

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 2, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



We welcome to the Table of the Lord
these children,
who prepared at St. Augustine Parish for
First Communion

*Matthew Bartolomucci
Timothy Budd
Randy Caughell
Hailey Clapper
Cameron Creon
Jacob Denapole
Jennifer Falkner
Benny Ferlito
Mitchell Fitzsimons
Megan Gunnery
Anna Mae Haden
Robert Halligan*

*Allison Knuckey
Austin Kowalski
Colin Kubik
Samantha Leo
Jillian Maksymiuk
Jaiden Manly
Anna Maxell
Matthew Moczulski
Katie Motyka
Grace Percha
Nathan Ryan
Annaleise Schocker
Megan Schuster*

*Justin Schweiger
Mary Shuboy
Alaina Shuttleworth
Matthew Spanich
Alisyn Suess
Rachel Tavano
Grace Thomson
Samuel Toia
Jillian VanDaele
Alexander Washington
David Wolschleger
Andrew Zauner*

Preparing for First Communion at St. Augustine Parish is a family experience.

It is through the very intimate relationships of family
that we come to faith

and to an understanding of Jesus.

Moments of forgiveness, gathering celebrations, sharing special meals
are common family activities.

Preparing for the special celebration of the meal that is Jesus
combines all the hope and faith of individual families with that of our Parish family
where we connect ourselves as a church.

It is the unity that we celebrate.

It is as part of a Parish that we most vividly see
the many faces of the Body of Christ at work.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

68035 Main St., Richmond, Michigan 48062
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,
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 April 24-25, 2010

Budget Amount: \$ 11,329.00
April 24-25, 2010

Weekend Collection: \$ 10,191.00

Net over/(under): (**\$ 1,138.00**)

43rd Week Year-to-Date

Budgeted Total: \$ 487,147.00

Weekend Collection

Year-to-Date Total: \$ 449,353.30

Net over/(under): (**\$ 37,793.70**)

This Sunday Collection included:

Number of adult envelopes used: 311

Loose collection: \$697.00

Number of children's envelopes used: 76

Children's collection: \$129.00

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

Please remember in your prayers this week ...

Scriptures

Intentions

Monday, May 3, 2010		St. Philip and St. James
1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	David Iwanicki, req. by Dan & Pam Janiak
Tuesday, May 4, 2010		
Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Virginia Bartoszek, req. by Her Husband, Louis Bartoszek
Wednesday, May 5, 2010		
Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Irene Caughell, req. by Family & Friends
Thursday, May 6, 2010		
Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Bernadette Smith - Birthday Remembrance, req. by Mom & Dad
Friday, May 7, 2010		
Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass 6:30 p.m. - Holy Hour	Richard Pietras - 3rd Anniversary Remembrance, req. by His Family
Saturday, May 8, 2010		
Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	Noon-12:30 p.m., and 4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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 15:1-2, 22-29
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Intentions:

Lorraine Finucan -
Birthday Remembrance,
req. by Her Family

Leo Weingartz,
req. by Ben & Ann Schwehofer

Bernadette Smith,
req. by Don & Jan Schmidt

Mildred Schmidt -
13th Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by Her Children

Patrenella Heath & Ann Papuga,
req. by the Papuga & Mach Families

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 2, 2010 ~

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

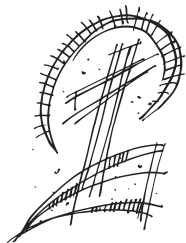
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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Behold, I make all things new.

– Revelation 21:5

In the beginning, God created a world free of sadness and pain. And in that world, He placed man and woman, calling them to serve Him and one another. But then humankind turned inward to self-seeking ambitions and desires. Thus, sin and corruption entered the world. And from the first moment of our fall from grace, we have had to live with the result of this sin.



But the story doesn't end with our fall into sin and separation. God has made it possible for us to live in harmony, peace, and perfection once again. He gave up His only Son so that this kind of life could be ours – eternal life in heaven. The problem is that we can be so distracted with the demands of

life in this world that we spend little time reflecting on our true home.

Let's agree to let the Holy Spirit open our eyes. Then we will find Him filling us with the desire for more of Jesus. We will find a new sense of hope and expectation for our heavenly home. Not only will our lives be different – the entire world will change for the good!

Jesus deeply wants to make all things new. He loves to take what is "old" in our lives – habits of sin and lack of belief – and replace them with the newness of His love, His power, and His joy. He loves you and is completely committed to making you ready for heaven. He is completely committed to making you into part of His wonderful, new creation. This is something He does in each of us as He lifts us up and gives us glimpses of the heaven He has prepared for us. He knows that the more fully we see His perfect plan for us, the more deeply we will want to be with Him – and the more readily we will repent of anything that hinders that plan.

"Almighty Father, I hear Your call to join You for eternity. I praise You for Your goodness and Your mercy toward me!"



The Parish Magnolia

How many of you have driven past St. Augustine and admired the gorgeous magnolia tree in front of our Parish Center building? It is usually in full bloom in late April or May, and has often been used as a background for First Communion photos. Any time of year, though, it is a magnificent specimen.

This beautiful tree was donated to the Parish about 60 years ago by Dr. & Mrs. John Engels. Dr. Engels was the local doctor for Richmond from 1932 until he retired in the 1970s.

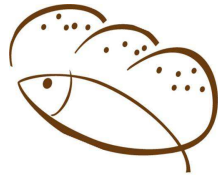
"Doc" and Marge were the proud parents of eight children, most of whom completed their education at St. Augustine Elementary and High School. The family also had a home on the St. Clair River which features a similar magnolia that he planted the same year.

