

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.

November 13, 2011

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215

Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, November 16th



The St. Augustine Parish Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

All are welcome. Come and be informed about the state of our parish and join in discussion about matters that concern us all.



Advent Wreath Lighters Needed

The Worship Commission is looking for people to light the Advent Wreath at each Mass during Advent. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students, young adults, families, or individuals to do "a little something" during the Advent season.



We need volunteers for each of the Masses each weekend for four weeks, beginning Saturday, November 26 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, through Sunday, December 18 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, for a total of sixteen people.

If you are interested, please call Tina in the Faith Formation Office at 727-9290, ext. 125. Please journey with us in faith this Advent.

All Souls Remembrance Candles



Remembrance Candles from our All souls Service on November 2nd have been placed on the window sills in church. These candles represent all those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Augustine Parish within the past year.

If you were unable to attend the All Souls Service, please feel free to pick up the Remembrance Candle of your loved one from one of the window sills in church.

Health Ministry News

St Augustine Health Ministry Team is off to a great start! Please join us as we plan health-related activities that will benefit our parish. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, call Jane Cheyne at 586-727-5215, ext. 110



St. Augustine School would like to thank everyone who made our auction a HUGE success. Our success was due largely on the support we received from Richmond, Memphis and surrounding communities. So many companies and local businesses gave of themselves to help us, otherwise we wouldn't have succeeded. We had well over 200 items. We had over 200 people attend and made over \$20,000. Thank you for caring enough to help us out. We are very thankful to everyone who came, gave or worked. Next year's auction is already in the planning stages. We hope you can come and join us for an evening of laughter and fun.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

68035 Main St., Richmond, Michigan 48062
 Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicchurch.com>
 Email - 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 staugustinerichmond@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 - Ext. 127
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 Email - faithformation@staugustinecatholicchurch.com

Tina Kovalcik,
 Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education - Ext. 125
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Melissa Lipsmeier, 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, and Friday - 8:00 a.m.;
 Thursday - 8:45 a.m.
 Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.; First Saturday of the Month - 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: 6:00 a.m., 8:45 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, November 14, 2011

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

6:30 p.m. - School Committee (Library)
 7:00 p.m. - Baptism Prep I (Room 7)

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

4:30 p.m. - Faith Formation (Hall)
 6:30 p.m. - Contemp. Music Ensemble Practice (Church)
 7:00 p.m. - Disciples of Jesus Prayer Group (Room 2)
 7:00 p.m. - Health Ministry Meeting (Parish Office)
 7:00 p.m. - Town Hall Meeting (Hall)

Thursday, November 17, 2011

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Room 7)

Saturday, November 19, 2011

10:00 a.m. - First Penance Workshop (Parish Center)
 4:15 p.m. - Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, November 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. - Faith Formation



St. Augustine Parish Pastoral Council 2010-2011

- ✠ **Debbie Michon** - Chair (586) 727-5215
- ✠ **Charlene Pizzimenti** - Co-Chair
- ✠ **Bridget Urquhart** - Secretary
- ✠ **Jill Hebel**
- ✠ **Steven Kovalcik**
- ✠ **Jessica Leenknecht**
- ✠ **Jason Smalley**
- ✠ **Arlene Schweiger**
- ✠ **Patty Smith**
- ✠ **Fr. Joe Plawecki** - (586) 727-5215

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

Monday, November 14, 2011

1 Mc 1:10-15,
41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

7:30 a.m. -
Rosary
8:00 a.m. -
Mass

Gerry St. John,
req. by John & Marge Venuk

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

St. Albert the Great

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

6:00 p.m. -
Rosary
6:30 p.m. -
Mass

Helen Plawecki,
req. by St. Augustine Altar Sodality

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

**St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude**

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

7:30 a.m. -
Rosary
Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:00 a.m. -
Mass

Genevieve Wroblewski,
req. by Theresa Stevens

Thursday, November 17, 2011

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44

8:15 a.m. -
Rosary
8:45 a.m. -
Mass

James Jahn,
req. by The Jahn Family

Friday, November 18, 2011

**The Dedication of the Basilicas
of St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome
St. Rose Philippine Ducesne**

1 Mc 4:36-37,
52-59
Lk 19:45-48

7:30 a.m. -
Rosary
8:00 a.m. -
Mass

Duane & Jacquie Rushlow -
50th Wedding Anniversary,
req. by Their Children

Saturday, November 19, 2011

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

4:15 - 4:45 p.m. -
Reconciliation

Sunday, November 20, 2011

**Our Lord Jesus Christ
The King**



+Eucharistic Liturgies:

- Saturday -
5:00 p.m.
- Sunday -
7:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.;
11:30 a.m.

