



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.

December 5, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



Note from Father Joe

I would like to thank the many volunteers who have already done a wonderful job of getting our church ready for Advent, and who are also in the process of putting up the Christmas decorations in our church and on the parish grounds. This is really a team effort and they do a great job each year. There are too many decorations to put up in a single week, so they are gradually being put up



without taking away from the spirit of preparation during Advent.

Purple is the traditional color for Advent.

It is the color of royalty. In ancient times, good purple dye was quite expensive. Kings wore purple garments. During Advent, the purple color reminds us what we should be preparing ourselves for what is of greater and lasting value, rather than what is trivial and temporary. Unlike the weekend newspapers which are bloated with advertisements of the latest gimmicks and gadgets, God's Word calls us to get ready to receive the royal gift of His Son, Jesus, who is the King of Kings.

During Advent, we are called to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ the King, who is coming in glory. This requires us to have our priorities in order, avoid distractions, and make the effort to live the life of the Kingdom now and through our commitment and service to Jesus Christ.

There are many opportunities to offer a special gift to our King as we prepare to celebrate His birth. Consider providing a Christmas gift to a needy child or family by taking an ornament from the "Giving Tree" in church. You can also bring in an extra donation of canned goods or other non-perishable item for the Richmond Food Pantry, which is receiving more requests for aid this year. In addition, you can purchase one or more St. Augustine Spring Raffle Tickets as gifts for family members before Christmas. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses every weekend until Christmas. Those who get their tickets early have the opportunity to win \$300 in Scrip gift cards of the winner's choice on Monday, December 20th, in addition to the cash prizes in the main raffle. These are just a few ways that we can truly celebrate the gift of God's love made flesh in our Lord Jesus in this special time.

F. Joe



Second Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 8
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, December 11
12:00 Noon - 12:30 p.m.
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

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 Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicchurch.com>
 Email - staugustinerichmond@comcast.net

Parish Office: (586) 727-5215 Fax: (586) 727-3760

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

Bulletin Submissions Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Friday for the following weekend; deadline changes near major holidays. Please submit **electronically** to dbertossi.st.a@comcast.net

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
 Barbara Armstrong & Patti Misiuk, Secretaries - 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

Youth Ministry (586) 727-9290

Marcie Dullea, Youth Minister

St. Augustine School: (586) 727-9365

Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicsschool.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.

~ This Week Ahead ~

Monday, December 6, 2010

6:00 p.m. - Festival Committee Meeting (Room 7)
 8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

6:00 p.m. - Altar Sodality Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Immaculate Conception of Mary

6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. - Masses

Thursday, December 9, 2010

10:30 a.m. - Mass at Medilodge
 6:00 p.m. - Cantor Rehearsal (Church)
 6:00 p.m. - Pro-Life Meeting (Room 2)
 6:30 p.m. - Advent by Candlelight (Hall)
 7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Room 3)
 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, December 11, 2010

12:00 Noon - Reconciliation (Church)
 4:15 p.m. - Reconciliation (Church)
 4:30 p.m. - Altar Sodality Bake Sale (School Hallway)

St. Augustine Parish Pastoral Council 2010-2011

- † **Debbie Michon** - Chair
- † **Otto Hohmann** - Vice Chair
- † **Jill Hebel** - Secretary

- † **Steven Kovalcik** -
- † **Douglas Kubick** -
- † **Jessica Leenknecht** -
- † **Elizabeth Montgomery** -
- † **Greg Rushlow** -
- † **Patty Smith** -
- † **Fr. Joe Plawecki** -

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:

Brian J. Brickel, Grand Knight -



Our Parish Life

Scriptures

Intentions

Monday, December 6, 2010		St. Nicholas
Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	For the School Children of St. Augustine
Tuesday, December 7, 2010		St. Ambrose
Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Joe Manchik req. by Patricia & Francis Manchik
Wednesday, December 8, 2010		Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Masses - 6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	For the People of St. Augustine Parish
Thursday, December 9, 2010		St. Juan Diego
Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	For World Peace
Friday, December 10, 2010		
Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	
Saturday, December 11, 2010		St. Damasus I
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	12:00 Noon - 12:30 p.m.- Reconciliation 4:15 - 4:45 p. m. - Reconciliation	

Sunday, December 12, 2010

Third Sunday of Advent



+Eucharistic Liturgies:

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

Scriptures:

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Intentions:

Michael Sapovich &
Stella Klepaczyk,
req. by Joann Pierzynski

Virginia Bartoszek,
req. by Her Husband,
Louis Bartoszek

Joseph Burg -
Remembrance Mass,
req. by Mary Lou Burg & Family

Deceased Members of
The Schweiger Family,
req. by The Schweiger Family

Raymond Ruhlman,
req. by William & Aggie Esper

Please remember those who are...

**Facing the challenges of illness at home or in the hospital,
Receiving extend 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.*

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Church Tour – Part III

The last two weeks I have been writing about relearning the proper names and places of items or “furniture” in the Church. This is part III of that article.

Last week I left off in the sanctuary at the credence table. The chairs immediately next to the credence table are for the Altar Servers.



