



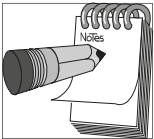
# St. Augustine

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 8, 2010**

**68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062**

**(586) 727-5215**



## *A Note From Fr. Joe*

I am grateful to have a very active Pro-Life Group in our Parish who are inviting us regularly to participate in activities which support the sanctity and dignity of human life, particularly that of the unborn. This week on Wednesday, August 11, the Pro-Life Group is hosting the display of 200 white crosses on the lawn in front of the church grounds. Each cross will represent 250,000 unborn babies killed through abortion since the January 22, 1973, Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision which made such a horrendous practice against life a legal option in our country.

The display of 200 or more crosses has been placed in front of many parish grounds over the years. This is just one effort to bring to light the ongoing holocaust against the most innocent human beings in our country. You can be certain that there will be a reaction to such a display. Whether the reaction is positive or negative, we need to give witness to the truth that life is sacred from the first moment of conception.

Recently, I received an article written by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. He is a regular presenter on the EWTN Catholic Network. He writes the following:

“Let me get right to the point. Human life is under serious attack right now in our country. And every Catholic has a moral obligation to stand up and defend the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Unfortunately, many are failing in this regard. And this has resulted in the ‘abortion on demand’ environment that is plaguing our country.

More than 4,000 little babies are murdered every day in the United States, and abortion is legal at any time for any reason.

## **Mass of the Anointing of the Sick with Healing Prayer**

**Wednesday, August 18**

**7:00 p.m.**

**St. Augustine Church**

Main Celebrant:  
Fr. Joseph Plawecki

Concelebrant:  
Fr. John Nedumcheril



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered as well as more informal healing prayer at the end of the Mass.

All are invited to come and experience the healing and merciful presence of Christ.

Our late Holy Father, John Paul II, encouraged Catholics to build a culture of life. No, actually, his words were stronger. What he really said was ‘woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life’ (JP II Denver).”

I encourage all of us to do what we can to support life. We have a special opportunity to do so through our Pro-Life Group which meets regularly and explores different avenues in the support of all human life. If you can, please become a member of this group, or at least, support their projects, which have also included the Imago Dei Baby Bottle Drive.

*Fr. Joe*

## St. Augustine Catholic Church

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

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Betty Raska, Secretary - Ext. 111

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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



## 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 31 - August 1, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
July 31 - Aug. 1, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 9,483.56</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 1,845.44 )</b>
5th Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 56,645.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 49,920.83</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>( \$ 6,724.17 )</b>

#### *This Sunday Collection included:*

Number of adult envelopes used: 286  
Loose collection: \$523.25  
Number of children's envelopes used: 38  
Children's collection: \$64.81

## 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 9, 2010		St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Mt 17:22-27	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Lynn Henson - Birthday Remembrance, req. by Gayleen Schneider
Tuesday, August 10, 2010		St. Lawrence
2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Mel Karol - 5th Anniversary Remembrance, req. by His Wife, Jean & Family
Wednesday, August 11, 2010		St. Clare
Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22 Mt 18: 15-20	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Harold Tessmer - Birthday Remembrance, req. Joan Elam
Thursday, August 12, 2010		St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21- 19:1	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Lillian Martindale, req. by Bob & Denise Stefanick
Friday, August 13, 2010		St. Pontian
Ez 16:1-15,60,63 Mt 19:3-12	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	John P. Brodacki - Anniversary Remembrance, req. by His Children
Saturday, August 14, 2010		St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32 Mt 19:13-15	4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	

Sunday, August 15, 2010  
**The Assumption of  
 the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary**



### Eucharistic Liturgies:

- Saturday -  
5:00 p.m.

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

### Scriptures:

Revelation 11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
 Luke 1:39-56

### Intentions:

Leo Weingartz,  
req. by Susan Given

Virginia Bartoszek,  
req. by Her Husband, Louis  
Bartoszek

David Raska,  
req. by Richard & Maryann Neiman

Bernadette Smith,  
req. by Raymond & Violet Raska

Rita Rose,  
req. by Harold & Therese Teska

***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 8, 2010 ~

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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*"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,  
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."*

– Luke 12:32

What a wonderful promise! God delights in giving us His kingdom – in taking us to be with Him forever. But before we see this promise realized, there is a lot of waiting. The Israelites knew God would defeat their enemies, but they had to wait out many plagues before Pharaoh finally let them go. God promised Abraham a son, but look how long his childlessness stretched on before Isaac was born. Similarly, we know that Jesus will knock at our door one day to take us to His side, but until then, we have to hold on to our faith.

It's good to know that we are not waiting in the dark with no idea of what it will be like when the Kingdom comes. Because of Jesus's cross and resurrection, the Kingdom has already begun to unfold in our world and in our hearts. We get a glimpse of it every time we gather to worship the Lord. We see it in the least of His people, whose needs tug at our hearts. We feel it when we forgive someone who has wronged us, and when we receive forgiveness from someone we have hurt.