Scriptures:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

Intentions:

Thelma Derry,
req. by The Family

Karin Carlson,
req. by Stanley & Audrey Kurczynski

Lillian & Leonard Dolan,
req. by Cass Dolan

Gerry St. John,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert McGuire

Amanda Sprys,
Birthday Remembrance,
req. by Mom & Dad and
Jeffery & Aileen

Pray for . . .

*Please remember those who are
facing the challenges of illness
at home or in the hospital*



*Pray for those
who have gone
before us . . .*



*Wedding
Banns*

Kristie Scott & Scott Schemansky

Live~Learn~Grow

Life can be perplexing - there are so many choices. We gain wealth in choosing one route, fame in another, or notoriety in yet another. Some of us are lured by power, others by security, peace, or romance. The best way to decide which path to travel is to make up our minds where we hope to arrive - the final destination. You are on a road map of life - but where do you want to be? What do you want to be? What is your desired destination?

Christians seek an eternity sharing in God's happiness. Jesus teaches his followers how to achieve that goal by his word and example. He begins his missions by accepting John's baptism, the sign that leads the way from death into new life. Next, Jesus fasts, prays, and experiences temptation toward self-preservation, power, and worldly honor. Jesus enters into his public ministry by proclaiming the closeness of the kingdom of God. The kingdom remains at the center of his teaching.

The Beatitudes presented during the Sermon on the Mount most clearly reveal the way we are to travel if we are to enter into the kingdom ourselves. We must come "poor in spirit" that is, in the spirit of humility. We are to "trust in God" in times of sorrow and loss. The "pursuit of righteousness" mirrors the just way of God. The "practice of forgiveness" is to reflect on the divine mercy we receive.



"Single heartedness" in fidelity to God and dedication to the "way of peace" mirror our dignity as children of God. And, last of all, "perseverance" in the face of opposition merits us the same welcome the prophets received. If we follow these teachings, we will indeed arrive at our hoped-for destination.

What sort of detours do you encounter? What is keeping you from traveling towards the path to everlasting happiness? Which Beatitude will help you to change your present course in life?

The Church tells us that the Beatitudes are central to the teachings of Jesus. They proclaim a message of hope for the trials that we encounter as a disciple of Christ. (CCC 1716, 1820)

Autumn Blessings!
Tina Kovalcik
 Pastoral Associate/DRE

First Penance Parent Corner



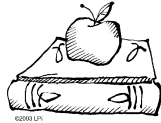
Chapter 7 - The adage, "actions speak louder than words," gives us an insight into the meaning of being truly sorry for our sins. Help your child and help one another to see that while sometimes it might be enough to say "I'm sorry," at other times adding a simple gesture or act of kindness is necessary to help heal the harm their actions may have caused to their relationships with others. It is important that you help the young people understand that, at times, simply telling someone, "I'm sorry," falls short of the mark. Everyone needs to learn that they have the responsibility to do something to repair the damage and harm their actions have caused. Use whatever opportunities arise during your time together to help them learn this important dimension of reconciliation.



St. Augustine Pre-K Main Room



St. Augustine Pre-K Gross Motor Room



We are off and running in Preschool!



September and October were busy months! We have danced, sang songs, read many good books, and built towers and bridges. We have cut, glued, glittered, and created an abundance of fine art.

We have also taken a trip to Blake's Orchard on a cool, crisp autumn day for apples, cider, and donuts. The Palace was our second trip to see the Barnum and Bailey Circus. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Feast this month and Muffins with Mom in December.

Our Preschool is an active learning environment. Play at this age builds the foundation for future learning. Children need toys, space, time, and opportunity to be with other children their age.

We are blessed at St. Augustine Preschool to have two rooms in the school and a fenced-in area on the playground to facilitate our program.

The gross motor room enables the children to climb, slide down slides, spin on a merry-go-round, rock on a horse, walk on balance beams, captain the pirate ship, and drive the fire trucks. There is plenty of room to dance and sing too!

The main room is filled with age appropriate toys to enhance the imagination. Every cabinet and corner contains items to explore, manipulate, and pretend with. Young children learn best with what they can see, touch, and feel. Their imaginative play leads to better reading skills. Their social play leads to better problem solving and coping skills.

The best thing about our Preschool is the children who bring the light and life into the room. Without them it would be just two rooms packed with toys. It is the children that add the laughter and smiles; they are the reason that we are here.

