



# 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 7, 2010

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215



## *A Note from Father Joe*

Fr. John and I are most grateful and offer our “thanks” to all those who offered expressions of love, support, and encouragement to us on “Priesthood Sunday Weekend.” With all the demands placed on us and in our efforts to do our best for the Lord and for His people, it really helps to get a good word of appreciation and encouragement now



and then. To be a priest in our world today is not easy, just as it is not easy to be a good parent, or to try to do our best in a demanding career. So, we all need a word of encouragement now and then. Thank you, again, to all who thought of us last weekend.

We are very privileged to have three nationally known speakers visit us for the 6:30 p.m. Mass this coming Tuesday, November 9th. Fr. Dan Havron, OFM, is very well known in our area, and also knows Adam Farkas, the young man from our parish who is currently a postulant in the Franciscan Order. Fr. Havron will be the main celebrant of Mass and the homilist. Following the Mass, we will hear from very renowned Catholic evangelists, Carol Ameche and Sadie Jaramillo, with words of guidance and encouragement for us to live our faith in these challenging times through which we are living. I hope many of our parishioners will come out to be inspired and strengthened in their faith, and I encourage you to invite family members, friends, and neighbors to also come to benefit from this special evening.



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## 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



## Feedback From the June Open Forum

Beginning next week, the staff and commissions will begin addressing the questions raised at the open forum meeting in June. Since our first meeting of the year was in September, we distributed appropriate questions to each commission and department. We are now ready to publish those questions. Please see Tina Kovalcik’s article this week as she addresses one of the Education Commission’s general concerns, which is more bulletin articles with a teaching/informative format. We hope you enjoy the articles. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the staff.

## 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 ~

### Monday, November 8, 2010

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

### Tuesday, November 9, 2010

10:00 a.m. - OA Meeting (Conference Room)  
 6:00 p.m. - Festival Wrap up Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - "Time of the Signs" Talk (Church after Mass)

### Wednesday, November 10, 2010

4:30 p.m. - Faith Formation (Parish Center)  
 7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Music Ministry Practice (Church)

### Thursday, November 11, 2010

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

### Saturday, November 13, 2010

10:30 a.m. - "Day at the Market" Vendor Fair (Hall)

## 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 8, 2010

Ti 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Katherine Hall, req. by Her Daughter
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Tuesday, November 9, 2010

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	6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass	Mary Nedumcheril, req. by Mary Iwanicki
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Wednesday, November 10, 2010

St. Leo the Great

Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19	7:30 a.m. - Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00 a.m. - Mass	Mary Tessmer - Birthday Remembrance, req. by Joan Elam & Family
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Thursday, November 11, 2010

St. Martin of Tours

Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	For All Veterans of The U.S. Armed Forces
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Friday, November 12, 2010

St. Josaphat

2 Jn 2-4 Lk 17:26-37	7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass	In Celebration of Lloyd & Doris Sues - 50th Wedding Anniversary, req. by Their Children
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Saturday, November 13, 2010

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8	4:15-4:45 p. m. - Reconciliation	
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Sunday, November 14, 2010

## 33rd 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:

Malachi 3:19-20a  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

### Intentions:

Leo E. Westrick -  
Anniversary Remembrance,  
req. by Lawrence Rhein Family

David & Mary Iwanicki -  
Wedding Anniversary  
Remembrance,  
req. by Mary Iwanicki

Raymond Ruhlman,  
req. by Leonard & Jennie  
Domagalski

David Raska,  
req. by Len & Diane Dolan

John Plitz,  
req. by Jean Karol

*Please remember those who are...*

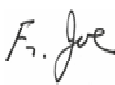
Facing the challenges of illness at home or in the hospital,  
Receiving extend care,  
and  
those who have gone on to  
Celebrate Eternal Life in Christ

*God the Father, Hear our Prayer, Hear us, God the Son,  
Holy spirit, Hear our Prayer, Mercy on your People, Lord.*

**A Note from Fr. Joe** (Continued from page 1)

By the way, Carol Ameche was a guest speaker at my previous parish, St. Joseph of Erie, and the response to her message was very positive. Many of those who attended felt inspired and uplifted. Also, Sadie Jaramillo is offering a talk in Spanish at Fr. John's previous parish of St. Alfred in Taylor, Michigan.

In addition, 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. More information will be provided in future bulletins and mailings. There is a special meeting planned 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 of Detroit.



**St. Augustine Pro-Life Report**

The St. Augustine Pro-Life Group was busy the past 40 Days with the 40 Days for Life Campaign and our first parish Life Conference. We would like to thank all the parishioners who participated in the 40 Days for Life 'Adopt a Day' event on Friday, October 15.

