

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.

October 16, 2011

68035 Main Street - Richmond, Michigan 48062

(586) 727-5215

Live~Learn~Grow

Last week's sacramental search was indeed for the miraculous medal! Do you know how this medal came to be? Are you familiar with St. Catherine Laboure?

"Catherine was born in 1806 in France. She was the ninth of eleven children. She refused many offers of marriage, and said, "I have found my Bridegroom on the day of my First communion. To Him alone I have given myself."

Catherine once paid a visit to a hospital, which was in the care of the Sisters of Charity. While in the parlor she saw a picture of St. Vincent De Paul and she heard the words, "My child, it is a very beautiful thing to take care of the sick. God is asking something from you." She later became a "Daughter of St. Vincent de Paul."

On the 18th of July, 1830, Catherine had a vision of Our Lady in which she described the miraculous medal, which has the image of Our Lady on one side with the words: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," and on the other side the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our Lady said, "Have a medal struck according to this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces." Three times the Virgin Mary appeared to Catherine, who was then a twenty-four-year-old novice. Devotion to the miraculous medal spread rapidly throughout the world. Catherine died in 1876." (1)

If you study this medal, you will see the sacred hearts of Jesus and Mary. You will also notice the "M" that stands for Mary and notice how she is at the foot of the cross. The cross stands for the cross that her son died on for us. The universal aspect of the Catholic Church is illustrated and represented by the twelve stars bordering the circumference. This is the "new and last dogma in Marian history.

Sacramentals come in many different forms and this sacramental medal is just one of many medals. It is



**Holy Hour
for Peace and Conversions
Friday, October 21
6:30 p.m. in Church**

Much Prayer is needed for peace in our world, for the victims of violence and natural disasters, and for the protection from terrorist threats, and for the safety of our service men and women around the world. All are invited to join together in prayer.

Town Hall Meeting

The St. Augustine Parish Town Hall meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 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.



through our Catholic tradition that we pray, share stories, and hand on the richness and blessings of our faith.

When was the last time you really looked at a medal and knew how it came to be?

See you at Mass!
Tina Kovalcik
Pastoral Associate/DRE



(1) Lovasik, S.V.D., Re. Lawrence, *New Picture Book of Saints* (New York, Catholic Book Publishing Co, 1979), 107.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

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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

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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., 8:00 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, October 17, 2011
 8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday, October 18, 2011
 6:30 p.m. - School Committee

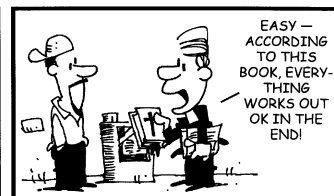
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
 4:30 p.m. - Faith Formation (Hall)
 6:30 p.m. - Contemp. Music Ensemble Practice (Church)
 7:00 p.m. - Disciples of Jesus Prayer Group (Room 2)

Thursday, October 20, 2011
 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Room 7)

Friday, October 21, 2011
 6:30 p.m. - Holy Hour (Church)

Saturday, October 22, 2011
 8:00 a.m. - Mass with Fr. Ben Luedtke (Church)
 9:00 a.m. - Sanctity of Life Conference (Hall)
 4:15 p.m. - Reconciliation (Church)
 6:00 p.m. - School Silent Auction (Timberbrook Golf Course)

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**
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- ✠ **Arlene Schweiger**
- ✠ **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

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| Monday, October 17, 2011 | | St. Ignatius of Antioch |
| Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21 | 7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass | Genevieve Wroblewski, req. by Pete & Marilyn Klama |
| Tuesday, October 18, 2011 | | St. Luke |
| 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9 | 6:00 p.m. - Rosary 6:30 p.m. - Mass | Bernadette Smith - Anniversary Remembrance, req. by Her Husband |
| Wednesday, October 19, 2011 | | St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues & companions |
| Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48 | 7:30 a.m. - Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00 a.m. - Mass | Roy Niebauer, req. by Glenn & Irene Schweiger |
| Thursday, October 20, 2011 | | St. Paul of the Cross |
| Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53 | 8:15 a.m. - Rosary 8:45 a.m. - Mass | Norbert Singer req. by Adaline Singer, His Wife |
| Friday, October 21, 2011 | | |
| Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59 | 7:30 a.m. - Rosary 8:00 a.m. - Mass | Genevieve Wroblewski, req. by Therese & Harold Teska |
| Saturday, October 22, 2011 | | |
| Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9 | 8:00 a.m. - Opening Mass for Sanctity of Life Conference 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation | For the Intentions of the St. Augustine Pro-Life Group |

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Thirtieth 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:

- Exodus 22:20-26
- 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
- Matthew 22:34-40

Intentions:

David Iwanicki,
req. by His Wife, Mary & Family

Marion Caporuscio,
req. by Nicki Nowak

Mary Bulgarelli,
req. by Alberta & Jim McQueen

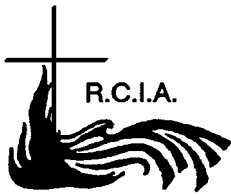
Genevieve Wroblewski,
req. by Betty Raska & Family

Ernest Charlaboise,
req. by Agnes Rumenapp

Pray for

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





Thinking About Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church?

