



# 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 14, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



## Town Hall Meeting on the New Capital Campaign

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Gathering: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Our parish will be participating in a new Capital Campaign conducted by our Archdiocese for the purpose of raising funds and promoting good stewardship for the strengthening of the financial condition of our parish as well as the Archdiocese.

All parishes of the Archdiocese are required to participate in this campaign. We have elected to be in the first group of parishes. Our parish will benefit significantly from this effort. More information will be provided in future bulletins and mailings. To find out more information or to help in any way, please plan on attending the special meeting regarding the Capital Campaign in our parish hall on Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend and help us plan for the future well-being of our parish and the work of Christ in the Archdiocese.

*F. Joe*



### Pancake Breakfast Today!

Join us today, November 14,  
after all Masses for a Pancake Breakfast in  
the Parish Center Hall.

## Advent Wreath Lighters Needed

Confirmation students, young adults, families, or individuals are needed to light the Advent wreath. You will process up with the other ministers at the beginning of Mass, then light the perspective advent candle while Father prays the blessing.

We need volunteers for each of the four Masses each weekend for four weeks beginning Saturday, November 27 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, through Sunday, December 19th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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. Again, one individual is needed per Mass, a total of sixteen people are needed to do the lighting.

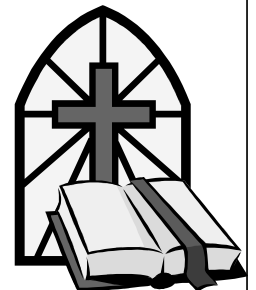
Thank you,

The Worship Commission



## Remembrance Book

During the month of November, there will be a Book of Remembrance located by the Divine Mercy box at the front of the church. You are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book, and they will be remembered in our prayers.



*Remember those who have gone before us.....*

## St. Augustine Catholic Church

68035 Main St., Richmond, Michigan 48062  
 Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicchurch.com>  
 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:** 9:00 a.m. on Monday 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

Tina Kovalcik,  
 Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education - Ext. 125  
 Lisa Hamel, After-School Program Assistant - Ext. 141  
 Betty Raska, Secretary - Ext. 111

### Youth Ministry (586) 727-9290

Marcie Dullea, Youth Minister

### St. Augustine School: (586) 727-9365

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 ~

### Sunday, November 14, 2010

Pancake Breakfast after all masses (Hall)

### Monday, November 15, 2010

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting (Room 4)

### Tuesday, November 16, 2010

6:30 p.m. - School Committee (Art Room)

### Wednesday, November 17, 2010

4:30 p.m. - Faith Formation (Parish Center)

6:30 p.m. - Contemporary Music Ministry Practice (Church)

7:00 p.m. - Commissions (Room 7)

### Thursday, November 18, 2010

6:30 p.m. - Capital Campaign Town Hall (Hall)

7:00 p.m. - RCIA - (Room 3)

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

### Saturday, November 20, 2010

10:45 a.m. - Greektown Casino Trip

## 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** -
- † **Greg Rushlow** -
- † **Patty Smith** - (
- † **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

### Scriptures

### Intentions

Monday, November 15, 2010		St. Albert the Great
Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Mary Slavik, req. by Her Niece
Tuesday, November 16, 2010		St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Patricia Romatz - 1st Anniversary Remembrance, req. by The Kovalcik Family
Wednesday, November 17, 2010		St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28	7:30 a.m. - Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Virginia Bartoszek - 1st Anniversary Remembrance, req. by The Parish
Thursday, November 18, 2010		The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Ernest Yeaman - Anniversary Remembrance, req. by Jimmy & Yvonne Finazzo
Friday, November 19, 2010		
Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Mary Nedumcheril, A Parishioner and Family
Saturday, November 20, 2010		
Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40	4:15-4:45 p. m. - Reconciliation	



Sunday, November 21, 2010

## 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:

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

### Intentions:

Elmer & Theresa Schulte,  
req. by The Schulte Family

Leo Weingartz,  
req. by Mike & Linda Darling

Amanda Sprys -  
Birthday Remembrance,  
req. by Dad & Mom,  
Jeff & Aileen

Virginia Bartoszek,  
req. by Her Husband,  
Louis Bartoszek

Larry Schweiger,  
req. by Brian & Lori Leach  
& Family

*Please remember those who are...*

**Facing the challenges of illness at home or in the hospital,  
Receiving extend 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.*

## Relic of St. Toribio Romo

A first-class relic of St. Toribio Romo, a martyr for the Catholic faith in Mexico's religious persecution early in the last century, was received at a vespers service at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit on November 3, 2010.



