



# 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 29, 2011

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215

## Faith Formation

### Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed! We were so blessed to have the newly ordained +Bishop Michael Byrnes with us and to be his first class to celebrate Confirmation as a Bishop. His homily on faith, hope, and love was so perfect for our Confirmands! His shared personal experiences growing up were something that we could all relate to.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our newly confirmed will meet one more time for a formal session to discuss the effects of this sacrament.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to reflect on our gifts that God has given to us. How are WE using those gifts today? Are we using them in a way that God intended? Could we do better? And what about our confirmation name – do you remember what name you chose and why you chose it? Do



### Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 30, 2011

8:00 a.m.

St. Michael Cemetery

Let us remember in prayer those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms!

(Please bring your own chair.)

you still pray through that saint for intercessions?

Even though we celebrate confirmation once in our lifetime, the sacrament and the many graces that come with it, are still active and alive in our daily life. Use this gift to the best of your ability – be open to God and His works – allow Him to work through you - for the goodness of all.

Peace~

**Tina Kovalcik**

Pastoral Associate/DRE



## St. Augustine Catholic Church

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 Email - [staugustinerichmond@comcast.net](mailto:staugustinerichmond@comcast.net)

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

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and  
 Monday - Thursday - 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., or by appointment

**Bulletin Submissions Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Friday** for the following weekend; deadline changes near major holidays. Please submit **electronically** to [dbertossi.st.a@comcast.net](mailto:dbertossi.st.a@comcast.net)

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  
 Barbara Armstrong & Patti Misiuk, Secretaries - Ext. 110

**Office of Faith Formation: (586) 727-9290**  
 Email - [faithformation@staugustinecatholicchurch.com](mailto:faithformation@staugustinecatholicchurch.com)  
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Tina Kovalcik,  
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 Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicsschool.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.

## ~ This Week Ahead ~

**Monday, May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day -  
 Parish Offices Closed**

8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael Cemetery  
 8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting (Hall)

**Tuesday, May 31, 2011**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

6:00 p.m. - Declaration of Independence & Faith (Room 3)  
 6:30 p.m. - Contemporary Music Ensemble Practice (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. - Baptism Prep II (Room 7)

**Thursday, June 2, 2011**

6:30 p.m. - Confirmation - Mystagogy (Hall)  
 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Friday, June 3, 2011**

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

**Saturday, June 4, 2011**

8:00 a.m. - First Saturday Mass (Church)  
 4:15 p.m. - Reconciliation (Church)

**Sunday, June 5, 2011**

11:30 a.m. - High School/College Graduation Mass (Church)  
 11:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word for Children

## St. Augustine Parish Pastoral Council 2010-2011

- ✠ **Debbie Michon** - Chair
- ✠ **Otto Hohmann** - Vice Chair
- ✠ **Jill Hebel** - Secretary
  
- ✠ **Steven Kovalcik**
- ✠ **Douglas Kubick**
- ✠ **Jessica Leenknecht**
- ✠ **Elizabeth Montgomery**
- ✠ **Jason Smalley**
- ✠ **Patty Smith**
- ✠ **Bridget Urquhart**
- ✠ **Fr. Joe Plawecki**

### 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:**  
 Brian J. Brickel, Grand Knight



# Our Parish Life

Sunday, June 5, 2011  
**Ascension of the Lord**  
**Seventh 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 1:12-14  
 1 Peter 4:13-16  
 John 17:1-11a

**Intentions:**

Members of the Jahn  
 & Schweder Families  
 req. by the Jahn Estate

Gertrude Rhein  
 6th Anniversary Remembrance  
 req. by the Howard Rhein Family

Eugene & Helen Ureel  
 req. by Pat & Francis Manchik

Karin Carlson  
 req. by Lloyd & Doris Suess

Thelma Derry  
 req. by Roy & Katie Ballinger

<b>Monday, May 30, 2011</b>		<b>Memorial Day</b>
Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery	Ray Lewandowski Birthday Remembrance req. by Dolly & Benjy Bertossi
<b>Tuesday, May 31, 2011</b>		<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-56	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Helen Ureel req. by Altar Sodality
<b>Wednesday, June 1, 2011</b>		<b>St. Justin</b>
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	For the people of St. Justin Parish in Hazel Park
<b>Thursday, June 2, 2011</b>		<b>Ascension Thursday (Traditional)</b>
Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Joseph Burg Anniversary Remembrance req. by His Family
<b>Friday, June 3, 2011</b>		<b>St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions</b>
Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Dan Rousseau Req. by Jeanne Wheatley & Gary Siegrist
<b>Saturday, June 4, 2011</b>		
Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	8:00 a.m.- Mass 4:15-4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation	For the intentions of St. Augustine Pro-Life Group

