

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.

March 28, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



Holy Week Schedule

**Tuesday, March 30,
Wednesday, March 31**
Private Reconciliation
4:00-4:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1

~ Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2

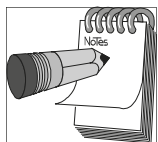
~ Living Stations of the Cross - Noon
~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3

~ Blessing of Food Baskets - 10:30 a.m.
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
~ Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4

~ Masses: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



A Note From Fr. Joe

Today we begin the holiest week of the church year. I encourage all to come to the Holy Week Liturgies. The Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter together are considered one continuous celebration called the Easter Triduum, because they are spread out over a period of three days.

We begin the Easter Triduum on **HOLY THURSDAY** with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass, we rejoice in the institution of the Eucharist. We

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**HOLY
THURSDAY
ADORATION**

From after the evening Mass until 12 Midnight on Holy Thursday, April 1, St. Augustine Church will host Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – a silent and reverent keeping watch with the Lord on the night before He died for us.

So that there will be ample people in church during the entire Adoration period, from 8:30 p.m. until Midnight, we will ask that Parishioners attend one of three time periods. If it is at all possible, please come during the time period with the first letter of your last name, and stay for as much of the hour as possible:

A - F – come to church from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

G - M – come to church from 10:00-11:00 p.m.

N - Z – come to church 11:00 p.m.-Midnight

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

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,
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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, Noon and 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 - (586) 764-6979



Stewardship

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

- Luke 12:34

Weekend Collection March 20-21, 2010

Budget Amount: \$ 11,329.00
March 20-21, 2010

Weekend Collection: \$ 10,339.42

Net over/(under): (\$ 989.58)

38th Week Year-to-Date

Budgeted Total: \$ 430,502.00

Weekend Collection

Year-to-Date Total: \$ 394,854.59

Net over/(under): (\$ 35,647.41)

This Sunday Collection included:

Number of adult envelopes used: 344

Loose collection: \$517.80

Number of children's envelopes used: 64

Children's collection: \$68.17

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

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† Sue Thomas

† Fr. Joe Plawecki



Our Parish Life

Please remember in your prayers this week ...

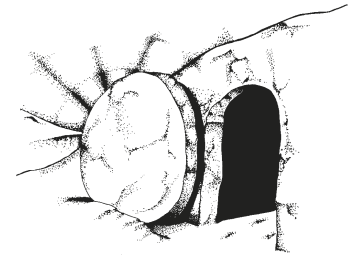
Scriptures

Intentions

Monday, March 29, 2010		Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Bernadette Smith, req. by the Alfons Inson Family
Tuesday, March 30, 2010		Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Joanne Schubert, req. by John & Ann Pelachyk
Wednesday, March 31, 2010		Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Baby Colin Smalley, req. by The Alfons Inson Family
Thursday, April 1, 2010		Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper	For the People of St. Augustine Parish
Friday, April 2, 2010		Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Is 52:13, 53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1, 19:42	12 Noon - Living Stations of the Cross 1:00-3:00 p.m.- Good Friday Service	
Saturday, April 3, 2010		Holy Saturday
	8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass	For the People of St. Augustine Parish

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord



Eucharistic Liturgies:

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

Scriptures:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Intentions:

For the People of
St. Augustine Parish



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

~ March 28, 2010 ~

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14 - 23:56 or 23:1-49

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How Jesus must have enjoyed celebrating His final Passover with His disciples! For three years, He had been with them, enjoyed their company, taught them, even laughed with them. He knew their strengths and weaknesses, their quirks and idiosyncrasies – and He loved them. Jesus knew the time had come for Him to give up His life, but He was still able to share a meal with these close friends.

Jesus knew that these men would fall away when He was arrested. But He also knew that they would turn around and become the leaders He had formed them to be. Peter would weep over denying Him, but then would become the rock. James and John would stop seeking seats of honor, and would instead consider it an honor to give up their lives for the church. And Thomas would have his moment of doubt and stubbornness, but would also become a fearless preacher of the gospel. Jesus also knew that His Father would hear His prayer for them – that they would hold fast to who Jesus is and be protected from the evil one.