On Saturday, October 23, we had our first ever Life Conference. Although the attendance of this event was small, those who came were very glad they did. Maribeth, from 40 Days for Life, comments:

*"Yesterday, I had the most wonderful opportunity to join the St. Augustine's Pro-Life Group as they held their first Pro-Life Conference. I was encouraged by the varied speakers for LIFE who shared what they do and how it all impacts the Sanctity of Life, and how our participating in speaking the truth gives Honor and Reverence to our Most Glorious God—Our Creator and the Author of our lives. Topics included the Consequences of Voting; Theology of the Body (maintaining purity); working with Helpers of God's Precious Infants; the healing power of Rachel's Vineyard; the safe harbor of Abigayle's Ministries; and personal testimonies. St. Augustine's is a beautiful church: the architecture is amazing and peace and love abound within the walls. The parishioners are very much blessed with Father Joe, whose pro-life stance is shown by his words and actions! This conference gave me the extra boost I needed to finish this final week with gusto (in regards to the 40 Days for Life Campaign). We are making a difference and must never quit!"*

COMING TO MICHIGAN!

**"TIME OF THE SIGNS"  
RETREAT AND CONFERENCES**

With

Fr. Dan Havron, OFM ---

Carol Ameche ---

Sadie Jaramillo



November 5-6, 2010

Friday Night 7:00-10:00 and  
Saturday 8:00 am-4:00pm

Fr. Dan, Carol and Sadie  
Masses at 7:00, Friday evening,  
8:00 Saturday morning  
and 4:00 Vigil.

Lunch will be provided.

St. Stephens Catholic Church  
18858 Huron River Drive  
New Boston, Mi 48164

November 7, 2010

Sunday 2:00 Spanish Mass  
3:00 Talk in Spanish  
Sadie Jaramillo

St. Alfred's Catholic Church  
9500 Banner  
Taylor, Mi 48180

November 9, 2010

Tuesday Evening of Reflection  
Mass 6:30  
Talks- after the Mass  
Fr. Dan, Carol, and Sadie

St Augustine Catholic Church  
68035 S Main Street  
Richmond, MI 48062

November 10, 2010

Wednesday  
A More Casual Evening...  
6:00 pm Buffet Dinner- \$15  
Call for dinner reservations:  
248-624-2648

7:30 Talks by Carol and Sadie

Mama Mia's Ristorante  
1403 S Commerce Rd  
Walled Lake, MI 48390

No charge for Retreat/ Conference talks but free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.

Our pro-life group would like to extend a special thank you to the Altar Sodality who prepared a wonderful meal and made our guests for the conference feel welcome. We would like to thank Father Joe and Father John, the parish staff, the parish Christian Service Commission, the Parish Council, the Knights of Columbus Color Corp., the awesome guest speakers, and all those who attended this event!

Members of the St. Augustine Pro-Life Group are extending a special invitation to anyone who would like to join us at our meetings. We only meet a couple Thursdays a month, and in November and December, we are only meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. At our Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, meeting we are going to start discussing and reviewing Pope John Paul II's encyclical, The Gospel of Life. Our meeting business will end at 7:15 p.m., and we will share what we have learned from Pope John Paul II's writings. If you are interested, please join us in Room 2; we would love to have you. For more information, you can contact Jill Hebel.

Peace of Christ,  
Jill Hebel



**ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

**GREEKTOWN CASINO  
FUN DAY FUNDRAISER**

GREEKTOWN Casino Bus Trip on  
**SATURDAY, November 20, 2010**  
**Seats are going fast - Reserve by November 10!**

Bus departs @ 11:00 a.m. SHARP  
(Please arrive 15 minutes early)  
Behind Ted's Coney Island in Richmond  
Expected return to Richmond by 6:30 p.m.

GREEKTOWN Casino connects to Trappers Alley, many shops and restaurants, and a People Mover stop located there for your convenience. You are not required to stay at the Casino.

**~ COST IS \$35.00 PER PERSON ~**



Includes:

- \* Round trip bus transportation to and from the casino
- \* \$20.00 on a players reward card

**The deadline for sales is November 10, 2010**  
**Make checks payable to "St Augustine School"**

**What you need to know for the day of the event:**

- \* You must travel to the casino on the bus to receive your player reward card.
- \* Valid drivers license or ID card, or passport required to receive reward card - must be 21 years of age.
- \* No cameras allowed in casino.
- \* You may bring a cooler/food on the bus.
- \* Please do not leave jackets, purses or personal items on the bus. St Augustine School is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- \* The bus departs ON TIME. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time.
- \* Bus driver gratuity will be paid by St Augustine School.

Any questions contact: Molly Schweiger or Sue Boyd.

Send name, address, phone, birth date, and check, to:  
St. Augustine School, 67901 Howard St., Richmond, MI 48062



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

**Saturday, November 13th**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**St. Augustine Parish Center**  
**68035 Main St. - Richmond**



start of the holiday season.

Shop (40 vendors), eat, meet with friends.

Enjoy the day!

