



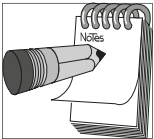
St. Augustine

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.

August 1, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



A Note From Fr. Joe

I would like to thank all of our Parishioners who donated their time and talent to organizing and running our annual Parish Golf Outing last Saturday. This is one of our major fundraisers which raises a significant amount of money for our Parish and to benefit our school. We are also grateful to all the golfers, who came out and enjoyed a beautiful day. We had a reasonably good turn-out and the weather cooperated for most of the day. Fr. John and I came to bless the participants, and we are grateful for the resulting success. We hope to have more participation next year.

Speaking of fundraisers, our next big effort is the Fall Festival, the first weekend in October, and we are still in need of many volunteers to make this a success. The "volunteer sign-up board" will be on display at all the Masses for several weekends. In this challenging economy we want to make a special effort to plan for a successful Fall Festival Weekend. If you haven't participated as a volunteer before, it can be fun and very rewarding. Please take some time to consider how you can help, and sign up.

Fr. Joe

Holy Hour for Peace and Conversions



**Friday, August 6
6:30 p.m. – in Church**



Much prayer is needed for peace in our world, for the victims of violence and natural disasters, and for protection from terrorist threats, and for the safety of our service men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world. All are invited to join together in prayer.

Attention: All Faith Formation Catechists

Just a brief reminder that we will have our Catechists meeting on Wednesday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7. Please bring your Catechist text book with you. This meeting is for all new and returning Catechists.

Attention: All Faith Formation Parent Volunteers

Parents who have signed up as classroom aides, hall monitors, and potluck dinner volunteers will meet on Thursday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7. If you have attended the "Protecting God's Children" workshop, please bring your certificate with you. If you have not yet attended, please call me so I can help you register.

Tina Kovalcik

Pastoral Associate/DRE

\$200 REWARD for the return of St. A's School historic class photos

A St. Augustine Parish member has generously offered a cash reward of \$200, no questions asked, for the return of the framed pictures of past St. A's School graduating classes that used to be displayed on a pedestal stand in the Parish Hall. If you have information on these photos, or would like to return them, please contact Bob Fillhart: call (586) 727-5215, ext. 116, or email rfillhar@hotmail.com

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

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

Bulletin Submissions Deadline: Noon on Monday for the
following weekend; deadline changes near major holidays.

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, 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 - (586) 764-6979



Stewardship

"Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with first fruits of all you produce:
then will your barns be filled with grain,
with new wine your vats will overflow."

— Proverbs 3: 9-10

Weekend Collection July 24-25, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
July 24-25, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 9,176.40</u>
Net over/(under):	(\$ 2,152.60)
4th Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 45,316.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 40,437.27</u>
Net over/(under):	(\$ 4,878.73)

This Sunday Collection included:

Number of adult envelopes used: 290
Loose collection: \$443.55
Number of children's envelopes used: 42
Children's collection: \$66.35

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



Scriptures

Intentions

Monday, August 2, 2010		St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard
Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:13-21	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Faye Boland, req. by Dorothy Pietras
Tuesday, August 3, 2010		
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14:22-36	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Lillian Martindale req. by Helen VanLoo & Family
Wednesday, August 4, 2010		St. John Mary Vianney
Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	For all Parish Priests, on the Feast Day of their Patron Saint
Thursday, August 5, 2010		The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	For all those in the U.S. Armed Forces
Friday, August 6, 2010		The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Dorothy Atkeson req. by Gaylene Schneider
Saturday, August 7, 2010		St. Sixtus II & His Companions St. Cajetan
Hb 1:12-2:4 Mt 17:14-20	8:00 a.m. - Mass 4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	In Celebration of David & Michel Lafata's 16th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, August 8, 2010

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Eucharistic Liturgies:

- Saturday -
5:00 p.m.

