

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Statue of Liberty, rendered in a blue color, set against a large American flag. The flag's stars and stripes are clearly visible, with the stars in the upper left and the stripes running horizontally across the rest of the image. The Statue of Liberty is positioned on the left side, holding a torch aloft in her right hand and a tablet in her left. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# 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.

*Your kindness  
should be known to all.*

*The Lord is near.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:5

July 4, 2010

FREEDOM

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(586) 727-5215

## St. Augustine Catholic Church

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

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

— Luke 12:34

### Weekend Collection June 26-27, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
June 26-27, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 10,903.23</u>
Net over/(under):	<b>(\$ 425.77)</b>

52nd Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 589,108.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 542,776.62</u>

Net over/(under):	<b>(\$ 46,331.38)</b>
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#### *This Sunday Collection included:*

Number of adult envelopes used: 274  
Loose collection: \$562.53  
Number of children's envelopes used: 50  
Children's collection: \$59.70  
May EFTs: \$1,860.00

## 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 5, 2010		St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26	7:30 a.m. – Rosary 8:00 a.m. – Mass	Virginia Bartoszek, req. by Her Husband, Louis Bartoszek
Tuesday, July 6, 2010		St. Maria Goretti
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38	6:00 p.m. – Rosary 6:30 p.m. – Mass	Elmer Schulte - 14th Anniversary Remembrance, req. by The Schulte Family
Wednesday, July 7, 2010		
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7	7:30 a.m. – Rosary 8:00 a.m. – Mass	Margaret Frammolino - On the Occasion of Her 90th Birthday, req. by Her Brother, Louis
Thursday, July 8, 2010		
Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Mt 10:7-15	7:30 a.m. – Rosary 8:00 a.m. – Mass	Anthony Jahn, req. by The Jahn Family
Friday, July 9, 2010		St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions
Hos 14:2-10 Mt. 10:16-23	7:30 a.m. – Rosary 8:00 a.m. – Mass 6:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal	Helen Nehrenberg, req. by Betty Raska & Family
Saturday, July 10, 2010		
Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33	4:15-4:45 p.m. – Reconciliation 2:30 p.m. – Wedding	

Sunday, July 11, 2010

## 15th 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:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 10:25-37

### Intentions:


Leo Weingartz,  
req. by Bill & Lill Martindale

Virginia Bartoszek,  
req. by Her Husband, Louis

David Raska,  
req. by Betty Raska & Family

Jeffery Johnson -  
1st Anniversary Remembrance,  
req. by Johnson & Buczynski  
Families

Stella Lipior -  
3rd Anniversary Remembrance,  
req. by The Lipior Family

Wedding  Banns

III. Patricia Wroblewski  
and  
Matthew Spierling, Jr.

***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 4, 2010 ~

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14c  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Luke 10:1-12,17-20

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*May I never boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

– Galatians 6:14

Why would Paul “boast” in the cross? Isn't it wrong to brag – especially if it's about something you didn't do in the first place? These would be good questions if Paul really were “boasting” in this way. Actually, the Greek word that we translate as “boast” (*kauchaomai*) can also be understood to mean “rejoicing in.” And that's what Paul meant here. He made it clear that he was rejoicing only in the cross and not in his own accomplishments or abilities. Why? Because it was by the power of the cross that he became a new creation, set free from the grip of sin and death (Galatians 6:15).



How freeing is this message for all of us! We don't have to spend our lives trying to measure up to impossible standards. We don't have to keep trying to make ourselves good enough for God to accept us. He has already forgiven us. He has already taken our old, fallen lives and crucified them with His Son. And even more amazing, He has filled us with His Holy Spirit, making us a vessel of His very own divine life and love!

Today, think about all that God has done for you through the cross of Jesus. Celebrate the fact that because of Jesus's death and resurrection, you are a new creation. Sin has lost its power. Death has been destroyed. The gates of heaven are open wide. Nothing can separate you now from the love of God!

When you attend Mass, feel free to enjoy the Eucharist. Don't worry about the areas of your life that still need to be changed. They'll be there waiting for you after Mass. Instead, let the Bread of Life remind you of everything Jesus has done for you. Then in your prayer, go ahead and boast in the cross of Christ. Boast in His kindness and love. Make this a day filled with great rejoicing.

*“Jesus, all praise and glory are Yours! You have made me a new creation, and I rejoice in You!”*

## Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

### What is a Relic?



Throughout biblical and Church history, relics have been venerated and have demonstrated the power of God through miracles, especially when we look at the miracles of healing.

Did you know that the Church divides relics into three classes? A first-class relic is a part of a saint's body – usually a bone. A second-class relic is something a saint used during his or her life on earth, such as clothing. Third-class relics are objects that have been touched to a first-class relic. The bible notes an example of this kind of relic too and the miracles it may work. “*So extraordinary were the mighty deeds God accomplished at the hands of Paul that when face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.*” (Acts 19:11-12)

We must keep in mind that the miraculous power is simply God's power acting through material means, similar to the way He acts through the matter of sacraments and sacramentals.