What a great ministry to belong to! Every time I am blessed to be an altar server I feel like I sit in awe during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. To hear the beautiful Eucharistic

prayers and see the elements changing before my eyes — at a very close distance – it just doesn’t get any better than this! Our God is an awesome God!

Immediately behind the Altar (or the Altar of the Eucharist) is the Tabernacle. The tabernacle is a place where the Eucharist is kept during the week. As a sign of reverence, we genuflect or profound bow whenever we pass in front of the tabernacle. The new approved posture is the profound bow. You may see many ministers bowing instead of genuflecting. The red candle which stands next to the tabernacle is the sanctuary candle. We always have a single candle burning by the tabernacle to show the presence of the Eucharist. This shows the presence of Christ, the light of the world, in the church. It also represents our watchfulness before Christ.

The sacristy, just off of the sanctuary, is the room in the church where the celebrant prepares for Mass. Most of the objects used for Mass are kept in this room. This room is another place of reverence. We would treat this area just as if we were standing in the sanctuary. Just outside the sacristy is the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue.



Around the corner we have the statue of St. Joseph, holding baby Jesus. The symbols on the wall are not money signs (as many have asked me, “Why do we have money signs on the wall?”) they are an “S” and a “J” overtop each other which stands for “St. Joseph” just as the opposite wall has BM which stands for “Blessed Mother”. Again, we have our vigil candles.

Near our electric keyboard you will see a yellow and white flag. This flag is the Papal Flag - the flag of Vatican City. The white bears the seal of the Vatican State, consisting of the tiara and crossed keys, with the inscription *Stato della Citta’ del Vaticano*. On the interior walls of the assembly, you will see the “Stations of the Cross” displaying the Passion and Death of the Lord. These stations are a devotion performed by meditating on the Passion of Christ.



Next week I will wrap up our “Church Tour.” I hope that you have learned something new in our very brief tour. Our history is rich and deep, and due to bulletin space, I am not able to cover every item in depth. If you would like to know more, I would love the opportunity to hand on our faith and teach you more!

Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE



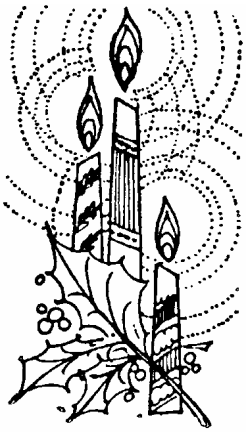
What is the Roman Missal?

The Roman Missal is the ritual book that contains all the prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of the Eucharist for the entire Roman Catholic Church. This book is always issued in a Latin text called the *editio typica* [typical edition].

In 1970, Pope Paul VI promulgated the official text of the liturgy as it was reformed after the Second Vatican Council. The Latin text was then translated into various languages for use around the world. The use of various languages was a change that the bishops at the Second Vatican Council decided was necessary, since the primary goal of the liturgy is the full, conscious, and active participation of the people of God. The first English edition was published in the United States in 1973.



In 2000, Pope John Paul II promulgated the third edition of the Roman Missal. Once again, translators worked on this edition. In March of 2010, the United States Bishops Conference received word that the translation had approval...but there were some minor changes that Rome wanted to make. We are now in the process of waiting for the approved text, with the changes that Rome has made, to be sent from the Vatican.



*St. Augustine
Advent
by
Candlelight*

*An invitation
to
all women*

*Thursday, December 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.*

Parish Center Hall

Guest Speaker - Anita Houghton

*Topic: Jesus ~ A Light Shining
In the Darkness*

*Come and enjoy an evening
with friends, and share the
Spirit of the Season
with prayer and reflection.
Come and bring a friend
Come and pray with us
Come Prepare
the Way of the Lord!*

Come!

*Reservations are requested
Call (586) 727-9290 ext 125*

*Refreshments will be served
A freewill offering will be taken*

*Would you like to set a table
for six?*

*Please call Tina at (586) 727-9290,
ext 125*

Handling Stress!

Now, more than ever, unhealthy stress is creeping into our lives! **Dr. Tom Karas** will be giving a presentation on how to handle stress in a split second in order to avoid long-term stress that can affect our daily lives. Stress, if not properly addressed, affects our health, relationships and day-to-day living. The **Career Ministry Team** invites **EVERYONE** to attend this beneficial presentation no matter what degree of stress you experience. There is no obligation to join or come to another presentation. As we contend with job-loss, family situations and the holidays creeping up on us, come and join us to find a better way to handle it ALL! Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13th, at Holy Family Church, Memphis site. For further information contact John Mastej at jwmastej@yaoo.com or call (810) 310-0431 and leave a message.



The Choirs of St. Joseph Annual Winter Concert

Friday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church,
1331 7th St. (at Chestnut St)
Port Huron

The St. Joseph Chorale and the Celebration Singers will combine to present **CHRISTMAS PEACE - CALLED TO BE PEACEMAKERS**. The concert will explore our peacemaking role as a daughter or son of God in the fulfillment of God's plan through the journey of Jesus' life beginning in Bethlehem.

Donations will be accepted after each concert to benefit the work of *The Peoples' Clinic for Better Health*.