**Free Admission**

**Raffles Every Hour**

**Food and Refreshments**

**Family Fun ~ Great Gifts**

**"Win in a Minute" Kids Games**

Bring your unwanted **GOLD**  
**"CHRISTMAS CASH"!**  
(Gold buyer - here today)

*Stewardship -*

**Weekly Sunday Collection  
October 31, 2010**

Budget Amount	\$ 11,329.00
Collection Amount	\$ 9,813.83
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,515.17)
Week 18 YTD Budget Amount	\$203,922.00
Sunday Collection YTD Total	\$176,039.90
Net Over/(Under)	(\$ 27,882.10)

Number of adult envelopes used:	314
Loose collection	\$879.00
Number of children's envelopes used:	67
Children's collection	\$ 85.75





# Spaghetti Dinner

**Who:** St. Augustine Columbian Squires

**Where:** Richmond Knights of Columbus Hall

**When:** Sunday, November 7, 2010  
3-7 p.m.

**What:** Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce  
Spaghetti Sauce w/o Meat  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Pop and Milk  
Dessert



**Price:** Free will donation



**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.

## Historical Church Tour

Monday, December 6, 2010

to

Sweetest Heart of Mary  
St. Albertus Historic Site  
St. John Episcopal  
St. Ambrose  
St. Hyacinth



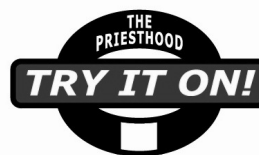
Leave at 8:30 a.m. from the  
Kmart Shopping Center  
Main Street and Gratiot, Richmond  
Return at 5:00 p.m.

Cost - \$47.00

Includes:  
Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation  
Lunch  
Docent Fees

Mail your check payable to:  
St. Augustine Altar Sodality  
36262 Gierk Street  
Richmond, MI 48062

Deadline for Reservations is  
**November 10, 2010**



*“By your perseverance you will secure  
your lives.” (Luke 21:19)*

Are you being invited to gain your soul and the  
souls of countless others for Christ as a priest?  
Contact Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly  
Vocations, at (313) 237-5875, or visit the website  
at [www.vocationsdetroit.org](http://www.vocationsdetroit.org).

## Faith Formation

### Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

As I prepare to teach and review with the parents of the children enrolled to celebrate First Penance and Reconciliation, I thought it would be a good idea to share a few things with everyone.

When reviewing the teachings of the Catholic Church, there are things we learned a long time ago. Some of those things, if not used regularly, are forgotten, or we have forgotten how to use them.

So let's begin with a few basics. What is a sacrament? Can you name the seven sacraments? Can you divide them into the three categories? Canon Law #840 tells us "that the sacraments of the New Testament were instituted by Christ the Lord and entrusted to the Church." As actions of Christ and the Church, they are signs and means which express and strengthen the faith, render worship to God, and affect the sanctification of humanity and thus contribute in the greatest way to establish, strengthen, and manifest ecclesiastical communion. **A sacrament is a guaranteed encounter with Christ himself!** It is a "sensible sign instituted by Jesus Christ by which invisible grace and inward sanctification are communicated to the soul." Can we even begin to realize what a gift this is?

The seven sacraments and three categories are as follows:

- Initiation:** Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation
- Healing:** Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick
- Service:** Matrimony & Holy Orders

Sounding familiar?

Since I am focusing on Reconciliation, I thought it would be a good reminder to review the four traditional parts of Reconciliation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the sacrament's two essential elements are the human part (through the action of the Holy Spirit; numbers 1, 2 & 4 below) and God's action (through the intervention of the Church; number 3 below).



1. **Contrition:** internal attitude of sorrow and repentance.
2. **Confession:** clear telling of sin for which absolution is requested.
3. **Absolution:** emphasizing the healing power of Jesus.
4. **Satisfaction:** penance, reform of life, amends.

I cannot stress enough the importance of celebrating this sacrament often and when necessary. God knows we are not perfect because He has given us free will. We need to make things right with our Lord, and that is to ask for forgiveness and to be forgiven of any venial and any mortal sins before we celebrate ANY sacrament.



We are the prime faith connectors for our children. We lead by example. We, as a community, form our children in faith. Are we the example Jesus wants us to be?

See you at Mass~  
**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," Schubert's "Ave Maria," Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer," Franck's "Panis Angelicus," and various selections from Handel's "Messiah." It will feature

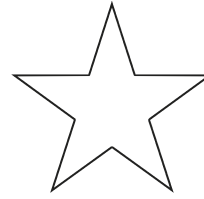
a number of music ministers from the Archdiocese, including Lisa Agazzi, Julie Holowell, Elizabeth Mihalo, Andy Langlands, Angelina Pashmakova, Hektor Qyteti, Charles Walker, Louis Canter, and Dr. David Wagner and the Madonna Chorale.

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)



### Remembering Those Who Serve

- 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 Pyslak
- 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



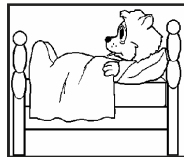
### BLUE STAR MOTHERS

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.



### 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.