*Please remember those who are...*

*Facing the challenges of illness at*

*home or in the hospital*



**Celebrating  
Eternal Life  
in Christ**

Kenneth Greenia



III. Katie Manchik and  
 Steven Herrick



## Altar Sodality June Meeting

The annual Altar Sodality June Potluck will be held on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, please have food dropped off by 6:00 p.m. The Refreshment Committee for this meeting is Connie August, Marie Bielecki, Betty Raska, and Chris Kerin.

Ladies, new members are always welcome. This meeting is a great opportunity to come and meet us and find out what we do for the Church!

## ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH FAMILY ANNUAL PICNIC

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011**

Immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish parking lot. If it should rain, we will be in the parish hall.

Please join us in celebration of our Parish families and all that you do all year long.



We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and watermelon. Don't miss our Ice Cream sundae for dessert!

Come join the fun! Please respond no later than Thursday, June 16, 2011. Return this form to the Parish Office, place it in the collection at Mass, or mail your RSVP to: StAugustineRichmond@comcast.net

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_

## More on the Altar Sodality Rummage Sale



Barbara Armstrong's name was inadvertently left off the "Thank You" list for cooking for the rummage sale. We are truly sorry, and very appreciative!

We would also like to thank Brian Frank for all of his hard work year after year in helping make our Rummage Sale a success. Brian, we couldn't do it without you!

Rosemary Smith,  
Rummage Sale Chairperson



Join us for the Fun!

Vacation Bible School

"Journey with Jesus"

Travel to the towns Jesus knew and hear what happened there!

**When:** June 21, 22, & 23  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Where:** St. Augustine Catholic Church  
Richmond, MI

**Ages:** 4 years through 5th grade

**Cost:** \$8.00/child or \$15.00/family

Registration forms available in the  
Faith Formation and School Offices

(586) 727-5215

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





Greetings! May is Healthy Vision Month. More than 40,000 people a year suffer eye injuries while playing sports. For all age groups, sports-related eye injuries occur most frequently in baseball, basketball, and racquet sports. Almost all sports-related eye injuries can be prevented. Whatever your game, whatever your age, you need to protect your eyes!

### Take the following steps to avoid sports eye injuries:

Wear proper safety goggles (lensed polycarbonate protectors) for racquet sports or basketball. If you wear prescription glasses, ask your eye doctor to fit you for prescription eye guards. If you're a monocular athlete (a person with only one eye that sees well), ask your eye doctor what sports you can safely participate in. Monocular athletes should always wear sports eye guards. Buy eye guards at sports specialty stores or optical stores. At the sports store, ask for a sales representative who's familiar with eye protectors to help you.

Don't buy sports eye guards without lenses. Only "lensed" protectors are recommended for sports use. Make sure the lenses either stay in place or pop outward in the event of an accident. Lenses that pop in against your eyes can be very dangerous.

Fogging of the lenses can be a problem when you're active. Some eye guards are available with anti-fog coating. Others have side vents for additional ventilation. Try on different types to determine which is most comfortable for you.



Check the packaging to see if the eye protector you select has been tested for sports use. Also check to see that the eye protector is made of polycarbonate material. Polycarbonate eye guards are the most impact-resistant. Sports eye guards should be padded or cushioned along the brow and bridge of the nose. Padding will prevent the eye guards from cutting your skin.