The relic, which is a fragment of the saint's bone, has been visiting parishes that minister to the Hispanic community. On November 21, it will be placed in the Shrine of St. Toribio Romo at Holy Redeemer Parish in southwest Detroit. It will remain permanently at Holy Redeemer Parish for veneration. Veneration of relics is a church custom that dates back to the time of the apostles, when early Christians would show reverence to the remains of martyrs.

The relic will be at the following parishes for the rest of the month:

**Sunday, November 14** - St. Damien of Molokai Parish in Pontiac

**Tuesday, November 16** - St. Francis of Assisi/ St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Ray Township

**Thursday, November 18** - Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish in Detroit

**Sunday, November 21**, Holy Redeemer Parish 1721 Junction (near Vernor) in Detroit



## Please Help the Funeral Luncheon Committee!!



The St. Augustine Funeral Committee recently purchased a two-tiered step ladder for use in the funeral storage room. Unfortunately, the step stool is missing. If you borrowed it and forgot to return it, or know where it is, please contact the Parish Office at (586) 727-5215,

## Preparing our Hearts for Christmas

With Advent starting up in just two weeks, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use The Word Among us, or read Scripture, to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading The Word Among Us or Scripture will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies of The Word Among Us are provided by the parish and are located at both entrances of the church. Please pick up a copy or open your Bible and begin to read the Gospel of Luke or Matthew. I know that it's a busy time, but these few minutes will make Christmas much more meaningful for you and your family. Why not start a new Christmas tradition?



**Tina Kovalcik**  
Pastoral Associate/DRE

## Sacred Music Concert November 21 at Felician Chapel



A concert of sacred music will be performed at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, at the Felician's Presentation Chapel on Levan and Newburgh Roads in Livonia. The concert will feature performances of Bach's "Jesu Joy," Shubert's "Ave Maria," Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer," Franck's "Panis Angelicus," and various selections from Handel's "Messiah." It will feature

a number of music ministers from the Archdiocese, including Lisa Agazzi, Julie Holowell, Elizabeth Mihalo, Andy Langlands, Angelina Pashmakova, Hektor Qyteti, Charles Walker, Louis Canter, and Dr. David Wagner and the Madonna Chorale.

The concert benefits the Felicians' education, health care, and parish ministries. Tickets are \$20. For \$100, guests can enjoy reserved seating and a reception with the performers. RSVPs for reserved seats are required by Tuesday, November 9. For details, call (313) 701-8683 or e-mail [musicconcert@wowway.com](mailto:musicconcert@wowway.com)

## Open Forum Comments

**Comment:** *Parents need to be told to control their children in church (and also when they attend any event at St A's).*

**Response:** Parents need to control their children at all times, not just in Church or events at St. A's. This action became our responsibility and duty as parents when God gifted us with our children.

When we first presented our children to the church requesting the Sacrament of Baptism, we promised the church to raise our child in the faith. By following God's laws, the Ten Commandments, and the Church laws, the Precepts, we are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and to provide for the needs of the Church.

We commend those who fulfill their obligations, live their faith, and teach by example.

We should all be passionate about receiving sacraments. Remember, a sacrament is *a sensible sign instituted by Jesus Christ by which invisible grace and inward sanctification are communicated to the soul.* It is a guaranteed encounter with Christ Himself! With every sacrament that we receive, we receive more and more of God's grace. And, where do we receive those sacraments? In Church, where Christ put them! Don't you love to see young families attending Mass and celebrating sacraments? Parents are the prime faith connectors and we as a community are examples to one another. It is through our ACTIONS that we teach one another. WE hand on the faith!

As far as the "noises" that children make during Mass, we consider that the action of the Holy Spirit. Maybe a child crying, smiling, watching, moving about in the pew, is the action of the Spirit moving within the child. Maybe, for just a moment, God wants us to be "distracted" or to

"focus more intently." We never know what the people around us are facing. Maybe it's a recent diagnosis of cancer, the passing of a loved one, bad news like financial devastation, or loss of a marriage or job. We never know what lies in the hearts and minds of our brothers and sisters. For some who have been away from the Church for a while, maybe the Spirit is welcoming them home, through the action of an innocent child. We never know what God has in store for us.

