



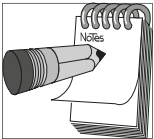
St. Augustine

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.

July 25, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

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A Note From Fr. Joe

I would like to express our special gratitude to John Knapp who took the time to resurface and repaint the parking area next to the new ramp. He worked on the hottest days during the July 4th weekend to make sure we have properly designated parking areas for the physically-challenged. We give our thanks to John and all those who regularly donate their time, labor, and funds, often unseen, for the good of our Parish.

We are also grateful for the involvement of adults and several young people in the painting projects of the last two weeks of June. They did a beautiful job painting murals in the basement hallways of the church. We are hoping that activities such as this will be the beginning of a youth group in our Parish.

We have plans to coordinate our Faith Formation program with a youth-orientated Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays on a regular basis. It's important that we make special efforts to reach out to our young people, whom the Church will depend on to carry out the work of Christ in the future.



It's still not too late to help support the missionary work of the Church in the Commonwealth of Dominica. Fr. Nigel Karam and his Catholic community will be grateful for whatever financial

support that you can give, which will help support Catholic media in his island country as well as meet other needs. The yellow missionary participation envelopes will still be available near the entrances of the church for your donations.

Fr. Joe

\$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



"Business 101" at St. A's

THE BELLS OF ST. AUGUSTINE: We are trying to get the bells going. We really are. Hopefully by the time you read this they will finally be ringing when they should.

We were told by the company, "No problem – just plug it in where the old one was and you will be all set." Nothing could have been further from the truth.

The old bell controller was plugged into a normal 110V outlet; the new one needed a dedicated 220V line. We



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St. Augustine Catholic Church

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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



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 17-18, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
July 17-18, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 11,541.61</u>
Net over/(under):	\$ 212.61
3rd Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 33,987.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 31,260.87</u>
Net over/(under):	(\$ 2,726.13)

This Sunday Collection included:

Number of adult envelopes used: 286
Loose collection: \$733.00
Number of children's envelopes used: 43
Children's collection: \$70.40
June EFTs: \$2,202.46

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, July 26, 2010		St. Joachim & St. Anne
Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	George Sobak, req. by Gayleen Schneider
Tuesday, July 27, 2010		
Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Bernadette Smith, req. by Gayleen Schneider
Wednesday, July 28, 2010		
Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Helen Nehrenberg, req. by Duane & Jacquie Rushlow
Thursday, July 29, 2010		St. Martha
Jer 18:1-6 Jn 11:19-27	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Bert Sehling & Rosemarie Scherb, req. by Mary LaPrairie
Friday, July 30, 2010		St. Peter Chrysologus
Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	William Luszczyki - 4th Anniversary Remembrance, req. by His Family
Saturday, July 31, 2010		St. Ignatius of Loyola
Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12	4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	

Sunday, August 1, 2010
**18th 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:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
 Luke 12:13-21

Intentions:

Leo Weingartz,
req. by Monica, Leon, Ashley &
Megan Jamison

 Virginia Bartoszek,
req. by Her Husband, Louis

 Bernadette Smith,
req. by Raymond & Violet Raska

 Patricia Riedel -
Birthday Remembrance,
req. by Karen & John Knapp

 Irene Caughell,
req. by Her Family & Friends

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

~ July 25, 2010 ~

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32 ~ Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

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"Ask. Seek. Knock."

– Luke 11:9

We all have our limits. Even with our own children, we have only so much patience. Sometimes we just get worn out and can lose our cool with them.

Isn't it amazing, then, to hear Jesus say that our heavenly Father has unlimited patience? Isn't it astounding that He tells us to go ahead and wear God out with our requests?

Despite these assurances, we can still find it hard to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking on heaven's door. We still love God and trust Him, but a sense of fate or common sense can overcome simple, trusting faith in the God of the impossible. We get worn out quickly or we lose our focus. Perhaps we spend a day or two on a petition, but we are nothing like the persistent neighbor with his nighttime request.

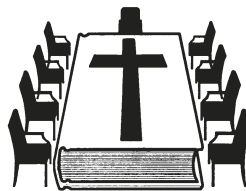


God wants us to bombard Him with our petitions every day! He assures us that we cannot overdo it. Part of the solution to problems like abortion, war, illness, broken families, and grinding poverty is constant, persistent, unrelenting prayer. Our Father wants to give us good gifts. He wants to help us with our problems.

So be persistent. Go to Him every day, and ask and ask and ask. Never stop asking. Never give up. Never lose hope.

"I thank you, Lord, with all my heart ... When I cried out, you answered; you strengthened my spirit." So prayed the psalmist in this weekend's readings (Psalm 138:1,3). Surely we too can cry out to heaven with patience and persistence. Surely we too can keep on asking, seeking, and knocking. Why? Because "the Lord is on high, but cares for the lowly" (138:6). That's each one of us. He will never leave us wanting!

"Father, we ask You to heal our wounded, suffering world. Pour out grace from Your throne, and renew the face of the earth. We will never stop praising You, for we know that you are faithful to the end."



Our Baptism Calls Us to Ministry

During the Summer, many of us "take a break" from thinking about volunteer work. No problem with that! Everyone deserves a vacation, and volunteering is sometimes even more demanding – and more deserving of a vacation – than our usual day-to-day work.

