



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 21, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

One of the items from the *Open Forum* gathering was, **“We need better education as to what the names of the objects in church are, and also in the traditions of the church.”** While this is a life time of learning, I will share my article that was printed earlier this spring entitled *Church Tour*. At our ministry training and retraining, we covered the proper names and purpose of “furniture” in our Church. Some had forgotten and some were never taught. It was a great teaching piece for me and many enjoyed the topic, so, I will once again share this series of articles.

Church Tour

To my surprise many ministers asked me to write an article so that everyone else could learn what they had learned. I'm not sure how long this will take but I will attempt it in a few articles.

We began at the Church door. The door not only draws us into our holy house for worship, but it draws us into a sacred meeting place with God and with one another. The Church door welcomes us as we pass on our way to the baptismal font — a place of rebirth. A new beginning. We also pass through this door when we are born into everlasting life — on our way to eternal rest.

Jesus said: *“I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved.”*

As I gaze upon our church door, a wooden door to be exact, it reminds me of the wood of the cross. A great sign of God's love and sacrifice. As we enter through these wooden doors, Christ forms us into a community of love and faith that is gathered in His name.

So as we are formed into our particular ministry—so too is the door. The door opens her arms wide in a gesturing “welcome” invitation to represent a welcome committee. And once we are all inside, the door closes her arms to keep us safe and secure as we participate in the Word, songs and rituals, and in the Blessed Sacrament of Eucharist.

Who would have thought about “the Church door” as having such an important role in ministry? Fr. Michael Kwatera, a monk of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, has! And how blessed I am to have learned from him the importance of hospitality, reverence, and ministry.

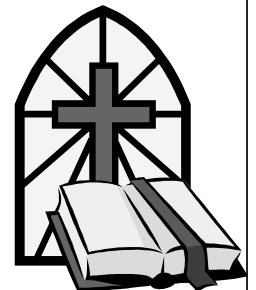
Everyone has a ministry. What ministry is God calling you to? Need help discerning? Call me! I'd love to hear from you!

Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE



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>
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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

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
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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, November 22, 2010

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

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

7:30 p.m. - Parish Council (Room 7)

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

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

7:00 p.m. - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service (First United Methodist Church - Richmond)

Thursday, November 25, 2010

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 a.m. - Mass (Church)

Saturday, November 26, 2010

12:00 Noon - Reconciliation (Church)

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 22, 2010		St. Cecilia
Rv 14:1-3,4b-5 Lk 21:1-4	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Frank A. Emmi - 5th Anniversary Remembrance, req. by Hi Wife, Marion Emmi & Loved Ones
Tuesday, November 23, 2010		St. Clement & St. Columban Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	John Butts, req. by Mary Iwanicki
Wednesday, November 24, 2010		St. Andrew Dung-Lac & His Companions
Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19	7:30 a.m. - Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Joan Nolan, req. by Barbara Armstrong & Family
Thursday, November 25, 2010		Thanksgiving Day St. Catherine of Alexandria
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3 Lk 21:20-28	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	The People of St. Augustine Parish
Friday, November 26, 2010		
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Lk 21:29-33	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	James Jahn, req. by The Jahn Family
Saturday, November 27, 2010		
Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36	12:00 Noon Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 p. m. - Reconciliation	

Sunday, November 28, 2010

First Sunday of Advent



Eucharistic Liturgies:

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

Scriptures:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Intentions:

- Members of the Jahn &
Schweder Families
req. by The Jahn Estate
- Steven Klama -
28th Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by Mom & Dad
- Jeffery Johnson,
req. by The Johnson & Buczynski
Families
- Mary Tessmer-
5th Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by Joan Elam & Family
- Raymond Ruhlman,
req. by Mary Weingartz

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.*

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



COME
EMMANUEL

With Advent starting up in just one week, 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. 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!?

Word of Life

As advances in medicine and other factors lead to increased longevity, it is important to recognize the presence of growing numbers of older people as a blessing for society. Every generation can learn from the experience and wisdom of the generation that preceded it. Indeed the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address at St. Peter's Residence, London, Sept. 18, 2010

Mass to Mark 140th Birthday of Fr. Solanus Casey

All are invited to a Mass marking the 140th 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 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.