We may not have been present at the Last Supper, but we can still use our imaginations to place ourselves there. Imagine Jesus telling you about the gift of His body and blood – and linking that to His ultimate gift of His very life on the cross.

See the expression on His face, a combination of love and determination, of sadness and hope. He knows what He is giving up for you, and He longs for you to respond in the deepest way possible.

Even though the Passion happened nearly two thousand years ago, it has lost none of its power. That power is available to us at every Mass – the power to change, the power to love, the power to be raised up with Jesus on Easter Sunday. May God bless you this Holy Week as you recall His love and mercy.

*"Thank You, Jesus, for sharing Your life with me.
May I never forget all that You have done for me!"*

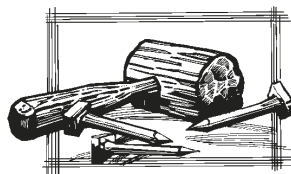
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celebrate the bestowal of the priesthood on the apostles. We recall the Lord's example of mutual charity in washing the apostles' feet. We repeat His prayer that we may be one in Him.

On **GOOD FRIDAY**, the Church forgoes the Mass but celebrates the Liturgy commemorating Jesus's redeeming act through His passion, crucifixion, and death. We focus our attention on His total offering in obedience and love to His Father. This celebration consists of three parts: 1) Liturgy of the Word; 2) Veneration of the Cross; 3) Holy Communion.

Following ancient tradition, **HOLY SATURDAY** night is one of waiting for the resurrection of the Lord and celebrating it in sacramental signs during the **EASTER VIGIL**. The Easter Vigil consists of four parts: 1) Liturgy of the Word. We recall what God had done for His people from the beginning of time. 2) Service of Light. We see the Easter candle as symbolic of the risen Jesus, leading His people by the light of His Truth and presence. 3) Liturgy of Initiation. With the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we joyfully welcome Catechumens into the Church. We also recall our own Baptism and celebrate our death to sin and resurrection to life. 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Fr. Joe



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

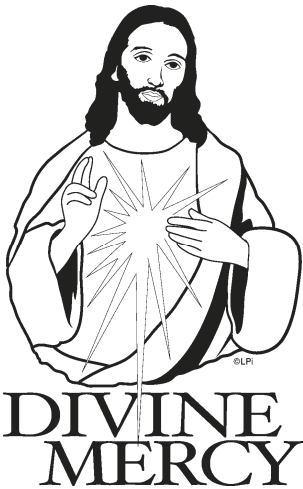
Please plan to gather up all decorations you have placed in St. Michael's Cemetery during the weekend of April 9-10-11.

A collection container will be on-site that Friday-Sunday for your convenience.

**Your clean-up must be completed by
Sunday evening, April 11.**

The cemetery clean-up crew reserves the right to remove any items that remain, beginning Monday, April 12.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**DIVINE MERCY
NOVENA
and
THE FEAST OF
DIVINE MERCY**

April 2-11, 2010

Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska received a message of mercy from the

Lord who requested a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Our Lord told her, "I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." During his pontificate, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina and officially declared the Sunday following Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday."

Following the request of our Lord, and recognizing the great need for mercy upon many souls in our time, all are encouraged to pray the novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day from Good Friday through Easter Saturday. This novena can be prayed any time during these days. However, all are encouraged to pray during the 3:00 hour, which is considered the "hour of mercy." The chaplet and novena prayers are available on the table near the ramp entrance of the church.

On Sunday, April 11, we will observe the Feast of Mercy with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., the Chaplet of Mercy will be sung, followed by the Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, a blessing with the relic of St. Faustina, and Benediction.