The Engels family frequently entertained the 13 Dominican Sisters who taught at St. Augustine at their river home, and the neighbors appreciated the sight of the 13 nuns, in their traditional garb, lined up along the river bank. They even went for boat rides in Doc's outboard motor boat, and daughter, Joyce, recalled that one of them took an unexpected dip in the river when she was trying to exit the boat.

As a parish, we will continue to enjoy this example of Dr. Engels' love of gardening for many years to come.

Many thanks to longtime St. Augustine parishioner Pattie Papuga, who provided this article and photo for use in our bulletin.

"Abundant Harvest"



Order Pick-Up

This Wednesday, May 5
3:30-6:00 p.m.
 at the
School Entrance Hallway



Altar Sodality May Meeting

The next St. A's Altar Sodality meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

New members will each be presented with a Pin and a Constitution.

The Refreshment committee for the meeting is: Christina Kerin, Bernice Kowalski, Dorothy Raepsaet, Betty Raska, and Jacquie Rushlow.

Faith Formation Registration 2010-2011

Do you have a child in 1st to 8th grade not enrolled in faith formation? Are you interested in preparing your child to celebrate a sacrament? Please contact the Faith Formation Office, (586) 727-9290, ext. 111, for details. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15

St. A's Wish List

The St. Augustine School Cafeteria is in need of
used or new stainless steel forks and knives,
 and

new or gently used dish towels and wash cloths.

The silverware is used for all occasions – funerals, fish fries, chicken dinners. Any and all donations will be gratefully accepted! Please contact the School or the Parish Office if you have items to donate.

~ The Week Ahead ~

Monday, May 3, 2010

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

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

10:00 a.m. OA Meeting (Room 5)
 6:30 p.m. Catechists Meeting (Room 7)
 7:15 p.m. Altar Sodality Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

3:30-6:00 p.m. "Abundant Harvest" Pick-Up
 (School Entrance Hallway)

Thursday, May 6, 2010

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, May 7, 2010

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



National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6

This Thursday, May 6, will mark the 59th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer. From 12:20 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., the City of Richmond will mark this day with a special public gathering outside City Hall. Local clergy, local leaders, and the public will join together to pray for our community, our leaders, and our country. All are invited for pizza afterwards, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.



"Excuse me; do you have two hours you can spare?"

Have you ever been asked this question? If not, or not lately, we're asking now. **Parish Council is in need of your help!** We have three, 3-year terms that are nearing completion and we need you to help fill them. The Parish Council acts as an advisory committee to the pastor, Fr. Joe. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday evening of each month, and last about two hours. Please consider helping our Parish by including yourself in the selection process for new Council members! Nomination forms will be available in the pews the next two weekends, May 8-9 and May 15-16. If you are interested, but want to find out more before committing, there will be an informational meeting Tuesday, May 18, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Center building. Please also feel free to contact Tanya Muylaert: (586) 855-1946; Greg Rushlow: (586) 255-5095; Patty Smith: (586) 727-8750; or Susan Thomas: (586) 727-9659 for more information. Selection will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.



Remembering Those Who Serve

FNE3 Nathan Billbrey
 1Lt 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

St. Augustine School Honor Roll Third Quarter 2009-2010

Principal's Award

*Benjamin Evans
 Colleen Gaffney
 Katarina Hampton
 Kevin Krajewski
 Allison Schweiger
 Lindsay Schweiger
 Nicole Ward*

High Honors

<i>Hunter Barjaktarovich</i>	<i>Mitchell Kinter</i>
<i>Ryan Boyd</i>	<i>Emma Perry</i>
<i>Noah Chambers</i>	<i>Samantha Schaller</i>
<i>Luci Evans</i>	<i>Carolyn Schweiger</i>
<i>Aldo Fanelli</i>	<i>Emily Smith</i>
<i>Mariesa Fanelli</i>	<i>Jenna Stafford</i>
<i>Mary Gaffney</i>	<i>Christina Szydlowski</i>
<i>Matthew Gonczar</i>	<i>Victoria Szczerbinski</i>
<i>Mianna Gonczar</i>	<i>Joshua Webber</i>
<i>Leya Gonzalez</i>	<i>Christopher Wesolowski</i>
<i>Olivia Kesler</i>	<i>Mary Ann Yamarino</i>

Honors

<i>Amelia Colby</i>	<i>Mikayla Miller</i>
<i>Madeline Colby</i>	<i>Alexa Perry</i>
<i>Peyton Dolan</i>	<i>Eric Raska</i>
<i>Matthew Howard</i>	<i>Haley Schweiger</i>
<i>John Ilowski</i>	<i>Evan Serilla</i>
<i>Casey Malburg</i>	<i>David Stafford</i>

Effort

*Ryan Cass
 Carissa Rumps
 Alesha Powers*

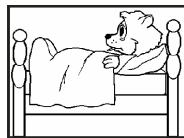
**National Domestic Violence Hotline
 1-800-799-7233**

**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



**St. Augustine Parish is a proud supporter of
 Blue Water Catholic Schools**
www.bwcatholicsschools.org



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Sponsored by the St. Augustine Pro-Life Group

Saturday and Sunday,
May 8 & 9
After All Masses, at the Church exits



In honor of all mothers,
Right to Life of Michigan
will be selling flowers
for a donation of \$1.00 or more each.

Please plan to purchase a flower
in honor of your mother and life.
All proceeds go to Right to Life,
helping to fund efforts to protect
and save the precious unborn.