



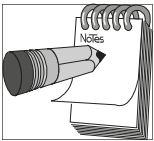
St. Augustine

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.

May 16, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

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A Note From Fr. Joe

This Sunday we begin our Parish Mission directed by Rev. Christopher J. Crotty C.P.M. I hope that many of our parish members have reserved this time to be with us to experience conversion, reconciliation, renewal in faith, and healing.

Fr. Christopher has quite a list of credentials and an impressive background. He was born in 1967 and is a native of San Francisco, Calif. He attended Kolbe Academy, which was co-founded by his parents, Francis and Margaret Crotty. Fr. Crotty was the first high school graduate of the program. In 1986, Fr. Crotty began service in the U.S. Navy. He served with distinction in the medical corps, eventually attending the anesthesia technologist program. In 1995, Fr. Crotty became a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. For the past several years Fr. Crotty has promulgated the rich teachings of the Holy Spirit and healing on missions, retreats, and conferences. He also teaches nationwide on radio and other media resources. Fr. Crotty is a member of and supports the work of "The Association of Christian Therapists."

Don't miss this opportunity for all the benefits this Parish Mission offers which have been experienced in many parishes across the country. There are many testimonials regarding healing and conversion from other parishes in our area where Fr. Crotty has conducted similar missions.

Now that we have completed another Faith Formation Program season, we want to thank in a special way the catechists, substitute catechists, secretaries, helpers, hall monitors and others who generously gave of their time and energy all year long for the sake of the

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All Are Invited to a
Powerful Parish Mission

on

'The Healing Presence of the Holy Spirit'

Sunday, May 16 – Weds., May 19

Hosted by retreat master Fr. Christopher Crotty

✠ Mission Schedule ✠

All events take place
7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Church

~ Sunday, May 16 ~

Exposition,
Introduction Talk,
Benediction, Confession

~ Monday, May 17 ~

Exposition, Talk, Benediction, Confession

~ Tuesday, May 18 ~

Exposition, Talk,
Laying on of Hands and
Blessing with Relic Cross,
Benediction, Confession

~ Wednesday, May 19 ~

Holy Mass,
Exposition,
Praying over People with Relic Cross,
and Benediction

St. Augustine Catholic Church

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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

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, 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



Stewardship

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

- Luke 12:34

Weekend Collection May 8-9, 2010

Budget Amount:	\$ 11,329.00
May 8-9, 2010	
Weekend Collection:	<u>\$ 11,662.48</u>
Net over/(under):	\$ 333.48

45th Week Year-to-Date	
Budgeted Total:	\$ 509,805.00
Weekend Collection	
Year-to-Date Total:	<u>\$ 473,296.79</u>

Net over/(under): **(\$ 36,508.21)**

This Sunday Collection included:

Number of adult envelopes used: 307

Loose collection: \$869.59

Number of children's envelopes used: 61

Children's collection: \$80.39

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

Please remember in your prayers this week ...

Scriptures

Intentions

Monday, May 17, 2010		
Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Ed Machowski - 24th Anniversary Remembrance, req. by His Daughter
Tuesday, May 18, 2010		
St. John I		
Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Katherine Williams, req. by Barbara Armstrong & Family
Wednesday, May 19, 2010		
Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	George Sobake, req. by Lorraine Mackewich
Thursday, May 20, 2010		
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Joann Schubert req. by Mary Jo & Edward Siegrist
Friday, May 21, 2010		
St. Christopher Magallanes and his companions		
Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Marguerite (Bailer) LaConte, req. by St. Augustine School
Saturday, May 22, 2010		
St. Rita of Cascia		
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25	Noon-12:30 p.m., and 4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	

Sunday, May 23, 2010

Pentecost Sunday



Eucharistic Liturgies:

- Saturday -
5:00 p.m.

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

Scriptures:

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Intentions:

Leo Weingartz,
req. by Harold & Josephine
Schneider

Virginia Bartoszek,
req. by Her Husband, Louis
Bartoszek

Richard K. Smith -
18th Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by Rosemary Smith

Grace Raska -
18th Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by Betty Raska & Family

Simon Kim,
req. by Maria Hampton

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

~ May 16, 2010 ~

Ascension of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23 or

Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

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Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we are invited to rejoice both in Jesus's victory over sin and death, and in the glorious life that He has secured for us. We also pray today that we would know three specific aspects of the new life that is ours in Christ: "The hope to which He has called" us, "His glorious inheritance in the saints," and "The immeasurable greatness of His power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).



As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus's death and resurrection. Jesus has overcome sin forever! Now we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. Reconciled to God, we are no longer strangers or outsiders. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that God Himself is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us – an inheritance that tells us we will be with our Father forever, filled with all His splendor and beauty. In His ascension, Jesus has opened the door to heaven for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with Him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of His power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:19). Before He returned to His Father, Jesus promised His disciples that anyone who believed in Him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in His name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts. He is constantly inviting us to yield to Him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

"Lord Jesus, we rejoice today in Your ascension to the Father's right hand. We thank You for offering us a share in Your heavenly life. By Your Spirit, help us to take hold of our inheritance in You – the hope, the inheritance, and the power that are the right of every child of God."