The Novena also includes the request to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation within eight days before or after Mercy Sunday. The following times for Reconciliation will be available here at St. Augustine:

- Saturday, April 10 - Noon - 12:45 p.m.
- Saturday, April 10 - 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17 - Noon - 12:45 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17 - 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

~ The Week Ahead ~

Monday, March 29, 2010

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

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

10:00 a.m. OA Meeting (Rm 5)
7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Practice (Church)

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

6:30 p.m. RCIA Candidates Vigil Practice (Church)
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Practice (Church)

Friday, April 2, 2010

4:30-7:30 p.m. Fish Fry (Hall)



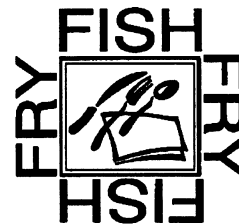
**Easter
Office Hours**

**The Parish Office
will be closed**

Holy Thursday, April 1
Good Friday, April 2
Easter Monday, April 5

**The Faith Formation Office
will be closed**

Monday, March 29
through and including Friday, April 9



**St. Augustine
Lenten Fish Fry**

Parish Hall

Good Friday,
April 2

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

All you can eat!

Baked or Fried Fish

French Fries or Baked Potato
Coleslaw ~ Rolls & Butter ~ Beverages

Adults \$8.00 ~ Seniors \$7.50

Carry Out \$8.00

Kids 6 - 12 \$5.00 ~ Age 5 and Under Free
Desserts for sale, too!

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

THE BLESSING OF THE FAMILY EASTER BASKET

Saturday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. in Church

As we prepare to celebrate the most holy day for Christians, Easter Sunday, we also prepare our family meal by blessing the food that we share at the Easter celebration feast. The blessing of the family food basket in an old ethnic tradition. Family traditions are good things to pass along and they help us to teach our children the importance of preparing for Easter.

As in Biblical days, the symbolic use of certain foods adds to a ritual tradition – a remembrance. As Americans, we usually end up combining many ethnic traditions into one. So our Easter family food baskets come filled with various items. I would like to suggest a few, and you can feel free to add any items your family needs that are symbolic of your tradition.

Lamb – Often a leg of lamb is served for the Easter dinner in remembrance of the Passover meal that became the Last Supper for Jesus and His disciples. Jesus is referred to as the “Lamb of God”, the last sacrifice that was needed.

Bread & Wine – Symbolic of the Last Supper. Bread of life, and wine, the blood that was shed for our salvation.

Colored Eggs – Symbolic of the new life that resurrection offers us. Every egg offers the possibility of new life.

Horseradish – Symbolic of bitterness, the price that was paid for our salvation.

Chocolate Bunny – Symbolic of the proliferation of life we all know rabbits have, and chocolate, which at one time was truly a rare treat.

Ham/Sausage – The main meat of the meal in years past came from the available springtime curing and preparing of new meats.

Whatever you decide to place in your family food basket, just make sure it has a symbolic meaning for the celebration of your Easter family meal. Then, bring the basket to Church on Saturday morning to be blessed.



Congratulations to the Winners of the St. Augustine 2010 Spring Raffle!!

Joan Smalley
Rich Kowalski
Earleen Kaltz
Timothy Ryan
Helen Plawecki
William Dennis
Diane Demchak
Ray Tymoszek
Flora Bellhorn
Bruce Rinke

Early Bonus Raffle Winners

Nancy Prall
Timothy Ryan
M. Van Daele

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the Spring Raffle to help us fund our school, faith formation, and other Parish programs.

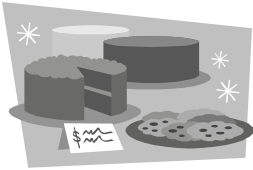
Easter Egg Hunt

Directly following this time honored tradition of blessing of the Easter food baskets, we invite you to bring your children for another symbol of God's gifts of life to us: an old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt. We will gather in front of the Parish Center building. Children ages toddler-8 are welcome. Please bring a bag or basket for your children to gather their eggs in.