For further information, call (810) 982-4133.



Call for Mail!

Our seminarian, Br. Adam Farkas, would enjoy hearing from everyone. You may write him at:

Brother Adam Farkas
 St. Anthony Friary
 5000 Colerain Ave.
 Cincinnati, OH 45223-1213

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask: “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”



Altar Sodality Christmas Potluck

The December meeting of the St. Augustine Altar Sodality will be held in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, December 7, with the annual Christmas potluck starting at 6:00 p.m.** for those who wish to attend the 6:30 Mass.

Each Sodality member is asked to bring:

1. A large dish to pass.
2. An unwrapped baby gift for the NCCW layettes. They are in need of newborn & size 1 diapers.
3. Toiletries and phone cards for the service men and women.

The Refreshment Committee for the meeting is: Kathy Grande, Sharon Ozark, Mary Lou Brickel, and Donna Pack.

There will be a short Sodality meeting after dinner.

Stewardship -

Weekly Sunday Collection November 21, 2010

Budget Amount	\$ 11,329.00	Number of adult envelopes used:	320
Collection Amount	\$ 10,249.67	Loose collection	\$658.07
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,079.33)	Number of children's envelopes used:	81
Week 21 YTD Budget Amount	\$237,909.00	Children's collection	\$110.05
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$206,456.49		
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 31,452.51)		

Weekly Sunday Collection November 28, 2010

Budget Amount	\$ 11,329.00	Number of adult envelopes used:	285
Collection Amount	\$ 8,688.29	Loose collection	\$579.50
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 2,640.71)	Number of children's envelopes used:	68
Week 22 YTD Budget Amount	\$249,238.00	Children's collection	\$ 94.79
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$215,144.78		
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 34,093.22)		

Catechist Formation Opportunities

Tuesday Evenings

6:30 p.m.

St. Mark Parish
4401 Bart St.
(9 Mile & Ryan Area)
(North of Nine Mile & East of Ryan)
Warren, MI 48091
(586) 759-3020
Plipard@aol.com

By Deacon Paul Lippard

REGISTRATION: Return to your Parish DRE or send to:

Deacon Paul Lippard
ST. MARK PARISH
4401 BART
WARREN, MI 48091
Plipard@aol.com

- _____ #15 Mary – Tuesday, October 12th
- _____ #8 Church – Tuesday, November 9th
- _____ #11 Prayer – Tuesday, December 7th
- _____ #14 Theology – Tuesday, January 11th
- _____ #16 Vatican II – Tuesday, February 8
- _____ #18 Spirituality – Tuesday, March 15
- _____ #19 Catholic Social Teaching -
Tuesday, April 12

NAME _____

PHONE _____

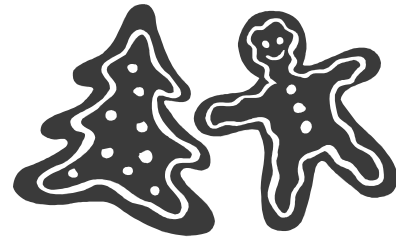
PARISH _____

There is no fee for this session. There will be a free will offering.

Please register so we can have enough snacks and Supplies.

REGISTER BY MAIL, EMAIL OR PHONE

*If you are making out a check, make it payable to: **ST. MARK PARISH***



Altar Sodality Bake Sale

Saturday, December 11
Before and after 5:00 p.m. Mass



Sunday, December 12
After all Masses

School Entrance Hallway
(Main school entrance on Howard St.)

Stop in and buy some sweet holiday
treats!



Enroll for Winter Term Today!

Do you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to serve the Church as a layperson? Sacred Heart Major Seminary offers diploma and degree programs that can prepare you to serve the Church in professional ministry as catechists, religious education directors, liturgical coordinators, youth ministers and music ministers, to name just a few. Perhaps you would just like to enrich your own knowledge of the Catholic faith, so that you can effectively share the Good News of Jesus Christ with your family and co-workers. An introductory course in Theology or Sacred Scripture might just be what you're looking for!

Why not get started during Winter Term 2011 on your journey toward a career in ministry? Call (313) 883-8520 to speak with an admissions counselor. The deadline for new student admissions is December 15. Classes start January 10, 2010.



Remembering Those Who Serve

- DC2 Troy Baran
- FNE3 Nathan Bilbrey
- Cpt Kevin Chamberlain
- Cpl 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
- 1Lt David F Kuntz
- Cpl Christopher Lemke
- SP4 Cory Moore
- Cpt Christopher Platz
- Cpt Lisa Marie Platz
- MSgt Jeffrey Platz
- PFC Ryan Pryslak
- MSgt Kevin Quant
- 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



The Richmond Community Choir

presents

“Sing we now of Christmas”

**Friday, December 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 12, 2010
2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**Richmond High School
Auditorium
35320 Division
Richmond**

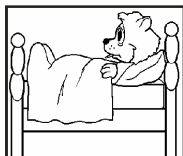
No Tickets Required

Limited Seating Available



Remember The Sick

Please include
the following name(s)
on the Prayer List during
December - January



Submitted by: _____

**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.