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

Scriptures:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Intentions:

Lawrence & Angela Rhein, Sr. -
Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by Their Family

Virginia Bartoszek,
req. by Her Husband,
Louis Bartoszek

David Raska,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bulski

Eleanor Blosch,
req. by Lloyd Sues Family

Helen Nehrenberg,
req. by Sharon Janish

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

~ August 1, 2010 ~

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 ~ Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

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A Reflection on the Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The request that prompted Jesus to tell this Gospel parable might seem to be a rather innocent one. Someone in the crowd just wanted to receive his fair share of his family's possessions. But to Jesus, the man's concern with money betrayed the fact that he had missed the point – he had focused his attention on the things of this world rather than storing up treasures in the kingdom of God.

So Jesus distanced Himself from this man's personal concerns, and proceeded to tell a story about a man with so much earthly wealth that he thought his future was secured. The rich landowner had "ample goods for many years," so why not "relax, eat, drink, [and] be merry"? It's easy to imagine this man at his leisure, enjoying the fruits of his labors.

So why is this man a fool? Don't we all take measures to provide for our future security? The problem with the man in the parable is that he didn't have his priorities straight. The wealthy man put all his trust in his possessions instead of putting his trust in God. He sought happiness and security by stockpiling his wealth, not even thinking of sharing it with others. We know from his monologue that he was self-centered, so the possibility of sharing his abundance with others apparently never even crossed his mind. He didn't thank God for his prosperity, nor did he seek advice from anyone about how to put his surplus to good use. His only thought was to build a bigger barn in which to store his wealth for his own future. He was so preoccupied with his possessions that he idolized them, letting them usurp God's rightful place in his life.

Suddenly, when the man was confronted with his imminent death, the senselessness of his actions was made plain to him. God himself says: "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (Luke 12:20)

The wealthy landowner's actions and his perspective on life were based on a set of falsehoods – which is why he was called a fool. How easy it is to deceive ourselves just as this rich fool did. We're susceptible to the same all-too-human tendencies that he was, and

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow



Our youth have asked and we have answered! They want to get together and do "Youth Ministry"! How wonderful is that?!

Our first event will be a car wash and then on to planning a visit to a Soup Kitchen. Please come out and support our Youth Ministry. We have not had an active group in a long time and this is just so awesome that NOW IS THE TIME to get our youth involved! If you have a child or know of someone in Grade 8 to Grade 12 and want to "get involved and make a difference" then have them contact me or Mrs. Marcie Dullea at (586) 727-8128.

Mrs. Dullea is a certified Catechist in our faith formation program and is working towards her Youth Ministry certification. She also serves as a "Called to Serve" facilitator for the Archdiocese of Detroit. While she continues to be active in her family life and faith life, she is finishing up classes toward a counseling degree. We are so fortunate that she has agreed to work with me on this journey.

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our vision can be just as short-sighted and distorted. We try to control our own destinies, when it is God who has ultimate control. Perhaps we base our security in riches and things we can see, forgetting that we can only be secure in God. Or, focused on our own well-being and interests, we neglect the needs of our neighbor. We forget that all we have comes from God – it's not really ours. We mistakenly live for the present, giving no thought to securing our eternal future.

The parable of the rich fool is another of Jesus's pointed and disquieting reminders that we are not to invest ourselves in the perishable riches of earth, but rather in the enduring riches of heaven, that will gain us eternal interest (Luke 12:21, 33). When we perceive the truth about God and the fullness of life that he offers us, we'll be eager to be "rich toward God" (12:21). "For where [our] treasure is, there [our] heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).



"Business 101"

at
St. A's

ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY – Part II

The most often asked question concerning the cemetery is, "What can I decorate the grave with?"

You are allowed to plant annuals within 12 inches directly in front of the grave monument. Planting of perennials, shrubs, trees, or any other live materials is not allowed. Now, there is a caveat about planting flowers in the cemetery – YOU must maintain them. We can ill afford to pay a maintenance person to trim, weed, water, or keep your flowers alive. If your flowers become overgrown, filled with weeds, or start to look dead, they will be cut down when the cemetery is being mowed and trimmed.

