

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 6, 2011

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

The Parables of Jesus

If you had a choice of listening to a speaker or listening to a story, which would you choose? I think most of us would rather listen to a story! From our childhood on, stories form our most memorable lessons about life. Through stories we vicariously travel life's pathways and consider the consequences of our actions and inactions. We can learn from mistakes without having to make them ourselves.



Jesus captured the attention of his listeners with many surprising and revealing stories called parables. At the heart of each parable was no less than the proclamation of the kingdom of God. Some parables, such as the story of the leavened bread, the woman searching for a coin, or a dragnet cast into the sea, are images of how the kingdom operates. Others pose questions to the listener, as in the parable of the sower and the seed: Which kind of soil are we? Are we ready to receive God's word or not? The Good Samaritan takes pity on an enemy in trouble – but are we willing to accept the Samaritan as our neighbor?

Still other parables reveal the importance of forgiveness as the route to sharing in God's mercy. For example, the king who forgave a servant's debt expects the servant to show mercy in return. The father who forgave his prodigal son wants his older son to demonstrate the same compassion.

The value of prayer is shown in stories about the friend who knocks, the widow who persists before the judge, and the tax collector who dares to raise his cry to God. Parables even will us the qualities that will matter in the final judgment.

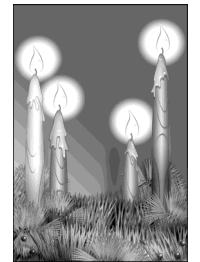
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Town Hall Meeting *Attention - Date Change'*

The St. Augustine Parish Town Hall meeting has now been rescheduled 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.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed this Tuesday, November 8, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so the parish staff may attend a Vicariate Meeting.

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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Office of Faith Formation: (586) 727-9290
 Email - faithformation@staugustinecatholicchurch.com

Tina Kovalcik,
 Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education - Ext. 125
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Youth Ministry (586) 727-9290

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 Website - <http://www.staugustinecatholicsschool.com>

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 7, 2011

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

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

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

6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Session (Hall)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

5:30 p.m. - Faith Formation Potluck (Hall)

6:30 p.m. - Contemp. Music Ensemble Practice (Church)

7:00 p.m. - Disciples of Jesus Prayer Group (Room 2)

Thursday, November 10, 2011

10:30 a.m. - Mass at Medilodge

6:00 p.m. - Pro-Life Meeting (Room 2)

6:00 p.m. - Cantor Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 p.m. - NJHS Induction (Hall)

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

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

Saturday, November 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. - A Day at the Holiday Market (Hall)

4:15 p.m. - Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, November 13, 2011

12:30 p.m. - Faith Formation Potluck

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

Scriptures

Intentions

Monday, November 7, 2011

Wis 1:1-7
Lk 17:1-6

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

David Iwanicki,
req. by Mary Iwanicki

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Wis 2:23-3:9
Lk 17:7-10

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

Vincent Tringali,
req. by Joseph & Janet Spano

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

**The Dedication of
the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11,
16-17
Jn 2:13-22

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

Genevieve Wroblewski,
req. by Al & Jeannie Inson

Thursday, November 10, 2011

St. Leo the Great

Wis 7:22b-8:1
Lk 17:20-25

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

Mary Tessmer -
Birthday Remembrance,
req. by Joan Elam & Family

Friday, November 11, 2011

**St. Martin of Tours
Veteran's Day**

Wis 13:1-9
Lk 17:26-37

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

For All Veterans of the
U.S. Armed Forces

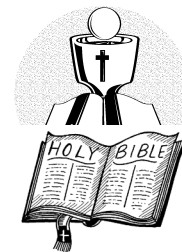
Saturday, November 12, 2011

St. Josaphat

Wis 18:14-16,
19:6-9
Lk 18:1-8

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



+Eucharistic Liturgies:

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

Scriptures:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Intentions:

Leo E. Westrick,
req. by Brothers-in-law &
Sisters-in-law

Jennifer Iowski Patterson,
req. by The Howard Rhein Family

Helen Plawecki,
req. by Tom & Sharon Ozark

Genevieve Wroblewski,
req. by Antoinette Agosta

Cheryl Lambert -
1st Anniversary Remembrance,
req. by her Husband, Paul Lambert

Pray for . . .

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



*Remember those who
have gone before
us*



Live~Learn~Grow

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An invitation to enter the kingdom of God is extended to us through the Gospel parables. By use of parables, Jesus challenges us to become committed disciples and prepare for the coming of the kingdom. See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church 543-550*.

Which parable is your favorite? Which parable is most memorable? What stories have you read or heard that have taught you an important lesson in life? Remember, at the heart of each parable was no less than the proclamation of the kingdom of God.

Recently, our faith formation students studied the parables – ask them to tell you their favorite parable!

Autumn Blessings!

Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE

**A Day at the "HOLIDAY" Market
Craft & Vendor Extravaganza**

Saturday, November 12th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Parish Center

Celebrate the start of the holiday season

SHOP, EAT MEET WITH FRIENDS

FREE ADMISSION

Raffles Every Hour! Food & Refreshments

GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS

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.