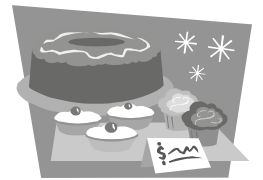
Following the Easter Egg Hunt, **all are welcome to join us for a \$2.25 Hot Dog Lunch in the Parish Hall.** For more information on these events, please call (586) 727-9290, ext. 125.

See you at Mass,
Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE

Altar Sodality Bake Sale This Weekend!

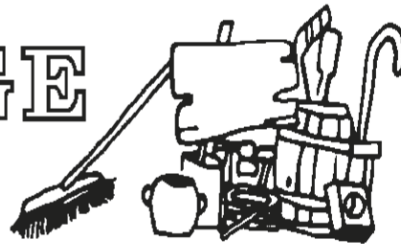


Saturday and Sunday,
March 27 and 28
After All Masses



In the School Entrance Hallway

RUMMAGE SALE



April 8, 9, and 10 St. Augustine Parish Hall

Donations will be gratefully accepted!

(No computers or TVs, please)

Donations of clean, gently used items and clothing
can be dropped off at the Parish Hall:

Monday through Wednesday, April 5, 6, and 7 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SALE DATES:

Thursday, April 8 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 9 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$1.00 BAG SALE:

Saturday, April 10 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon only!

Sponsored by the St. Augustine Altar Sodality



Remembering Those Who Serve

- FNE3 Nathan Bilbrey
- 1Lt Kevin Chamberlain
- LCpl Kyle Dupuis
- Spc Samuel Feldman
- Mid3 Adam Haag
- 2Lt Christopher Haag
- LT USN Ryan Haag
- Sgt Michael R. Hagan
- Cpt Michael A. Hoffman, D.D.S.
- Sgt Daniel Johns
- SP4 Cory Moore
- Cpt Christopher Platz
- Cpt Lisa Marie Platz
- TSgt Jeffrey Platz
- PFC Ryan Pryslak
- MSgt Kevin Quant
- Lt Col Matthew Rettke
- POHM2 John-Christopher Sbraccia
- SPC Kurtis Schneider
- PFC Nicholas Spens
- CMSgt Chris Stevens
- SMSgt Joseph Stevens
- SSG Raymond Stier
- PFC Christopher Tishler
- Sgt Nathaniel Wirgau
- SSgt Jeffrey Yelencich

For Widows and Widowers Living with Loss

Grief Recovery

A six-week series beginning Wednesday, April 7

Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, presents a six-week series covering the phases of grief, dealing with loneliness, and other related issues helpful and healing for those who have lost a spouse. The series begins on Wednesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton Township Senior Center, 40730 Romeo Plank Road at Canal Road in Clinton Township.

This series is co-sponsored by Widowed Friends and Resurrection Funeral Home. A minimal fee is payable at the first meeting. For more details, contact Pat at (586) 731-1831.



The next St. A's Altar Sodality meeting will be Tuesday, April 6 at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will be in Room 7 of the Parish Center due to the Rummage Sale set-up in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker for the night will be Donna Seales.

The Refreshment committee for the meeting is: Kathy Dolan, Dee Franz, Pattie Papuga, and Gladys Verbrugge.



The League of Catholic Women will hold its annual meeting at noon on Wednesday, April 14, at the Thomas Edison Inn, 500 Thomas Edison Parkway in Port Huron. The featured speaker will be Margaret Sutton; her topic will be Marshall Fredericks, the sculptor for the Night and Day statues in front of McMorran Place. The cost is \$14.00. Menu choices will be chicken or fish.

All Parish women are invited to join the League. For more information, contact Mary Kay Odgers, president, at (810) 385-1459.

**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 April/May/June 2010



It is time to update our bulletin Prayer List for the second quarter of 2010. Beginning with the April 10-11 bulletin, only newly-submitted names will be printed for the remainder of April through June 2010.

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.