To be able to teach in this school is truly a gift. To be able to be a part of a warm, caring, Christian community is a blessing. To pass along the knowledge of God's love is, as they say, priceless.

Bev Kammer
Preschool Teacher/Director

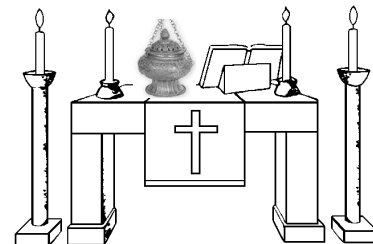
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The Preparation of the Altar-Table and Gifts

The Liturgy of the Eucharist moves the center of attention from the readings and homily at the ambo to the actions and prayers around the altar table. An altar is not an ordinary piece of furniture. It is consecrated by a bishop, who anoints it with Holy Chrism, incenses it, covers it for the first time with a white cloth, and illuminates it with candles. Through these actions the altar becomes a symbol of Christ, the Anointed One, and a holy place radiating the aura of Christ's presence. (See *The Rites*, vol 2, "Dedication of an Altar" par. 22a.)

To this sacred altar we bring gifts which symbolize ourselves. Bread, the most basic food in every culture, is "the staff of life", representing what we need to remain alive. Wine, at the other end of the food spectrum, is elegant, refined and festive, a symbol of living well. These gifts, both "fruit of the earth and work of human hands", contain within them an immense ecology of human and divine interaction in this world. God's good earth provides food and drink for us, and we bring these gifts to the altar as strong symbols of our lives. Besides the bread and wine, we also present "other gifts to relieve the needs of the Church and of the poor" (*Roman Missal*, par 22). These gifts, a collection of money and sometimes food items, represent our daily labor in yet another way.

All the gifts are taken in solemn procession to the altar. We, the faithful – already the Body of Christ gathered for worship and fed from the Table of the Word – symbolically present ourselves to be taken, blessed, broken, and given to God and to one another in union with Christ, the great sacrificial Gift. The priest, one of us and yet representing Christ our Leader, receives our gifts, praises God for them, and sets them on the altar. In doing so he moves them from the everyday world into the realm of the sacred. This is the first step towards their transformation – and ours.





**Health Ministry
in Partnership with
St. John Providence Health System**



**November is
National Hospice Month**

The term “hospice” (from the same linguistic root as “hospitality”) can be traced back to medieval times when it referred to a place of shelter and rest for weary or ill travelers on a long journey. The name was first applied to specialized care for dying patients in 1967 by physician Dame Cicely Saunders, who founded the first modern hospice - St. Christopher’s Hospice - in a residential suburb of London.

Saunders introduced the idea of specialized care for the dying to the United States during a 1963 visit with Yale University. Her lecture, given to medical students, nurses, social workers, and chaplains about the concept of holistic hospice care, included photos of terminally ill cancer patients and their families, showing the dramatic differences before and after the symptom control care. This lecture launched the following chain of events, which resulted in the development of hospice care as we know it today.

Hospice focuses on caring, not curing, and, in most cases, care is provided in the patient's home. Hospice care also is provided in freestanding hospice centers, hospitals, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities. Hospice services are available to patients of any age, religion, race, or illness. Hospice care is covered under Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurance plans, HMOs, and other managed care organizations. Most non-profit hospices will admit patient to hospice even if they do not have healthcare insurance.

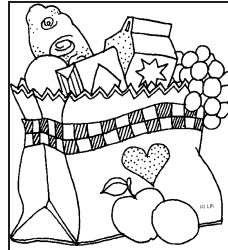
Typically, a family member serves as the primary caregiver and, when appropriate, helps make decisions for the terminally ill individual. Members of the hospice staff make regular visits to assess the patient and provide additional care or other services. Hospice staff is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

How does Hospice Care work?

The hospice team develops a care plan that meets each patient's individual needs for pain management and symptom control. The team usually consists of:

- The patient’s personal physician
- Hospice physician (or medical director)

Pantry Needs



Place your donations in the bins in church, or drop them off at the St. Augustine Parish Office during business hours. The Richmond Community Food Pantry thanks you!

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| ♥ Macaroni & Cheese | ♥ Oatmeal |
| ♥ Hunt’s Manwich | ♥ Boxed potatoes |
| ♥ Cereal | ♥ Boxed pasta |
| ♥ Pancake mix/Syrup | |

Bone Health and Vitamin D

Learn more about amazing Vitamin D and it's many benefits with Cynthia Browne, MD, Radiation Oncologist with a specialty in breast cancer and nutrition. Tuesday November 15, 10-11 AM at the Marvin Blank Senior Center, on 23 Mile Road in Macomb Twp. For registration, call 888 751-5465.