First Penance Parent Corner



Chapter 6 - Jesus taught that children of God are peacemakers. Living as peacemakers is a responsibility that is not always easy to fulfill. At Baptism, we are anointed to be messengers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. At Eucharist we are nourished to be messengers of peace through loving and serving God and one another. Reconciliation also makes us sharers in God's gift of peace. We are freed from our sins and reconciled with God and one another. We are sent forth to forgive and reconcile as God has forgiven and reconciled us to himself and to the Church community.

What a difference it makes when we live as peacemakers. What a difference it makes when we face conflict or violence, to step back, and control our impulse to get even. We can remind ourselves that we have been sent by Jesus to be messengers and agents of peace – not violence.

Congratulations St. Augustine Girls JV Basketball Champs!



The St. Augustine Saints Girls JV basketball team recently took first place in the Blue Water Parochial League. We are also proud that our girls placed first in the Blue Water Parochial League JV Girls Basketball Tournament hosted by St. Peter School. Congratulations girls!!





A Note from Your School!!

We have had an excellent start to the school year! The parish festival was a wonderful way to celebrate the unity of our faith community as well as a great way to kick off the new school year. We have since buckled down and begun our academics in earnest. Now we are at the end of the first quarter, where did the time go! We celebrated this event and Halloween by throwing the St. Augustine Boo Bash. The students enjoyed goodies, face painting, games and a “haunted house” presented by the PTC and our 8th graders. Everyone is working hard and the results of our students’ hard work will be published in the next bulletin with our honor roll list.

We also had our 4th Annual Auction on October 22nd. It was a wonderful event that had over 200 people and raised over \$20,000 for the school! Thank you to everyone who helped the auction by donating their time, energy, and resources to this event. It was a huge success!

Our girls’ varsity and junior varsity basketball teams are both in first place this year. They are beginning their tournaments and we wish them the best of luck going into the playoffs. While our football teams did not win in the playoffs, they still played hard and kept up their spirits. They played hard even in one of the wettest, muddiest seasons yet. We are proud of all of you for your good sportsmanship and team effort.

We received a donation of money in the memory of Mary Raska and another in the memory of Roy Niebauer. These donations will be applied to our technology fund. Thank you to everyone who supports our school!

Finally, I am including a writing assignment from one of Ms. Kauffman’s 3rd graders. It is a wonderful example of the faith filled students we have at St. Augustine School.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lipsmeier
Principal



God’s greatest creation is us. People help God’s creation by caring for the world he gave us. He made our brains, legs, nose, and everything about us. We try our best to keep his creation safe because he loves us and we love Him. That’s why we are God’s greatest creation.

Austin
St. Augustine 3rd Grader

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The Prayer of the Faithful ~ Priestly Ministry of the Baptized

The Second Vatican Council says that every liturgical celebration is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body the Church [CSL #7]. The priestly ministry of the people flows from that baptismal moment when we are signed with Holy Chrism and told: “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life.” We exercise this priestly ministry at the end of the Liturgy of the Word when, together with the ministers and all the faithful, we join Christ in His role as Mediator.

We have just heard the scriptures proclaimed and preached, and Christ has taught us to be concerned about *all* people, to be servant of *all* people. The way we pray the Prayer of the Faithful, reveals how well we have heard this message. The 2002 *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* instructs those who craft these prayers to include the needs of the Church, the world, the needy, the local community, and the dead – to all who need the compassion of Christ, His mercy, His healing, and His tenderness.

The Prayer of the Faithful has four parts.

- The presider stands and calls the assembly to prayer.
- All stand, and the deacon or another minister announces the intentions.
- The assembly responds.
- The presider gathers up all the intentions and directs them to God, who is always ready to listen to Christ and to His body.

The heart of this prayer is the people’s response. Joining in song – “O God, hear us, hear our prayer,” or “Lord, hear our prayer” – helps everyone to experience our unity with Christ and one another. A strong shared response demonstrates that this, and not the intention, is the true prayer of Christ and His people. Faithful Christians want to grow in union with Christ. Not everyone recognizes that this union is not just personal spirituality. The challenge for us all is acknowledging our identity as part of the Body of Christ and fulfilling our proper role as Mediator in union with Christ our Lord.



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



**Every Family Has Secrets!
Could Diabetes Be One of Them?**

Do you know your family's health history? Or is it like a secret no one wants to talk about? America is facing an epidemic of diabetes, a serious disease that damages the body and shortens lives. In the next four decades, the number of U.S. adults with diabetes is estimated to double or triple, according to CDC scientists. That means anywhere from 20 to 33 percent of adults could have the disease. About 1 in 10 American adults have diabetes now. Many health conditions, including type 2 diabetes, run in families. Many people who get type 2 diabetes have one or more family members with the disease.

Knowing the health history of your siblings, parents, and blood relatives is important because it gives you and your health care team information about your risk for developing health problems, such as type 2 diabetes. You can't change your family history, but knowing about it can help you work with your health care team to take action on things you can change. Studies have shown that you can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of your weight, if you are overweight—that's 10 to 14 pounds if you weigh 200 pounds. You can lose weight by walking 30 minutes a day for five days a week and choosing healthy foods lower in fat and calories.