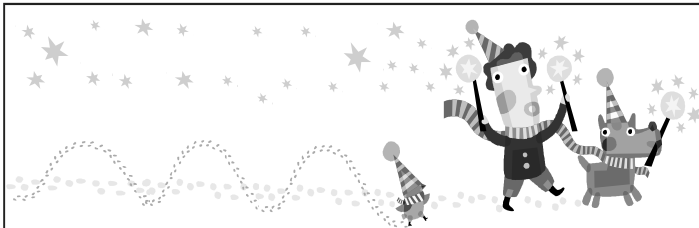
Please Help the Funeral Luncheon Committee!!

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, ext. 0. Thank you!



**A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar**

Christ redefined the Kingdom of God as peacemaking, feeding the hungry and housing the homeless. In our homes, every time harsh words are forgiven, or a meal is served, or a child is tucked into bed, we inch forward the Kingdom of Heaven. Ordinary events are sacred!



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

When: Sunday, December 5, 2010

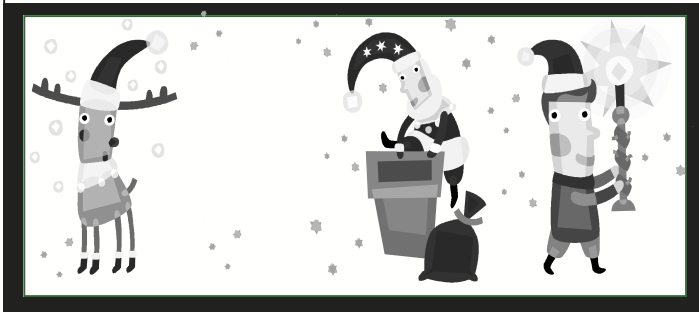
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: St. Augustine Parish Hall

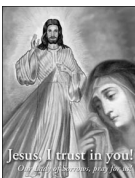
Cost: Free Will Donation

*Breakfast Menu:
Pancakes, Eggs, and Ham
Coffee, Tea, or Juice*

*Richmond and
Chesterfield
Discount Cards
and Christmas
Ornaments
from the Holy
Land will be
available to
purchase*



**Holy Family Parish
Divine Mercy Mission
An Introduction to the
School of Mercy**



Instructed by LOVE, Inspired to Serve

“Tell the world about My mercy and My love. Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives...”

Diary of St. Faustina, 1074 —1075

This four-day mission is for anyone who desires to grow in their knowledge and experience of Divine Mercy as a way of life. Gain a deeper meaning of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and learn how this ten-minute prayer reveals all the truths contained in the Gospel!

When: Saturday November 20th - Tuesday November 23rd

Time: 6:00 pm Simple Supper
7:00 pm Sessions Begin

~ Confessions will be heard after each session ~

Where: Holy Family Parish, 79780 Main St.,
Memphis, MI

**For more information or to register
call the parish office at (810) 392-2056**

Stewardship -

**Weekly Sunday Collection
November 14, 2010**

Budget Amount	\$ 11,329.00
Collection Amount	\$ 9,659.75
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,669.25)
Week 20 YTD Budget Amount	\$226,580.00
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$196,206.82
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 30,373.18)

Number of adult envelopes used:	311
Loose collection	\$602.00
Number of children's envelopes used:	75
Children's collection	\$ 79.25





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

Remember The Sick

Please include the following name(s) on the Prayer List during November - January



Submitted by: _____

“WIDOWED FRIENDS”

A “Peer” support group in the AOD

For Widowed Men and Women

Christmas Celebration Dinner
Conversation, Games, and Cards
in a supportive atmosphere



When: Sunday, December 12 – 1:45 pm

Where: Golden Hawk Golf Club Dining Room
9861 Meisner Lane (28 Mile Rd.)
1.3 miles east of County Line Rd.,
Casco Twp., (Richmond Area)

Cost: \$14.00 covers tax & gratuity
(pay at the door – cash only)

Includes: Choice of: Queen Cut Prime Rib,
Smothered Chicken, or Broiled Cod

MUST RSVP to state your meal choice by **Dec 7th**
Call Richard @ (586) 784-9210 or
Wayne @ (810) 982-8574

**Come meet new friends
in a safe and friendly setting!**

**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.

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.