Try on the eye protector to determine if it's the right size. Adjust the strap and make sure it's not too tight or too loose. If you purchased your eye guards at an optical store, an optical representative can help you adjust the eye protector for a comfortable fit. Until you get used to wearing a pair of eye guards, it may feel strange, but bear with it! It's a lot more comfortable

## Friday, 24-hour Prayers

Still 68 - 15 minute times slot to fill

Dear friends in Christ, we are being called to pray as a community. As a part of the Blue Water Vicariate, we are joining with our brothers and sisters of faith to pray for peace in our land. Please consider signing up to pray for 15 minutes every Friday for America and its leaders. This is something you can do at anytime or anywhere. The sign-up sheets are located in the back of church by the baptismal font and parish offertory envelopes. We need at least 96 people to participate every Friday in order to cover all 24-hours of prayer. We will continue this prayer every Friday of the month. During the month of **May**, we are praying for our elected officials, that they will be inspired by God to carry out their work according to the Constitution as written by our Founding Fathers.

For the month of **June**, we are praying for our soldiers/ service men and women, that God will wrap His mantle of protection around them and that they will feel our love and prayer for them.

For more information, please contact Jill Hebel, Parish Council Secretary, at (586) 727-6770.

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their Land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*



than an eye injury.

- Use batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields for youth baseball.

- Use helmets and face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association when playing hockey.



Know that regular glasses don't provide enough protection.

For more information on eye safety go to [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org), or call 1-800-331-2020.

Have a Safe and Blessed Memorial Day,  
**Maureen Duncan, RN**

# CLASS OF 2011



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2011 on their many achievements at St. Augustine School. St. Augustine's reputation as an excellent academic school continues because of the achievements of this class. These students now take their rightful place among the St. Augustine alumni. They will always be an example for the students who follow in their footsteps. We wish every one of them success as they continue their education in high school. If they continue to live according to the teachings of Jesus they will not fail. Our thoughts and prayers go with the class of 2011 as they leave St. Augustine and pursue new goals.

**Jerry Bagierek**  
*Principal*

### The St. Augustine Class of 2011

Hunter Barjaktarovich  
Adam Boyd  
Ryan Cass  
Benjamin Evans  
Mariesa Fanelli  
Katarina Hampton  
Heather Kinney  
Mikayla Miller  
Bradley Pedri  
Samantha Schaller  
Allison Schweiger  
Carolyn Schweiger  
Christina Szydowski  
Nicole Ward  
Joshua Webber

### *Parish Wish List*

St. Augustine Parish is in need of the following items. Due to financial restraints, we are unable to purchase them. If you, or anyone you know, is able to donate or make a contribution towards the purchase of the following items, please contact Bob Fillhart at (586) 727-5215, ext. 116. Thank you for your consideration.

- Metal folding chairs
- Commercial vacuum cleaner
- 6' fiberglass ladder



## Volunteer Needed

Are you looking to share a few hours a week with someone in need? A family in the parish is in need of a person willing to cut their grass once a week (or as needed). The husband is sick, and the wife has her hands full caring for him. If you are able to help this family, please contact Bob Fillhart at (586) 727-5215, and he will put you in contact with them. Thank you for living out your faith as a Catholic!

## Remembering...

They were three brothers, born just a year apart. They grew up on the edge of a Midwestern city, graduated from high school, and had all of life ahead of them. Then the war came.



Frank, the oldest, the one with the poor eyesight, managed to talk his way into the Air Corps as a technician. He was good with wires at a time when radios were tubes and coils. Fred was in the Army and served on the west coast and then in the Pacific - a place he never even dreamed of seeing when he was in school. John ended up becoming a mechanic in the Air Corps and was shipped out to England and went on to serve at bases in the Netherlands and France.

Frank was killed in a storm during a training mission over Kansas. Fred and John returned at the end of the war, married, started families, and lived a long life. They, along with other buddies, started a VFW post named after Frank and two other high school friends who had died in service.

A year after John died, his son found a trove of letters written by the three brothers to relatives and sent during the war. Letter after letter from each of the brothers always ended with "I hope I'll be seeing you soon" - the constant refrain of a soldier or sailor overseas - "I hope I'll be seeing you soon."

Reading all the letters on Memorial Day again was a reminder of how much they had given, even the ones who survived the war and returned home. Their words find an echo today as we honor the fallen who have given their all. In hope and remembrance we can say to them, "I hope I'll be seeing you soon."

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## Women's Ministry

Women from across the Archdiocese of Detroit are growing in their Catholic Faith through the Endow Women's Ministry, a program which educates women toward a deeper, more profound understanding of their God-given dignity and vocation as women.