A series of free weekly sessions to learn about the Catholic Faith is taking place at 7:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, October 20, in Room 7 of the Parish Center Building.

The series, entitled the "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)," will focus on various aspects of Catholicism. This program is offered to anyone who wishes to inquire about the Catholic faith, Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, or Catholics who wish to deepen their knowledge of their faith. To register, interested persons should call Father Joe at 586-727-5215, ext. 115 or Tina Kovalcik at 586-727-9290, ext. 125.

**St. Augustine School Auction
Saturday, October 22, 2011**

**A Fun Time!
Great Fundraiser for our School!**

St. Augustine School is having their 4th annual auction on Saturday, October 22, 2011. It will be held at Timberwood Golf Club on 31 Mile Road and North Avenue. There are many fabulous items that will be auctioned, such as:

- Weekend get-away to Charlevoix
- Golf outing for four
- Camera
- Beautiful homemade quilt
- and much more . . .



Scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer, and wine will be served. Please join us for a **SPOOKTACULAR** night of **ADULT** fun and excitement. For more information contact St. Augustine School at 586-727-9365, or Michele Grifka at 586-727-9365 extension 154.

Health Team to be Started!

We are looking for medical and non-medical persons to join a new Health Ministry team here at St Augustine. As you may be aware, Maureen Duncan, our former Parish Nurse, has moved on and we would like to re-start this valuable program.

Maureen did many wonderful things, including scheduling of health-related programs and speakers, bereavement classes, flu shots, CPR training, and much more!

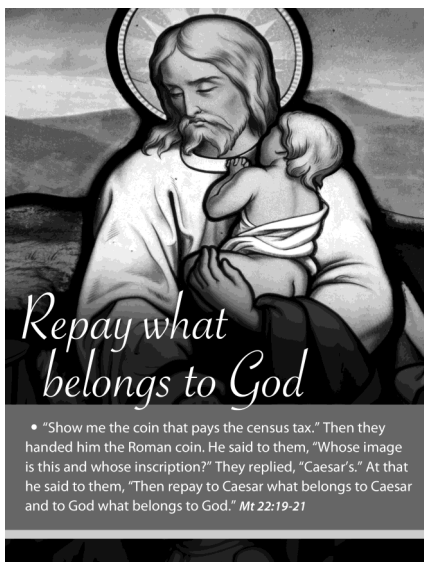
Our new team would meet once a month to plan health-related activities for our parish. Your ideas are most welcome! If you would like to learn more, please come to an informational meeting on October 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Jane Cheyne, RN, BSN - Parish Nurse Coordinator from St John Providence Health System will talk about the benefits of a Health Ministry and help us get started!

**Restoring America Through
24/7 Prayer**

October Prayer Intention

That our elected officials will be inspired to pass laws that are fair and equitable to all Americans, and fall within the confines of our constitution.



• "Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Mt 22:19-21



First Penance Parent Corner

Chapter 3- The parable of the Lost Sheep is the story we began with at Penance enrollment. This parable that Luke shares with Matthew (Mt 18, 12-14), Luke adds two parables (the lost coin, 8-10; the prodigal son 11-32) from his own special tradition to illustrate Jesus' particular concern for the lost and for God's love for the repentant sinner.



Begin a discussion about some ways that we become "lost" as children of God and then explain how God forgives and welcomes us back home.



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



The Good, the Bad, and the Unhealthy

Cholesterol, a waxy type of fat produced naturally by the body and found in every cell, has a bad reputation, but it is actually essential for life. It plays a vital role in how cells work, and the body also uses it to make important chemicals. It helps in the manufacture of vitamin D, using sunlight as energy. We also need it to absorb required nutrients (essential fatty acids) from our intestines and to produce sex hormones. Cholesterol forms the outer membranes of some cells.

Problems arise when there is too much cholesterol in the bloodstream (referred to as hypercholesterolemia), increasing the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke.

The liver produces all the cholesterol we need, but if we eat unhealthily, are physically inactive, smoke or have a genetic predisposition, we may get too much of it circulating in the blood. This over supply causes fatty and scar deposits (plaques) to build up in blood vessels supplying the heart and other organs. As these plaques build up along artery walls, the arteries narrow, making it more difficult for blood to flow to the heart.

