friday, May 7 - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
~ \$2.00 Bag Day! ~

23 Mile Road at Romeo Plank Road,  
Macomb Township  
(586) 286-1700



## "Fishin' for a Mission" Saturday, May 15

The PIME Missionaries are hosting "Fishin' for a Mission" – a special event for young men who'd like to learn more about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Men ages 16 to 30 are invited to visit the PIME headquarters in Detroit Saturday, May 15, for Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner with the PIME priests. Guests will have the chance to ask questions about the life of a missionary priest over a dinner of fish and a sampling of foods from countries in which PIME Missionaries work. RSVPs are requested – please call (313) 342-4066 or email outreach@pimeusa.org

If you cannot attend the event and are interested in learning about vocations with PIME, please call or email for more information or to arrange a visit. For an introduction to the work of the PIME Missionaries, visit their website: pimeusa.org



# Stewardship

“... Wherever your treasure lies, there will your heart be...”

– Luke 12:34

## Weekend Collection March 27-28, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
March 27-28, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 9,496.96</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 1,832.04 )</b>
39th Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 441,831.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 404,351.55</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 37,479.45 )</b>

*This Sunday Collection included:*

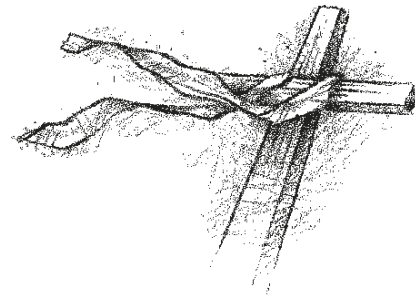
Number of adult envelopes used:	307
Loose collection:	\$690.80
Number of children's envelopes used:	99
Children's collection:	\$134.66

## Easter Collection 2010 April 3-4, 2010

Total Easter Vigil  
and Easter Sunday  
Collection: **\$8,841.00**

*This Collection included:*

Number of adult envelopes used: 283



## Weekend Collection April 3-4, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
April 3-4, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 11,262.72</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 66.28 )</b>
40th Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 453,160.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 415,614.27</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 37,545.73 )</b>

*This Sunday Collection included:*

Number of adult envelopes used:	234
Loose collection:	\$1,191.00
Number of children's envelopes used:	94
Children's collection:	\$138.49
February EFTs:	\$2,097.23

## Weekend Collection April 10-11, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
April 3-4, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 12,600.29</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>\$ 1,271.29</b>
41st Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 464,489.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 428,214.56</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 36,274.44 )</b>

*This Sunday Collection included:*

Number of adult envelopes used:	308
Loose collection:	\$596.34
Number of children's envelopes used:	44
Children's collection:	\$51.49
March EFTs:	\$2,412.46



## "Business 101" at St. A's

### 2010-2011 Budget Process

We are continuing to try to find areas where we can cut costs or increase income. We have managed to improve our bottom line by about \$50,000 so far, by adding some fundraising activities to the school and cutting expenses in all areas. We are still looking for about \$100,000 to balance next year's budget. It becomes harder and harder to try to balance the budget without impacting our employees too much, but we are dedicated to our employees' wellbeing and they are dedicated to us. The bottom line for developing each year's budget remains that we must live on what our parishioners give us. Please continue to pray for those of us working on the budget and for the hard decisions that we must make.

### Act of Charity

We have had a request from a resident at Richmond Pines, across the street from us on Howard Street, for a TV converter box. If you have one that you don't need or would like to purchase one for her, please either drop it off at the Parish Office or call me and I will give you the resident's name so you can personally deliver this donation.

### Country Store

Since the Festival financial report ran in the bulletin several weeks ago, we have had questions concerning the fact that the Country Store lost \$25 and had \$2,000 in expenses. Actually, the store did very good. And actually, all of the store's goods are donated. We have an arrangement with the Altar Sodality that they retain \$2,000 from the proceeds of the Country Store. They then take that money and earmark it for different projects in the Parish such as the new ramp, the Silver Bells Campaign, etc.