The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) urges everyone to explore their family health history and make a family plan to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.

- **Ask around.** Talk to your relatives to find out if anyone has diabetes. If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, tell your family.
- **Update your health care team on your family history.** Talk to your health care team about whether you should be screened for diabetes. It is important to find out early if you have diabetes so you can take steps to manage the disease. People who keep their blood glucose (sugar) as close to normal as possible in the early years after they are diagnosed with diabetes have fewer problems with their eyes, nerves, and kidneys, and fewer heart attacks later in life.

Health Ministry News

The 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.

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 | ♥ Cookies |
| ♥ Hunt's Manwich | ♥ Boxed potatoes |
| ♥ Cereal | ♥ Stovetop Stuffing |
| ♥ Pancake mix/Syrup | ♥ Rice A Roni |
| ♥ Oatmeal | ♥ Boxed pasta |
| ♥ Granola bars | ♥ Mustard & ketchup |

- **Make a healthy eating plan for the whole family.** The plan should include:
Eating a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products,
Choosing lean meats, poultry without the skin, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts, and
Foods low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium), and added sugars.
- **Get Moving.** Make physical activity a family affair. Go for a walk, or play soccer, basketball, or tag with your children. Try swimming, biking, hiking, jogging, or any activity that you enjoy. Vary your activities so you don't get bored.

Don't let diabetes be your family secret. Make a family plan to work together to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. If someone in your family has diabetes, ask how family members can support them.

by Joanne Gallivan, M.S., R.D. Director National Diabetes Education Program - National Institutes of Health

*Source: National Diabetes Education Program
www.ndep.nih.gov*

St. Augustine Health Ministry Team



**Together in Faith Process –
On Time, On Track**

Involving every parish in southeast Michigan, the year-long Together in Faith planning process is nearing completion. Archbishop Allen Vigneron and lay leaders on Oct. 23 provided a progress report and outlined the steps ahead. To learn more about Together in Faith and for video highlights from the public update announcement, visit the Web at www.aodonline.org/TIF.

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

Adopt A Family

It's not too early to think about helping out a family at Christmas. Each year, the Department of Parish Life and Services sponsors an *Adopt a Family* program that enables individuals and parishes to assist families struggling to make ends meet.



Parishes and Catholic social service agencies submit stories about local families who are in need. These families reside in every county of the archdiocese and represent every age and ethnic origin. They are screened by the sponsoring parishes and agencies and are identified by number to remain confidential.

The *Adopt a Family* list will run in the November 4th and November 18th issues of *The Michigan Catholic*. All the funds collected will be distributed through the sponsor, not directly by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Donors may request their gift be given to a specific family or evenly split between all families. For more details, call 313-237-4696.

Persons wishing to participate in the *Adopt a Family* program should make checks payable to the Department of Parish Life and Services and send them to: Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, 305 Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

Include your name and address if you would like an acknowledgement for tax purposes. One may also donate by credit card (Visa, MC, Discover, American Express) on our website at www.AODonline.org/AdoptAFamily



~ Stewardship ~

**Weekly Sunday Collection
October 30, 2011**



Budget Amount	\$ 10,013.00	Number of adult envelopes used	308
Collection Amount	\$ 9,665.68	Loose collection	\$472.00
Net Over/(Under)	\$ (347.32)	Number of children's envelopes used	87
Week 18 YTD Budget Amount	\$ 180,234.00	Children's collection	\$170.68
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$ 173,565.79		
Net Over/(Under)	(\$6,668.21)		

Covenant House Annual Candlelight Vigil

Over 5,000 youth sleep on the streets of Michigan on any given night. They're not homeless because they are lazy, or because they've spent their lives making bad decisions. They are homeless because their childhood was full of abuse and neglect. Because they have crippling mental illnesses that make living a "normal" life difficult. Because they grew up being passed through the foster care system, only to age out without ever knowing the stability of a family. Because their families don't want them.

Covenant House offers these young people unconditional love and the support they need to build a life off the streets. We provide shelter, educational services, job development training, life skills training, and other services.

Our Annual Candlelight Vigil is Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6 p.m. on our main campus at Martin Luther King and I-96 in Detroit. We invite you to join us as we light candles of hope and pray for the young people who still call the streets "home" so that they can find peace and safety. Our kids will be sharing their stories, and you can also tour our facility. If you can't make it, consider holding a Vigil close to home.

Contact Melissa Golpe at 313.463.2005 for more information.

These young people have been discarded and forgotten. They believe they don't matter and that no one cares. Please prove them wrong. www.covenanthousemi.org



Mercy High School Reunion

On November 13, 2011, Mercy High School will host an Alumnae Memorial Mass in the Chapel in the High School. Join us for Mass to celebrate the lives of our deceased Mercy alumnae, staff, family, friends and benefactors. An informal reception follows Mass.

Sunday, November 13th 2011 12:00 p.m.

**Mercy High School Chapel
29300 W. 11 Mile Road
Farmington Hills 48336**

**For more info, please call 248 476 8020
or Karen Kent Moros at 586-978-9450**



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

**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



Submitted by: _____