So, we encourage everyone to attend Mass, to participate fully, to hand on the faith, and to be examples of Christ in the world. That is our duty.

To the parents of young children, we encourage you to walk your family around the body of the Church, God's house. Teach your children about the Stations of the Cross, the Baptismal Font and the wall fonts, the Holy Oils located in the Ambry, the Sanctuary, and all around. Let them become familiar with the environment as God's house should be familiar. Teach your children postures, like the difference between bowing and genuflecting, singing and silence, praying and participating, listening and acting.

There are so many things that we could mention as reminders....and that is why Faith Formation is a life-long journey. We continue to learn and be reminded from womb to tomb. That is why we, as children of God, continue to hand on the faith to ALL those we encounter – just as Jesus did. May I remind everyone that children are not the only ones who make noise and sometimes can't sit still. We ALL need reminders of how to be examples of Christ in the world – and in Church!

**Tina Kovalcik**  
Pastoral Associate/DRE



## Stewardship -

Budget Amount	\$ 11,329.00
Collection Amount	\$ 10,507.17
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 821.83)
Week 19 YTD Budget Amount	\$215,251.00
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$186,547.07
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 28,703.93)

## Weekly Sunday Collection November 7, 2010

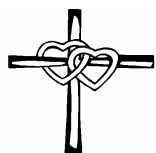
Number of adult envelopes used:	310
Loose collection	\$692.36
Number of children's envelopes used:	68
Children's collection	\$ 89.81



## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Parenting is difficult because our children hear many different voices vying for their attention. Today's Gospel encourages parents to boldly "give testimony." You are not alone in your parenting. Trust a Loving Father will give you the "wisdom" to be good parents.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Did you know that couples who attend a WWME Weekend:

- ✝ Experience only a 2% divorce rate
- ✝ Live the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage
- ✝ Become more involved in their church
- ✝ Renew the Church through discipleship with other couples
- ✝ Support and appreciate their parish and their parish priests

Please help us to lift up couples during this hard economic time. All couples are welcome on a WWME weekend regardless of ability to donate.

Married Couples, give yourselves the best gift yet... attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! "Get Away"

2011 Weekends: February 11-13 or April 1-3  
"Get Away" Marriage Encounter weekends are held in a retreat house or hotel from a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones - and focus only on each other. No group sharing.

If you would like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

For more information or to register:

[www.wwme-detroit.org](http://www.wwme-detroit.org)

[ <http://www.wwme-detroit.org> ]

Bill & Carol Higgins: 248.528.2512

or [ [birdhaus@wideopenwest.com](mailto:birdhaus@wideopenwest.com) ]

## Thanks for Thinking of Us, but....

Because St. Augustine Parish does not have a St. Vincent DePaul Society, we are unable to accept donations of clothing. Please do NOT leave used clothing at the parish office. We are required to dispose of these items if they are left on our doorstep .

## Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 9, 2010  
6:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
Parish Center Hall

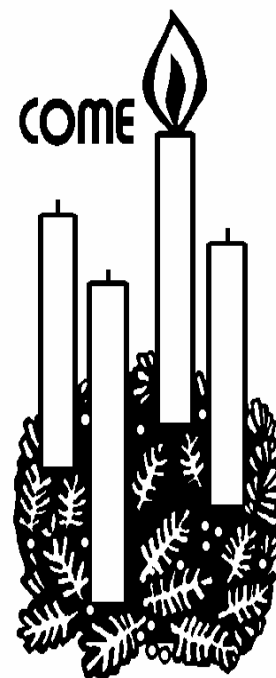
*An Invitation to all Women*

*Come and enjoy an evening with friends*

*Come and bring a friend*

*Come and pray with us*

*Come prepare the way of the Lord*



Reservations are required.

To host a table or make a reservation, please call the Faith Formation office at (586) 727-9290.

There is no cost, but a head count is needed.

