



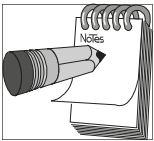
St. Augustine

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.

June 27, 2010

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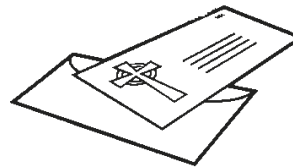
A Note From Fr. Joe

Some of our Parish members are organizing a special get-together in support of our seminarian, Brother Adam Farkas, who is preparing to begin his formation and education toward becoming a Franciscan priest. The gathering will be a pot-luck dinner at Beebe Street Park at the Pavillion near the Senior Center on Monday, June 28, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. People can start gathering there after 5:30 p.m. If anyone can help or if you need more information, you are invited to call Edwin Holmberg, Joan Smalley, or Karen Knapp. If you can, please bring a dish to share.

It is encouraging to see a young man from our Parish decide to respond to God's call in his life and begin the process of preparing for a vocation to the priesthood. The last time we had a young man celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving as a newly ordained priest was Fr. Eric Knapp on July 12, 2004.

The preparation and formation required in becoming a Catholic priest is a long demanding process. It is good that we all do what we can to support Brother Adam in this effort. It is especially important that we keep him in our prayers. From time to time updates on Brother Adam's progress will be printed in this bulletin. Also, Brother Adam may be able to assist us at our Christmas or other significant liturgies.

Fr. John and I had a wonderful trip to Denver, Colorado. We are grateful for all the prayers offered for us for a safe and fruitful journey. We had a chance to meet the priests and even Archbishop Charles Chaput of the Archdiocese of Denver. The conference on the New Roman Missal was very informative. Most of the anticipated changes in the



Please Pick Up Your Envelopes!

Please remember to pick up your July-August offertory envelopes in the Church gathering area after Mass. As of this week, over 400 families have not yet picked up their envelope packets! It is important that you use your envelopes for your Sunday contributions, so we know that you are still active in our Parish.

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot afford to contribute to the Sunday collection, but still attend Mass at St. Augustine, we ask that you place one of your envelopes in the collection basket once a month anyway, to let us know that you're still here. Finances are very tight for many Michigan families, so please don't feel uncomfortable if you can't afford to give right now. We know you will give when you can – we ask for the empty envelope in the meantime so we'll know that we should keep you on our Parish rolls. Thank you!

Mass involve adjustments to the wording in the prayers for the priest and the congregation, and not so much in the rubrics or the actions of the Mass. These changes will be introduced slowly on a systematic basis. Information sessions and printed materials will be made available as we get closer to the implementation of these changes.

Fr. Joe

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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.

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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 19-20, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
June 19-20, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 8,732.63</u>
Net over/(under):	(\$ 2,596.37)

51st Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 577,779.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 531,873.39</u>

Net over/(under):	(\$ 45,905.61)
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This Sunday Collection included:

Number of adult envelopes used: 284
Loose collection: \$597.00
Number of children's envelopes used: 41
Children's collection: \$79.63

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, June 28, 2010		St. Irenaeus
Am 2:6-10,13-16 Mt 8:18-22	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	The Inson and Makuch Families, req. by the Alfons Inson Family
Tuesday, June 29, 2010		St. Peter & St. Paul
Acts 12:1-11 or II Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Earl & Lorraine Finucan - Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, req. by Their Family
Wednesday, June 30, 2010		First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Am 5:14-15,21-24 Mt 8:28-34	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Virginia Bartoszek, req. by Her Husband, Louis Bartoszek
Thursday, July 1, 2010		Bl. Junipero Serra Canada Day
Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Irene Caughell, req. by Family & Friends
Friday, July 2, 2010		
Am 8:4-6,9-12 Mt 9:9-13	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass 6:30 p.m. - Holy Hour	Amanda Sprys - 8th Anniversary Remembrance, req. by Dad & Mom, Jeff & Aileen
Saturday, July 3, 2010		St. Thomas
Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29	8:00 - Mass 4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	Bert Sehling & Rosemarie Scherb, req. by Mary LaPrairie

Sunday, July 4, 2010

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Independence Day



Eucharistic Liturgies:

- Saturday -
5:00 p.m.

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

Scriptures:

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

Intentions:

For All Who Are Serving
in the U.S. Armed Forces

Wedding  Banns

II. 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

~ June 27, 2010 ~

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Luke 9:51-62

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For freedom Christ set us free.

– Galatians 5:1

What have we been set free from? And what are we free for? And even more important, how can we experience this freedom?

Jesus has set us free from selfishness. Especially with those we know best, it's easy to get stuck in self-centered patterns that inhibit the flow of His love. This can only lead to sniping and resentment because we feel that we are underappreciated. But Jesus can teach us to go out of our way for each other and not stand on what we think we deserve.

Jesus has set us free to love and serve each other – and to do it in new and creative ways. Think of how creative God has been in setting His people free. Who would have imagined city walls falling down with a trumpet blast or God coming to earth as a baby? Who can imagine as well the unexpected ways He can inspire us to reach out to each other?

Now look at the creativity of His servants over the years. Think of Elijah pouring water on the sacrifice to heighten the drama when God set it on fire (1 Kings 18:30-38). Imagine the man whose friends let him down through the roof or the Philippian jailer treating his prisoners to a meal (Acts 16:23-34).

Christians are still exercising creative freedom today. A group of young people have moved into a rundown neighborhood and won the trust of their neighbors by offering to do projects to help them improve their homes. Two families tore down the fence between their houses so that they could share life more easily. A family decided to help deliver food baskets rather than just donating canned goods.