St. Augustine Health Ministry Team

- Nurses
- Home health aides
- Social workers
- Clergy or other counselors
- Trained volunteers
- Speech, physical, and occupational therapists, if needed

What services are provided?

Among its major responsibilities, the interdisciplinary hospice team:

- Manages the patient’s pain and symptoms
- Assists the patient with the emotional and psychosocial and spiritual aspects of dying
- Provides needed drugs, medical supplies, and equipment
- Coaches the family on how to care for the patient
- Delivers special services like speech and physical therapy when needed
- Makes short-term inpatient care available when pain or symptoms become too difficult to manage at home, or the caregiver needs respite time
- Provides bereavement care and counseling to surviving family and friends.

St. Augustine Health Ministry Team

St. Augustine Church

2010-2011 Fiscal Year Cash Summary

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Latchkey</u>	<u>Faith Formation</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	\$746,018.00	\$ 9,587.00	\$ 22,116.00	\$678,844.00	\$1,456,565.00
Withdrawal from Savings	80,352.00	.00	.00	3,032.00	83,384.00
Expenses	<u>579,810.00</u>	<u>20,868.00</u>	<u>170,622.00</u>	<u>810,127.00</u>	<u>1,581,427.00</u>
	\$246,560.00	(\$11,281.00)	(\$148,506.00)	(\$128,251.00)	(\$ 41,478.00)

Cash Balance 6-30-2011 Cash \$ 92,394.00
Savings 115,458.00
Total \$207,852.00

Debt to the Archdiocese: June 30, 2010 \$561,105.00
Payment on Debt (44,000.00)
Changing Lives Together (26,481.00)
Interest on Loan 18,845.00
Clergy Health and Pension 35,094.00
Diocesan Assessment 50,628.00
CSA Shortfall 29,139.00

Total 6-30-2011 \$624,330.00

Summary of 2010 - 2011

Cash and Savings Went Down \$41,478.00
Debt Went Up 63,225.00



~ Stewardship ~

Weekly Sunday Collection
November 6, 2011

Budget Amount	\$ 10,013.00	Number of adult envelopes used	312
Collection Amount	\$ 10,925.00	Loose collection	\$614.04
Net Over/(Under)	\$ 912.59	Number of children's envelopes used	57
Week 19 YTD Budget Amount	\$ 190,247.00	Children's collection	\$117.45
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$ 184,491.38		
Net Over/(Under)	(\$5,755.62)		

Remembrance Book

Each November the Church pauses to remember the dead. It is good for us to recall all those who shared their lives with us.

You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Remembrance Book located by the St. Joseph Altar during November.



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 4, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast Menu

Pancakes, Eggs, Ham
Coffee, Tea, Juice

Cost: Free Will Donation

Sponsored by: Richmond Knights of Columbus

For Information contact Tina Kovalcik
faithformation@staugustinecatholicchurch.com
Call 586-727-9290



Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 4, 2011
6:00 p.m. Gathering in the Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker Patricia Chase
Archdiocese of Detroit
Office of Catechetics & Evangelization

Reservations are requested.
Call 586-727-9290, extension 125
Refreshments will be served.
A freewill offering will be taken that evening.

Would you like to set a table for six?
Please call Tina Polega at 586-727-9290



Remembering Those Who Serve

DC2 Troy Baran
FNE3 Nathan Bilbrey
MSgt Christopher Capoccia
Cpt Kevin Chamberlain
Spc Samuel Feldman
Ensign 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
Sgt. Christopher Lemke
Sgt Cory Moore
Cpt Christopher Platz
Cpt Lisa Marie Platz
MSgt Jeffrey Platz
MSgt Kevin Quant
Col Matthew Rettke
Cpt Brad Roshak
POHM2 John-Christopher Sbraccia
Sgt Kurtis Schneider
PFC Nicholas Spens
PFC Timothy James Spruytte
SMSgt Joseph Stevens
SSG Raymond Stier
PFC Christopher Tishler
SSG Nathaniel Wirgau
TSgt Jeffrey Yelencich



Concerned About Memory Problems?

Early detection is important. Take action.
Free, confidential memory screenings.

National Memory Screening Day ~ 2011
Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Hosted by: Senior Helpers of Richmond
69289 Main Street
Richmond, MI

For information or appointment, call: 586-430-1015