But Fall will soon be here ... so now is actually a great time to start thinking about your role in Parish life! This Summer, devote some prayer time to considering our Parish Commissions. They are Education, Worship, Stewardship/Finance, and Christian Service. Each of these Commissions offers you an important way to enter more deeply into the mission of Jesus, to help realize the Kingdom of God on earth.

Offer a prayer that you might be able to discern your gifts and talents this summer, to find a way to offer yourself as a full, active member of the Body of Christ.

All of us, by virtue of our Baptism, are called to ministry. It may be easier to think of ministry as "church programs." But it's much broader than just "church work". The real arena of ministry's activity is the world of everyday living. We must be nurtured for ministry *in society*, rather than simply be recruits for tasks in and for the Church.

Please consider the areas in which you can get involved. What we do here as a Parish family is practice, on a smaller scale, for being the people we are called to be. And when we become who we are called to be, we can set the world on fire!

When He calls you,
He wants YOU.

When He chooses you,
He wants YOU.

You are His treasure
and His delight!

This Summer, let yourself say, "Here I am, Lord – send me!" If you have any questions about where and when Parish life needs you, feel free to ask any staff member, this Summer or in the Fall. All are welcome!

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Each year we form our children in our Catholic faith. Every day we teach them something new. We model our faith. We live as examples of Christ in the world today. It is through the faith formation taking place in the family that children are most perfectly prepared to live, learn, and grow in faith. Through this journey, our children prepare to celebrate sacraments and put their faith into action. Let me help you on this journey in faith.

Our department invites Parish families who are not currently registered in a faith formation program to register in our Wednesday or Sunday, grades 1 through 8 programs.

Each program is different in regards to meeting times and program home-study expectations. Please call me at (586) 727-9290 ext. 125, or email me at faithformation@staugustinecatholicchurch.com and we can discuss which one fits your family's schedule.

Those wishing to celebrate sacraments need two formal years of religious instruction before being invited to prepare to celebrate sacraments. Faith is a life-long journey with spiral learning. Sometimes, it is a challenge to our children to be expected to know their faith in detail, if they have not practiced or been formed in their faith. That is why I am writing this letter of invitation to you to make sure that I have communicated the options and the responsibilities of making faith formation a priority for your family. Again, allow me to help you with this. I will be out of the office July 1 to August 2, but I will be checking voicemails and email periodically. Our program begins the week of September 20, so don't delay in registering!

Please contact me if you would like to participate in our program. We would love to have you involved in our Faith Formation family!

Peace ~

Tina Kovalcik

Pastoral Associate/DRE

~ The Week Ahead ~

Monday, July 26, 2010

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

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

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

Thursday, July 29, 2010

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



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Loving parents don't give children everything they request. We strive to provide what they need. This is the lesson of today's Gospel. As our children trust us, so we must trust Our Father. Just as trust gives security to our children, so our trust in God, Our Father, will give security to us as well.

Parents are the windows through which children see "Our Father." As we "forgive them their trespasses" and nurture them with the "daily bread" of food and affection, they will see God as loving and forgiving.

Children are the key to understanding today's Gospel. Telling us to address God as "Our Father," Jesus teaches that God is our parent and reveals the awesome vocation of parenting: *we mirror God* to our children. Who is the God they see reflected in you?

Telling us to address God as "Our Father," Jesus teaches that God is like a dad. This places a heavy responsibility on all dads, for your children learn what "Father" means through you. What is the image of God you are teaching your children?

Our Parish Festival Needs YOU!

Please stop at the Festival Volunteers sign-up board in the back 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 everyone will have! The Festival is a very important fundraiser for St. Augustine Parish this year, so please contribute your time to help make it a success.

St. Augustine Parish is a proud supporter of

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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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brought in an electrician to run that line. We have tried and tried to program the controller, but to no avail; it has been ringing all night long. We will be working with the company’s tech support during the week to try and straighten out the issues. Don’t give up hope – the bells of St. Augustine will yet ring again!

ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY: In my next several columns, I would like to talk about our cemetery and the rules and regulations that we use to run it.

If you have driven through the cemetery, you know that the grounds are always mowed and trimmed and kept in very good shape. That is a tribute to all the work that Ray Rabine does there. Dave Brandel and Tony Manchik also do work on the cemetery grounds. I thank all of them for their ongoing hard work and commitment.

We have had work done on the cemetery garage and shed and have had most of the roadways repaved. The paving contractor will be back this summer to correct some problems with his work that need to be addressed, and to also raise the drain and widen the turn on the front road.

This Spring we opened the last section of the cemetery, and when those plots have been sold we will be out of space. We have recently begun talks with Lenox Township about the possibility of expanding into their Township. This does not mean that we would be asking for annexation into Richmond, just permission to expand. My understanding is that they would have to amend their master plan to allow us to do that. If they agree to this, we would then contact the developer that owns the property adjacent to the current cemetery boundary and see if we could work out something to acquire a few acres of that property. I will keep you updated on this.

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



Things to Ponder

“A human being is only interesting if he's in contact with himself. I learned you have to trust yourself, be what you are, and do what you ought to do the way you should do it. You have got to discover you, what you do, and trust it.”

– Barbra Streisand (b. 1942)
Singer, actress

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