**EMMANUEL**

## The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy Grand Book Release

The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy will host the **Grand Celebration & Christmas Shopping Extravaganza** on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at The Grosse Pointe War Memorial location in honor of the much anticipated book release of **A Call To Trust**, written by Catherine M. Lanni. The Divine Mercy Center was founded by Catherine after a miraculous healing in 1986 while on her deathbed after giving birth. **A Call To Trust** is an account of this extraordinary experience.

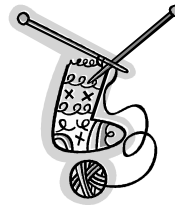


Join us to pick up your copy of **A Call to Trust** and enjoy a fun-filled day of festive shopping in an array of boutiques, stores, and crafts, live Christmas music, and a fabulous silent auction! **This is a great chance to meet Catherine in person and get a signed copy of her book!**

The event will be held at The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, located at 32 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.. The cost is \$2.00, or no charge if you are an official Member of The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy.

Members are invited to join us at 8:00 a.m. for a complimentary breakfast, sponsored by La Jolie Rose and Hannah Bear Boutique, private shopping and book signing, and meet and greet with Catherine. If you are interested in becoming a Member of The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy please call Elizabeth at (586) 777-8591.

For more information on the **Grand Celebration & Christmas Shopping Extravaganza** or information about The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy, visit [www.sjdivinemeracy.org](http://www.sjdivinemeracy.org) or call The Divine Mercy Center at 586.777.8591.



## Fall Arts and Crafts Show

Saturday, November 20, 2010  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
35110 Division  
Richmond



Craft items, baked goods, white elephant table, plants, homemade candy, and more!!



**Soup & Salad Luncheon**  
(Dessert & beverage included)  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$5.00 per person  
Under 5 free

## Mass to Mark 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Fr. Solanus Casey

All are invited to a Mass marking the 140<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Venerable Solanus Casey. Fr. Jim Hast, OFM Cap, director of pastoral care at the Solanus Casey Center, will be the celebrant. The Mass will be held on Sunday, November 28, at 12 noon in St. Bonaventure Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit.

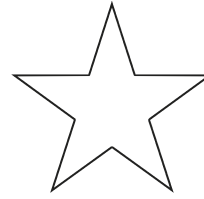
Music will be by the Solanus Choir under the direction of Dennis Choiniert. Refreshments will follow Mass. St. Bonaventure is located on Mount Elliott, between E. Lafayette and Kercheval. For more information, go to [www.SolanusCasey.org](http://www.SolanusCasey.org) or call (313) 579-2100.

Fr. Solanus served as "porter" or receptionist and doorkeeper at St. Bonaventure Monastery. A man of great faith and humility, he met thousands of people from every age and walk of life at the monastery door. In 1995, Pope John Paul II declared Fr. Solanus to be venerable, the second step in the path to sainthood.



### Remembering Those Who Serve

- DC2 Troy Baran
- FNE3 Nathan Bilbrey
- 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
- Lt Col Matthew Rettke
- 1Lt Brad Roshak
- POHM2 John-Christopher Sbraccia
- SPC Kurtis Schneider
- PFC Nicholas Spens
- SMSgt Joseph Stevens
- SSG Raymond Stier
- PFC Christopher Tishler
- Sgt Nathaniel Wirgau
- TSgt Jeffrey Yelencich



### BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., Chapter 180, are mothers of sons and daughters who are serving in the military or have served honorably. Our chapter serves Macomb, St. Clair, and part of Wayne Counties. We are getting ready VERY SOON to send out packages to our military. Please send us the names and military addresses of family, neighbors, or friends serving and we will send them a Christmas package. Anyone wishing to make a donation to help with shipping costs, send a check to Blue Water Chapter #180, P.O. Box 463, St. Clair, MI 48079. For those who have military addresses, email to [bplatzbsma@gmail.com](mailto:bplatzbsma@gmail.com).



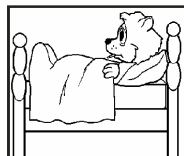
**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**1-800-799-7233**

**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 November - January



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

#### Don't Forget!

November/December envelopes are available to be picked up at the Main Street entrance of the Church. We are no longer mailing the envelopes in an effort to reduce Parish expenses. If you know of someone who is unable to pick up his or her envelopes, please have that person contact the Parish Office at (586) 727-5215, ext. 0.