Lipoproteins

Cholesterol, like fat, cannot move around the bloodstream on its own because it does not mix with water. To reach the cells that need it, its "road system" is your blood circulation and it gets about by hitching rides on "vehicles" made up of proteins. These combinations of cholesterol and protein are called lipoproteins, which come in several forms, depending on their ratio of protein to fat:

LDL (low-density lipoproteins) - THE "BAD cholesterol" carries cholesterol from the liver to the cells. LDL cholesterol, which makes up most of your blood cholesterol, is deemed "bad" because it tends to clog blood vessels. If you have heart disease or blood vessel disease, some experts recommend that you should try to get your LDL cholesterol below 70. For people with diabetes or other multiple risk factors for heart disease, the treatment goal is to reach an LDL of less than 100.

HDL (high-density lipoproteins) - The "GOOD cholesterol" takes extra, unneeded cholesterol back to the liver. Women tend to have a higher HDL

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| | Archdiocese of Detroit <i>Understanding the Mass Parts</i> | DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS 305 Michigan Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226 www.AODcommunications.org TEL 313-237-5943 FAX 313-237-4644 |
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Glory to God

Christ was sent by the Father, to become truly flesh of our flesh and like us in all things but sin. Filled with awe that God would do this for us, we join in the ancient song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will" (Luke 2:14). These words are slightly changed from what we have been using, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth," since they more closely approximate the Latin text.

A little history of the hymn, called from ancient times the "Angelic Hymn," connects us to our Eastern Rite brothers and sisters. The *Gloria* was probably written in North Africa as a morning praise song perhaps as early as the 2nd century. Hilary, bishop of Poitiers in the mid-4th century, is said to have introduced it into the West. He would have discovered it during his banishment in Phrygia (modern-day Turkey), and possibly introduced it in Europe because of its clear acknowledgment of the Trinitarian mystery, co-equal Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At that time, this doctrinal position was then being challenged by Arian heretics.



In our day, as we join the choirs of angels in singing the glory and praise of God, we remember the great gift God has given to us in the Incarnation. Jesuit liturgist Fr. Joseph Jungmann beautifully says:

Every day that the Church lives, every time the Church gathers her children in prayer, and particularly when she assembles them for the Eucharist, a new light flashes across the world and the Church beholds, with mingled joy and longing, the approach of the Kingdom of God, the advent, in spite of every obstacle of the consummation of the great plan: that glory will come to God, and to [human beings] of God's choice, peace and salvation (*Mass of the Roman Rite*, 1 volume edition, p. 235).

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cholesterol level than men. The higher the number, the better it is for your health. This is because HDL cholesterol protects against heart disease by taking the "bad" cholesterol out of your blood and keeping it from building up in your arteries.

Triglycerides are another type of fat that travels in the blood. This type of fat is also stored in the fat deposits in our bodies. High levels of triglycerides are common in people who are overweight, have heart disease and/or diabetes. A high triglyceride level has been linked to the occurrence of coronary artery disease in some people. Try to keep your triglycerides under 150.

Total Cholesterol

Your total blood cholesterol is a measure of LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, and other lipid components. Doctors recommend total cholesterol levels below 200.

Source: webmd.com/health/ninems.com

St. Augustine Health Ministry Team

Sanctity of Life

Please join the St. Augustine Prolife Group on Saturday, October 22, 2011, beginning with 8:00 a.m. mass at St. Augustine Church. Our guest priest, Fr. Ben Luedtke will preside, followed by the Sanctity of Life Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the St. Augustine Parish Hall. There will be refreshments served after mass, followed by four speakers on three topics pertaining to the sanctity of life. Fr. Luedtke will be speaking on "Life and Love", Tom Addis will be speaking on "Purity and College Life", and Dana Hagemann & Monica Johnson will be speaking on "The Gabriel Project."

This is a no fee event, but if you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost, it will be appreciated. Mark your calendar and please join us for this exciting event!

40 Days for Life Vigil

As part of the 40 Days for Life worldwide event that runs from September 28, 2011, through November 6, 2011, the St. Augustine Prolife Group will be having a prayer vigil from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, outside the Womancare Clinic at 15-Mile Road and Dodge Park in Sterling Heights. Please join us. We will be meeting in the St. Augustine Parish Parking lot at 4:15 p.m. that day and car pooling to Sterling Heights.

Please contact Jill Hebel at (586)727-5215, extension 110, for more information on the events above.

St. Augustine Festival Wrap Up

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time this year in making this festival a huge success. Whether you chaired an event, worked behind the scenes, or worked a shift or two, *everyone* of you made a difference and the fruit of all of your efforts was obvious. It was great to have such a positive response to our call for the need for volunteers. You really helped to alleviate the stress of not having enough help. Again, I thank you!!