Continue to enjoy this wonderful and spiritual Easter season.

Welcome to Spring!

## ✻ St. A's Wish List ✻

The St. Augustine School Cafeteria is in need of  
**used or new stainless steel forks and knives,**  
and  
**new or gently used dish towels and wash cloths.**

The silverware is used for all occasions – funerals, fish fries, chicken dinners. Any and all donations will be gratefully accepted! Please contact the School or the Parish Office if you have items to donate.



### College Scholarships for Current High School Seniors and College Freshmen

The Del Papa-Grimaldi Scholarship Endowment Fund of the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation provides two college scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Fund was established to provide educational grants to individuals who (1) demonstrate good moral character, trustworthiness, and willingness to work to support themselves and others; and (2) demonstrate financial need. Current high school seniors and college freshmen planning to attend a college or university full-time in the 2010-2011 academic year are eligible.

Complete details can be found on the application forms, which are now available in the Parish Office. **Completed applications must be sent to the Archdiocese of Detroit postmarked no later than May 15, 2010.**

### *Things to Ponder*

"Unless someone like you  
cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better.  
It's not."

– Dr. Seuss

In Christ's Love,  
**Bob Fillhart**  
A Parish Family Member First,  
and also Your Business Manager  
rfillhar@hotmail.com



### Remembering Those Who Serve

- FNE3 Nathan Bilbrey
- 1Lt Kevin Chamberlain
- LCpl Kyle Dupuis
- Spc Samuel Feldman
- Mid3 Adam Haag
- Cpt Christopher Haag
- LT USN Ryan Haag
- Sgt Michael R. Hagan
- Cpt Michael A. Hoffman, D.D.S.
- Sgt Daniel Johns
- SP4 Cory Moore
- Cpt Christopher Platz
- Cpt Lisa Marie Platz
- TSgt Jeffrey Platz
- PFC Ryan Pryslak
- MSgt Kevin Quant
- Lt Col Matthew Rettke
- POHM2 John-Christopher Sbraccia
- SPC Kurtis Schneider
- PFC Nicholas Spens
- SMSgt Joseph Stevens
- SSG Raymond Stier
- PFC Christopher Tishler
- Sgt Nathaniel Wirgau
- SSgt Jeffrey Yelencich

# Thank You!

The ladies of St. A's Altar Sodality would like to thank everyone who donated items for this year's Rummage Sale. We had another successful year, thanks to your generosity in both donating and shopping!

Special thanks go to all who worked so hard on the Sale. From set-up to sale days to clean-up, the helpers were awesome! Special thanks to Ted and Brian of the St. A's maintenance staff, who helped every step of the way.

### St. Augustine Altar Sodality



### The Manhattan Declaration: Protecting Our Values

As Christians, we place great value in the sanctity of human life, the dignity and importance of marriage, and our right to religious freedom. Because our values are increasingly under assault from powerful forces in our culture, we are compelled today to speak out forcefully in their defense, and to commit ourselves to honoring them fully, no matter what pressures are brought upon us to abandon or compromise them.

The goal of The Manhattan Declaration is to build a movement of Christians who will stand together alongside other men and women of goodwill to advance the sanctity of human life, rebuild and revitalize the marriage culture, and protect religious liberty. Read the Declaration at the Archdiocese of Detroit website: [www.aodonline.org/manhattan](http://www.aodonline.org/manhattan)

**National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233**

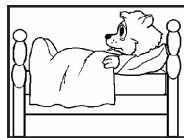
**Family Violence Hotline  
1-800-996-6228**

Do not suffer in silence ... You are NOT alone.

These hotlines are staffed with trained counselors who will provide crisis assistance and information.

### Remember The Sick

Please include the following name(s) on the Prayer List during May/June 2010



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Replacing the word "children" for "sheep," the Gospel reads: "My children hear my voice, I know them and they follow me." Have TV, videos, or the Internet taken your role as shepherd of your children? When they "hear your voice," what message are they hearing? If we don't act as we believe, we will believe as we act ... and so will our children.