You can also plant annuals in pots, which you can hang from a shepherd's hook. The hook must be placed touching the front or side of the monument so it can be easily trimmed around. The same caveat applies - YOU must maintain them. If they start to look unkempt they will be disposed of.

Wooden, metal, or fiberglass boxes, urns, or tubs are not allowed. Only clay, fiberglass, or plastic pots not exceeding 10" in diameter and not over 6" high; or rustic baskets with handles not exceeding 12" in diameter, will be permitted for potted plants. Only one pot or basket is allowed per grave. All other containers will be removed without notice.

All flower pots must be removed no later than November 15 each year.

During the winter months we do permit live wreaths, evergreen blankets, and artificial decorations. Families are responsible for removing all winter decorations by April 15 each year.

Articles such as glass of any kind, any statuary, plaques, vases, watering cans, food tins, wood and iron vases, cardboard containers, ornaments, or bric-a-brac of any description will not be allowed and will be removed without notice.

We are not responsible for flowers, vases, or baskets of flowers that have been brought in for a funeral. All pieces will be removed the day following the funeral. If you want to keep some of the pieces they must be removed immediately following the service.

~ The Week Ahead ~

Monday, August 2, 2010

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

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

10:00 a.m. OA Meeting (Room 5)

Friday, August 6, 2010

6:30 p.m. Holy Hour (Church)

Imago Dei

Baby Bottle Drive



Please remember to return your baby bottle filled with your spare change next weekend, August 7-8.

Representatives from *Imago Dei* will be at all Masses next weekend to collect the bottles.

If you miss the deadline to bring your bottle to church, please drop it off at the Parish Office.

Flags and veteran emblems which are in disrepair or worn will be removed without notice. One flag only is permitted per grave.

Two last caveats about decorations in the cemetery. First: We are not responsible for safeguarding any decorations that are placed on the graves. Our cemetery is open to anyone, and we have had a few incidents of vandalism over the years. The Richmond Police do make drives through the cemetery but can't watch it constantly. Also: If we remove an item from a grave it is usually discarded. We do not have a place to store such items to see if someone will pick them up. If you have any questions about putting something on a grave, it is best to call the Parish Office and ask first.

Things to Ponder

"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand ."

– Chinese Proverb

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

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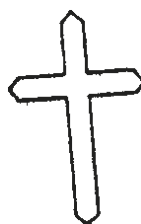
So please, SAVE THE DATE ...



St. A's Youth Ministry Car Wash

Saturday, August 28
Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Church Parking Lot!
Cost: Donation

Peace & Blessings,
Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE



White Crosses

On Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., the St. Augustine Pro-Life Group will be placing on the front lawn of the church 200 crosses representing those who have lost their lives to abortion. All Parishioners willing to help with this event are welcome. There have been approximately 50,000,000 people in the U.S.A. that have been aborted since abortion became legal in 1973. Each of the crosses represent 250,000 individual lives. The crosses will remain on the Church lawn until Sunday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping with either the set up or removal of the crosses.

St. Mary Queen of Creation Career Ministry
Presents

"A Corporate Recruiter Reveals Hiring Secrets"

Monday, August 2 – 7:00 pm

St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish Hall
50931 Maria, New Baltimore

- What is a recruiter looking for in your resume?
- Where does the recruiter post their job listings?
- What are the recruiter and hiring manager looking for when you interview?
- What's negotiable when it comes to job offers?

Kelly Smith, nationally known H.R. consultant and author of many trade articles and the book *The Recruiter's Hiring Secrets*, will share answers to these questions and much more Monday evening. If you have questions, you may e-mail the ministry at SMQOCM@aol.com or call the Queen of Creation office: (586) 725-2441. This career ministry regularly hosts events the first and third Monday of each month.

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 August-September