Some saints' relics are venerated. The affection and honor shown to a relic spill over from the affection and honor shown to the saints themselves, who are great examples of God's love, grace, and holiness. Do you know of a saint's relic? How about St. Peter or Fr. Solanus for starters? Or more recently, the relic of St. Damian of Molokai that was just at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this past winter!

See you at Mass,

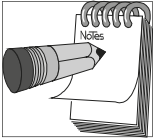
**Tina Kovalcik**

Pastoral Associate/DRE



### Faith Formation Summer Hours

The Faith Formation office is closed from July 1 through and including August 16, 2010. Any Faith Formation registration forms can be dropped off to the Parish Office during regular business hours, or dropped in the Sunday collection basket in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Faith Formation Office".



## A Note From Fr. Joe



This July 4, Independence Day Weekend, as we enjoy our country's freedom, the priceless heritage of the Declaration of Independence, we must do more than perfunctorily commemorate the glorious moment of our national history when our brave forefathers,

face to face with absolute tyranny, solemnly published and declared "That these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states." In today's world, where modern tyranny's tentacles reach out farther and farther to choke the true liberty of more and more independent and sovereign nations, we must put the emphasis on staying free.

Our country, born in the travail of tyranny, must remain, under God's Providence, forever free and independent. Otherwise, there will be wanton squandering of the hard-earned inheritance of freedom left us by the Founding Fathers who fearlessly stated, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Loyally following the patriotic example of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, let us stay free. Let us avoid carelessly frittering away our freedom. Let us remember that freedom, once lost, can be regained only at great cost.

I encourage all to join us regularly for prayer during our First Friday Holy Hours for Peace and Conversions, to pray for our country and our service men and women who put themselves into harm's way to defend our freedom.

Also, we need to be a faithful People of God who give of themselves, their time and talent to support the work of Christ in our Church and in our Parish. I have been told that some of the workers who helped in the construction of our church died as a result. Great sacrifices have been made over the years to keep our Parish alive and growing. I hope that the sacrifices of so many in the past will continue to be honored as we "step up to the plate" and offer our generous share of sacrifices for our children and grandchildren, who also deserve to hear the Good News of the Gospel and be taught in the ways of our Catholic Faith!

*Fr. Joe*

## ~ The Week Ahead ~

**Monday, July 5, 2010**  
**Parish Office Closed - Holiday**  
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Hall)

**Tuesday, July 6, 2010**  
 10:00 a.m. OA Meeting (Room 5)

**Thursday, July 8, 2010**  
 10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge  
 6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Group (Rm 2)



## Join the fun at the 2010 St. Augustine Golf Outing

at the Richmond Forest  
 Golf Course

~ **Saturday, July 24** ~

**1:30 p.m. Tee-Off**

**Just \$75 per person  
 includes**

**golf, cart, bucket of balls,  
 dinner buffet and more!**

**Call the Parish Office  
 to request a reservation packet,  
 or to find out how you can  
 volunteer to help!**

**(586) 727-5215, ext. 110**



### 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 Prysak
- 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

### Baby Bottle Spare Change Drive for Imago Dei



Earlier this year the St. Augustine Pro-Life Group had a meeting with Tom Addis of *Imago Dei* (*Image of God*) Crisis Pregnancy Center. He explained how *Imago Dei* assists those in crisis pregnancy situations, through an “earn while you learn” system. As the women and men learn how to care for themselves and their babies, they can also earn items to help with their babies. It is a great program that teaches people how to make responsible choices.

*Imago Dei* is one of the crisis pregnancy centers in southeast Michigan to which counselors refer women who are contemplating abortion as their only option. They educate those in crisis pregnancy situations on what abortion is and what it does to the woman and child. As with any non-profit organization, funds are needed to keep the Center in operation. Therefore, we ask that you kindly consider participating in the *Imago Dei* Baby Bottle Drive.

Pick up your *Imago Dei* Baby Bottle after any Mass next weekend, July 10-11, and return it filled with your spare change at any Mass August 7-8. Representatives of *Imago Dei* will be at the Masses next weekend to hand out the bottles and answer questions.

### 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 July-August-September



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### Congratulations and Thank You

... to our new 2010-2011 Parish Pastoral Council members! They were chosen by the Holy Spirit and their names were drawn by Fr. Joe at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on June 20. Their terms on the Council will begin in September. Listed alphabetically, they are:

- Jill Hebel
- Douglas Kubick
- Jessica Leenknecht
- Debbi Michon
- Elizabeth Montgomery
- Alternate: Jason Gabriel

God bless them for their willingness to serve.