Overall, I feel that the change in the date was a plus. More people attended the events and were able to stay and truly enjoy them because of great weather. The additions to the festival this year proved to be very worthwhile, not only monetarily, but also in bringing our church community together.

The committee had a meeting on September 28th to discuss the festival and begin planning for 2012. Many great ideas were put forth, including the need to add more to the Saturday night line-up. At this time we are looking to include a pulled pork and potato salad dinner. The other main topic for discussion was the Chicken Dinner. The Committee fully recognizes that there were some problems with the dinner and will make this our number one priority. Most of the negative comments were made regarding the stuffing and potatoes. Please note that we are aware of these problems and will be working very closely with those in charge to make corrections. I urge all Parishioners, School Families, Faith Formation Families, and participants of the Festival to get the word out into the community that the Committee is aware of the problems and will be working very diligently to correct them.

You will see the final numbers for the festival in this week's bulletin. Please keep in mind that extra expenses were needed to advertise our new date to the community. Our goal in 2012 is to be looking at ways to keep the expenses down while providing a top quality festival for all to enjoy. In closing, I feel very good about this year's festival results and want to thank all of those involved. The Festival Committee will be meeting in early 2012 to plan for next year. All are invited to help.

Thank you and God Bless,

Teri Manteuffel
Festival Chairperson

2011 St. Augustine Festival Financial Report

| | Income | Expense | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Main Raffle | \$23,969.00 | \$ 6,959.00 | \$17,010.00 |
| Quilt Raffle | 740.00 | 235.00 | 505.00 |
| 50/50 Raffles | 1,111.00 | 678.40 | 432.60 |
| Flea Market | 2,341.58 | 240.00 | 2,101.58 |
| Country Store | 2,349.90 | 2,000.00 | 349.90 |
| Gift Basket Raffle | 1,597.00 | 220.00 | 1,377.00 |
| Wheelbarrow of Cheer | 639.00 | 118.60 | 520.40 |
| Religious Items | 33.02 | .00 | 33.02 |
| Beer Tent | 2,974.00 | 1,245.84 | 1,728.16 |
| Chicken Dinner | 13,121.88 | 9,516.93 | 3,604.95 |
| Kids' Games | 1,326.65 | 360.00 | 966.65 |
| Concessions | 764.50 | 683.30 | 81.20 |
| Fish Fry | 5,142.04 | 3,513.55 | 1,628.49 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,450.00 | 7,754.75 | (6,304.75) |
| Profit | | | <u>\$24,034.20</u> |



~ Stewardship ~ Weekly Sunday Collection October 9, 2011



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| Budget Amount | \$ 10,013.00 | Number of adult envelopes used | 282 |
| Collection Amount | \$ 10,123.70 | Loose collection | \$336.10 |
| Net Over/(Under) | \$ 110.70 | Number of children's envelopes used | 47 |
| Week 15 YTD Budget Amount | \$ 150,195.00 | Children's collection | \$113.60 |
| Sunday Collection YTD Total | \$ 143,638.06 | | |
| Net Over/(Under) | (\$6,556.94) | | |



Beatification of Fr. Clement Vismara, PIME

The PIME Missionaries of Detroit invite you to join them at a celebration honoring the Beatification of Fr. Clement Vismara, PIME.

Blessed Clement Vismara was a foreign missionary who served in Burma (now known as Myanmar) from 1923 until his death in 1988 at the age of 91. Bl. Clement, who was born in Italy, returned to his homeland only once during those 65 years.

He was particularly devoted to the care of abandoned children and abused women. It is believed that Fr. Clement, who was beatified in Milan on June 26, 2011, cared for over 10,000 orphans in his lifetime. The event will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at PIME's Detroit headquarters, 17330 Quincy Street. The event will begin with Mass at 2:30 p.m. The celebration will include music by the Youth Sing Detroit Children's Choir, a performance by Burmese dancers, and a complimentary dinner reception.

All are welcome. Kindly RSVP by calling (313)342-4066 or emailing events@pimeusa.org.



NOTRE DAME OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame Preparatory School - Grades 9 - 12

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Pontiac Campus: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Employment Opportunity at Immaculate Conception Parish

We are accepting applications for an assistant to the Director of Religious Education.

This is a part time position which will involve occasional evenings or weekends.

The employee must be able to multi-task, maintain accurate records, and perform their duties in a discreet manner. It is also necessary for the candidate to be computer literate, with experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Please submit your resume to our business manager, Peggy Crawford, at: crawford@iccatholic.org.

No phone calls, please.