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

The Year for Priests



Pope Benedict XVI declared June 2009 to June 2010 as the Year for Priests. This spiritual renewal offers a special opportunity for us to learn more about the priesthood, celebrate those who have said "yes" to God, and to continue to pray for the seminarians who are in formation. It is a great time for us to recognize and honor all priests and to encourage priestly vocations.

We know that Jesus makes Himself present to us in a very special way through our priests. We know that whatever we do for our parish priests, we do for Jesus. Together, we help to build the Kingdom of God.

Everyone needs affirmation. Please help us say "Thank You" to our priests for giving their lives to us and to the Lord. During the weekend of June 5-6 we will have a table in Church with stationary available for those who wish to jot a note of appreciation to Fr. Joe and Fr. John. You may drop your note, or bring a card if you wish, in the appropriate box.

The Worship Commission and Altar Sodality would like to invite everyone to join us in the Parish Hall for a light reception immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 6, to appreciate our priests.

Let us continue to pray for all priests.

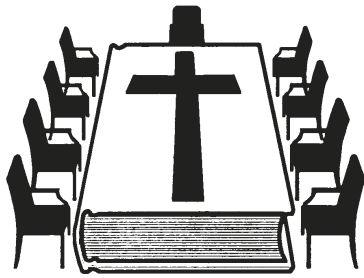
*Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of all priests.*

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong and obedient in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love of your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength that they need to follow your ways. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

See you at Mass,
Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE



Help Wanted

No experience necessary!
Just be willing to give two hours of time
on the fourth Tuesday of each month
from September to June

Parish Council needs to fill three new terms. Selection will be held Pentecost Sunday – that's NEXT Sunday, May 23 – at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Nomination forms are available in the pews this weekend! If you're interested, please fill out a form and drop it in the offertory collection. Want to nominate someone? Please ask them first.

There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Center, so you can find out about the Parish Council and ask questions. Also, please also feel free to contact current Council members for more information: Greg Rushlow - (586) 255-5095; Patty Smith - (586) 727-8750; Tanya Muylaert - (586) 855-1946; or Susan Thomas - (586) 727-9659.

"Abundant Harvest"



May order forms
are now available!

Orders can be submitted
through Thursday, May 20 –
Delivery will be June 2

Give yourself a price break
and a nutrition boost ...
participate in our Abundant Harvest sale!

~ The Week Ahead ~

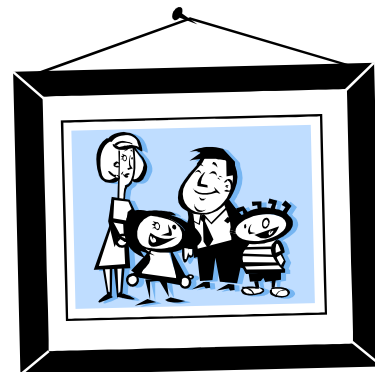
Parish Mission
Sunday through Wednesday,
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
in Church

Monday, May 17, 2010
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday, May 18, 2010
10:00 a.m. OA Meeting (Room 5)
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Info Session (Room 2)

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (library)

Thursday, May 20, 2010
6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Group Meeting (Room 2)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)



Please make sure you're included!

Schedule a photo appointment for our new

Parish Directory

THERE IS NO CHARGE
to have your photo taken for the Directory!

Plus,
you will receive
one FREE 8x10 print of your portrait,
and a FREE copy of the Directory!

You may also select and order
extra photo prints for an additional charge.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of
St. Augustine Parish history!
Call Mary Lou Brickel
to make your appointment



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
- Sgt 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
- TSgt Jeffrey Platz
- PFC Ryan Pryslak
- 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

A Note From Fr. Joe

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children and youth of our parish. These are truly among the great benefactors of St. Augustine Parish. We thank each and every one of them. May Christ, who loved and cared for children, bless these volunteers and dedicated workers who have also loved and cared for children.

May the Spirit who enlightens and enlivens us and enables us to grow as Christians, bless these good people for the fine Christian work they have done.

Next we thank all of the parents who helped in the process of education by attending the parent meetings and other activities of the program. Your own faith and example teach far more than we could ever hope to do!

Finally, we commend our professional Faith Formation Director, Mrs. Tina Kovalcik, for her dedicated and effective service to our parish families, and students. We also congratulate her for the Pastoral Minister Certification she received on April 8 of this year. It's been quite a year of growth and accomplishment!

F. Joe

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 May/June 2010





Pro-Life Group Activities

The St. Augustine Pro-Life Group will be having a special guest, Tom Addis, at its meeting this week – Thursday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Center. Tom, who is a counselor for Imago Dei Crisis Pregnancy Center, will give a presentation and explain what we can do to help others who find themselves

in a crisis pregnancy situation. He is a very experienced speaker and has been in the pro-life movement for many years. All are invited to learn more about pro-life.

Also, every month the St. A's Pro-Life Group goes to the first Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. A's, then travels together to pray outside the abortion clinic. If you feel that God is calling you to witness to life in this way, please join them. They would love to have you.

St. Augustine Parish is a proud supporter of Blue Water Catholic Schools
www.bw Catholicschools.org