So don't hesitate to invest in God's Kingdom. Choose every day to live as you want to live when the Kingdom comes in all its fullness. As you do, something wonderful and surprising happens: Jesus Christ, your King, sits you down and waits on you! He honors you for helping someone when you could just as easily have turned away. He congratulates you for turning the other cheek and not seeking revenge. He rewards you for caring for His beloved poor.

God is never outdone in generosity. He has promised you the Kingdom, and He delivers on that promise every day!

*"Father, thank You for calling me to live in Your kingdom. I place my heart into Your keeping, for You are my only treasure."*

## Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow



### The Lord's Table

#### Why should non-Catholics refrain from participation in the Eucharist?

Great question!

In I Corinthians 11:27-29, St. Paul warns us about receiving Eucharist improperly, and this should give all Christians cause for reflection. St. Paul tells us, *"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

In light of this and other scriptural and traditional references, the Church obliges Catholics to make sure that they are properly disposed prior to approaching the Table of the Lord. What is "being properly disposed?" An example of this would be not to receive Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin. There are other dispositions as well. Those who deny that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of our Lord, and those believing it to be just a symbol, should also refrain from receiving Communion. To use the words of the apostles, they would be eating and drinking *"without discerning the body"* properly, placing themselves in danger of judgment.

This is only one reason why non-Catholics should not participate in the Eucharist in a Catholic church: they typically deny that it is truly Christ's Body and Blood. We find this reason of restriction by other words from St. Paul: *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."* (I Cor 10:16-17)

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

### ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY – Part III

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO LOT HOLDERS AND LOT HOLDER'S RIGHTS –

1. The management reserves the right to specify the terms of purchase of all interment rights in graves, lots, or crypts, and to fix the number of interments allowed to a grave, lot, or crypt.
2. No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind are allowed around the grave or lot and will be removed by management without notice.
3. The use of a grave, lot, or crypt is for the interment purposes only of the grave holder, the grave holder's relatives, or the grave holder's designee. The Certificate of Right of Burial is not transferable without written consent of the management. The owner of the Certificate of Right of Burial shall not have any right to sell, transfer, exchange, or in any manner dispose of said grave, lot, or crypt without written consent of the management.
4. In the event the owner of the Certificate of Right of Burial wishes to return a grave, lot, or crypt to the cemetery, and it is acceptable to the management, only the original purchase price shall be reimbursed less an administration fee and any other required service charges.
5. In the event of the death of the owner of the Certificate of Right of Burial, any and all privileges shall pass to the heirs in the manner provided under the Estate Laws of the State of Michigan.

#### RIGHT OF ALTERATION –

1. The management reserves the right at anytime to erect buildings, for any purpose or use connected with the operations of the cemetery.
2. The management may, without notice, modify or alter any portion of the cemetery.

### ~ The Week Ahead ~

**Monday, August 9, 2010**

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

**Tuesday, August 10, 2010**

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

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010**

5:30 p.m. Pro-Life Group Placing Lawn Crosses

6:30 p.m. Catechists Meeting (Room 7)

**Thursday, August 12, 2010**

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge

6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Group Meeting (Room 2)

6:00 p.m. Cantors Rehearsal (Church)

#### Attention: All Faith Formation Catechists

Just a brief reminder that we will have our Catechists meeting this week – 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

### *Things to Ponder*

"The greatest compliment that was ever paid me was when one asked me what I thought, and attended to my answer."

– Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862),  
Philosopher, Writer, Naturalist

In Christ's Love,

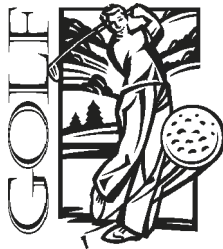
**Bob Fillhart**

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



Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, prize donors, and volunteers who supported this year's St. Augustine Golf Outing. Even though our numbers were down, we had another successful outing. Good golf, good food, good weather (thanks to Fr. Joe's and Fr. John's prayers and some rosaries hanging in trees!) made a good time for all.

Sincerely,  
*St. A's Golf Outing Committee ...*  
*Len, Cass, Dee, Scott & Janice, John & Karen*

## Parish Festival Tickets!

Your packet of raffle tickets for our Fall Festival is waiting for you in the Church gathering area! Please sell or purchase as many tickets from your packet as you can – the raffle is very important to the Parish "bottom line". And remember, the sooner you turn in your ticket stubs and money, the more Early Sellers Raffle chances you'll have to win a great prize!

Also, don't forget to stop at the Festival Volunteers sign-up board in the gathering area of Church, and choose an area or two where you'd like to volunteer. Many hands make light work, and the more volunteers we have, the more FUN it will be! Please help make our 2010 Festival a success.

### Live ~ Learn ~ Grow *(Continued from page 4)*

The Eucharist signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship among those who partake of it. So reception of the Eucharist by those separated from the Catholic Church is in a sense dishonest. It implies a unity that does not yet exist. (A few exceptions are allowed for pastoral reasons in extraordinary situations)

In the meantime, let's use the opportunity of Reconciliation and the opportunity to complete missed sacraments, and let's get our sacramental life back where it should be – on the table! God gives us many graces; let's not turn our back on what He wants to give us so freely. For information on how you can do this – call me at extension 125.

**Tina Kovalcik**  
 Pastoral Associate/DRE

### 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



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