These are just a few examples of the creative freedom Jesus can pour out when we move away from selfishness and seek instead to “serve one another through love” (Galatians 5:13). How free do you want to be?

“Jesus, You have set me free. Show me how to use that freedom to serve others so that they can experience You more fully.”

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Symbols of the Holy Spirit



Someone recently asked “Why is the dove the symbol of the Holy Spirit?” Actually, there are more symbols than just the dove.

Water – The symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the sacramental sign of new birth.

Anointing –The symbolism of anointing with oil signifies the Holy Spirit, to the point of becoming a synonym for the Holy Spirit. In Christian initiation, anointing is the sacramental sign of Baptism and Confirmation. We also see the Holy Spirit in the primary anointing of Jesus – the one “anointed” by the Spirit.

Fire – While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. We know this from Elijah's prayer which “arose like fire” and whose “word burned like a torch,” brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. This event was a “figure” of the fire of the Holy Spirit who transforms what He touches.

Cloud and Light –These two images occur together in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The cloud, now obscure, now luminous, reveals the living and saving God, while veiling the transcendence of his glory. We also see the cloud as it took Jesus out of the sight of the disciples on the day of His ascension.

Seal – Is a symbol close to anointing. “The Father has set His seal” on Christ and also seals us in Him. This seal indicates the indelible effect of the anointing with the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. In Confirmation we hear “be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit!”

The hand – Jesus heals and blesses by laying hands on them. In the imposition of hands the Holy Spirit is given. Those recently Confirmed will remember this!

The finger – It is by the finger of God that Jesus cast out demons. God's laws are written “by the finger of

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Christian Service Corner



St. Augustine Pro-Life Group – submitted by Jill Hebel

On Saturday, June 12, 2010, the St. Augustine Pro-Life Group toured Abigayle Ministries in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Abigayle Ministries is an interdenominational Christian based program geared to assist homeless expectant mothers. The tour was guided by the Abigayle Ministries Community Relations Liaison, Diane Wagner. Diane shared that working at Abigayle is very rewarding, and she has witnessed many miracles through this ministry. The ministry leases a former convent on the campus of St. Matthias in Sterling Heights. They can house up to six women at a time. The women can come at any time during their pregnancy and stay up to three months post-partum with their infant. Abigayle Ministries' goal is to teach these women the skills they need to be productive mothers and citizens as well as sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Every time the women sit down to dinner they pray together.

There are guidelines that teach responsibility to those who would like the organization's assistance. The women must have a desire to know the Lord and attend a church; they need to spend time gaining skills for employment; and the women are responsible for the day-to-day up keep of the home and meals. They work together very much like a family. They even have a small vegetable garden to maintain. The women are encouraged to give to others and learn skills necessary to be able to take care of themselves and their infant. As they reach certain goals/benchmarks, they receive credits to select items for themselves and their children at Abigayle's resource center.

Many of these women do not have the opportunities that many of us take for granted. For instance, things like living on a budget, planning and preparing meals, and just receiving love and encouragement we may not even think about, but these are skills that people need to be taught to survive in our society. These survival skills are taught to these expectant mothers, and in the process their despair is being transformed into hope.

Abigayle Ministries is nearly entirely run by volunteers and donations. If you would like to find out more on how you can volunteer to assist these women, please contact Diane Wagner at (586) 323-1411 and leave her a message with your contact information, or email her at diane@abigayleministries.org

~ The Week Ahead ~

Monday, June 28, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

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

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

2:45-5:30 p.m. "Abundant Harvest" order pick-up

Friday, July 2, 2010

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

"Abundant Harvest"

Order Pick-Up!

➔ **This Wednesday, June 30** ←

2:45-5:30 p.m. – School Entrance Hallway

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

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God" on the tablets of our hearts. We also hear this in the hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus*, which invokes the Holy Spirit as the "finger of the Father's right hand."

The dove – At the end of the great flood, symbolism that refers to Baptism, a dove released by Noah returns with a fresh olive-tree branch in its beak as a sign that the earth was again habitable. At Christ's own baptism, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes down and remains with him. Christian iconography traditionally uses a dove to suggest the Spirit.

I hope this shortened article has answered your question regarding the symbols of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to know more or have more questions, please let me know. I love talking about our Catholic rites, rituals, signs, and symbols! Thanks for asking!!

See you at Mass,

Tina Kovalcik

Pastoral Associate/DRE



Faith Formation Summer Hours

The Faith Formation office will be closed beginning July 1 and will re-open August 17. 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".



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



Richmond Volunteer Fire Department Bowling Fundraiser

~ Friday, July 23 ~

Have some fun and help raise funds to purchase equipment for the RVFD!

Strikers Entertainment Center
30971 Armada Ridge Rd., Richmond

Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m.
Bowling begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$20.00 per person, includes three games of 9-pin no-tap and shoe rental.

Raffle, 50/50, and mystery too!

Reservation deadline: July 21
Contact Denise Garant –
(586) 727-3340
or email: gmails22@comcast.net

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.



It is time to update our bulletin Prayer List for the third quarter of 2010. (Please see Page 3 in each week's bulletin for the current listing.)

Beginning with the July 3-4 bulletin, only newly-submitted names will be printed for the remainder of July through September 2010.

Remember The Sick

Please include the following name(s) on the Prayer List during July-August-September



Please Note: We are very conscious of and sensitive to people's privacy rights. Any person whose name you submit must be aware of, and agree to, his/her name being published.

Thank you for your help in maintaining this important prayer ministry.