Endow provides opportunities for women to join small groups that study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II, writings of the Popes and great theologians, and lives of saints who inspire and challenge us to proclaim the Good News to all.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund the Women's Ministry Office in the Archdiocese of Detroit, which is part of the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools. Besides Endow study groups, the office also offers Endow facilitator training and an annual women's conference.

For more information about Women's Ministry or other CSA-funded programs and ministries, please go to [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org).

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older, we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today, Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions: "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

## Richmond Community Food Pantry is Full!

The 19th annual Postal Food Drive was a success! Thanks to the continued support of the local communities, the Richmond community Food Pantry is now filled to capacity. A special thanks to the Richmond Post office employees, Cathie Conner for her continued efforts coordinating the food drive, and Boy Scout Troop No. 84 for all of their help to sort, pack, and deliver the food to the pantry.



### Word of Life

"Today, chastity is often mistakenly associated with being old fashioned, with a fear of passion or with sexual inhibition. But in reality it is much more than simply the absence of sexual relations. Chastity calls for purity of mind as well as body.

"If we are not working to develop a pure heart or a pure mind, then our bodily actions will reflect this. If we have no control over our desires or passions, then we cannot be trusted in either the big or the small things. We will remain slaves of our own passions and weak in spirit. If we cannot say 'no,' then our 'yes' will mean nothing."



## ~ Stewardship ~

### Weekly Sunday Collection May 22, 2011



Budget Amount	\$ 11,329.00
Collection Amount	\$ 8,809.62
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 2,519.38)
Week 47 YTD Budget Amount	\$ 532,463.00
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$ 461,393.14
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 71,069.86)

Number of adult envelopes used	282
Loose collection	\$496.00
Number of children's envelopes used	50
Children's collection	\$ 64.37



## Remembering Those Who Serve

- DC2 Troy Baran
- FNE3 Nathan Bilbrey
- MSgt Christopher Capoccia
- Cpt Kevin Chamberlain
- Cpl 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
- 1Lt David F Kuntz
- Cpl Christopher Lemke
- SP4 Cory Moore
- Cpt Christopher Platz
- Cpt Lisa Marie Platz
- MSgt Jeffrey Platz
- PFC Ryan Pryslak
- MSgt Kevin Quant
- Col Matthew Rettke
- Cpt Brad Roshak
- POHM2 John-Christopher Sbraccia
- SPC Kurtis Schneider
- PFC Nicholas Spens
- SMSGT Joseph Stevens
- SSG Raymond Stier
- PFC Christopher Tishler
- SSG Nathaniel Wirgau
- TSgt Jeffrey Yelencich

## The CALL of the Caucus



### Non-Violence

“Put away the sword.” The words and the life of the nonviolent Jesus are considered by many to be unrealistic. The world relies heavily on weapons, individuals arm themselves and violence spirals upward to where it may destroy us. There is an alternative. The recent uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt show that nonviolence can work. President Obama described the uprisings as “a model of nonviolence and a moral force that bent the arc of history.”

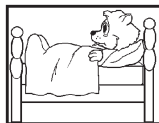
We are woefully ignorant of the successes of nonviolence. Nonviolent resistance has played a much more significant role than is generally acknowledged by historians. Gandhi’s campaign against British colonial rule; Martin Luther King’s civil rights struggle; the overthrow of the dictator Marcos in the Philippines; the displacing of communist regimes in Eastern Europe and the resistance that even worked against the Nazis in Norway and Berlin are just a few examples. These and many others should be studied by all of us and discussed in our conversations about the future.

We who dream of peace, struggle for justice, and want to follow the way of Jesus should take on this challenge to pursue the possibilities of nonviolence, both for our world and for our own lives.

*Catholic Caucus of Southeast Michigan, a Catholic lobby group, gives voice to justice issues. All are welcome to attend our gatherings. Future gatherings begin in Fall, 2011 will be announced in future submissions or at: [www.catholiccaucus.org](http://www.catholiccaucus.org)*

### Remember The Sick

Please include the following name(s) on the Prayer List during May/June



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\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Submit Names Monthly**

If person is receiving extended care, please note on this form

**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.