



# ASH WEDNESDAY

Thoroughly wash away my guilt;  
and from my sin cleanse me.

*Ps 51:4*



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Kathleen Lynch  
10:00am Jim Deno

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

8:00am Communion Service  
8:30-3:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

5:30pm Andy Mehall

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14– Ash Wednesday**

8:30am Michael Davis

7:00pm For the Parish

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**NO Mass Due to the Presbyteral Assembly**

8:30-9:30am Holy Hour

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

8:30am Bill Snyder

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

4:00pm Confession  
5:00pm Albin & Carmela Shank

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18– First Sunday of Lent**

7:30am For the Parish  
10:00am David Chesak

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

As the saying goes, “cleanliness is next to Godliness.” However, Jesus never seems to be afraid of getting dirty. Jesus reaches out and touches those with all sorts of physical and spiritual maladies. His response is never backing away or simply refusing someone. Jesus, is the compassion of God in the flesh. He teaches us that we can heal by suffering with. Last week in his homily, Fr. Don challenged us to be healers. How can we spend time being present to the suffering taking place around us? Maybe it is a neighbor, or parent, or child, or old friend that needs a gentle touch. Maybe someone we know just needs someone to talk with because they are lonely. It is all too easy for us to forget those who are not physically present among us. Jesus urges us to reach out, to be healers in the face of suffering.

Ash Wednesday is in a few days; Lent will soon begin. Even though it is a bit early this year, are we ever ready for this solemn, reflective season to begin? Lent is an invitation for introspection, but also a time for healing. We are asked to be vulnerable before God and the community. Can we admit that we have been wrong? Can we commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in new ways that manifest our desire to be healers? Let us work together to purify ourselves, our homes, and our church this Lent and so draw closer to God. It may mean getting dirty in the process, but we can be assured of wholeness and cleanliness in the end.

~Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

**Minister Schedule for Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday:

7:00PM Greeters: Castle Family  
Lector: D. Nagel  
Ministers: D. Nagel, R/P Hueser, C. Scheurich,  
M.Rodibaugh  
Servers: Amzie, Maggie & Joseph Maienbrook

**Minister Schedule for February 17-18**

Saturday:

5:00PM Greeters: E. Waymire, M. Jagoda  
Lector: Ray Hueser  
Ministers: P. Hueser, D. Lank, B/D Hollerman,  
J. Ventrello  
Servers: McKenna & Zane Nelson

Sunday:

7:30AM Greeters: N Shide, H. Bracht  
Lector: Rick Mangas  
Ministers: I. Mangas, B. Warren, B. Worden, S. Miller,  
R. Woolley  
Servers: Jacob & Zach Hillan  
10:00AM Greeters: Youth Group  
Lector: John Groppe  
Ministers: R. White, E. Faker, J/K Benner, M. Hanna  
Servers: Hannah, Hilary & Halle Hall

**Bring in Your Palms for This Year's Ashes!**

One of the old traditions of the church was to collect last year's palms to make this year's ashes for use on Ash Wednesday. You will find a basket near the baptismal font in which you can deposit the palms. It would be helpful if you could cut the larger palms into smaller pieces that will burn more easily. **This is the last weekend to bring in palms!**



**Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am & 7:00pm.**

**Save the Date!**

- February 21st– Saint Augustine's Lenten Luncheon
- March 7th– Parish Penance Service at 7:00pm
- March 18th– Confirmation Mass at 2:00pm
- April 1st– Easter Sunday
- May 6th– First Communion Mass at Noon

**Care Ministers for Feb. 11-18**

Feb. 10/11– A. Nagel; Feb. 12– C. Hanna; Feb. 13– None;  
Feb. 14– ML Debb;  
Feb. 15– D. Myers; Feb. 16– R. Koebecke; Feb. 17/18– S. Myers

**Stewardship**

<b>Total for 1/28/18</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9953.98</b>
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$	3964.07
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$	505.00
<b>Total for 2/4/18</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4469.07</b>



**Baptism at Saint Augustine**

Please welcome **Isabella Beaver**, the child of Eric & Clair Beaver, into the Catholic faith. The baptism was held here at St. Augustine on January 27th.

**Birthday List**

- Feb 11 Robert Kahler
- Feb 12 Kathryn Geleott, Phyllis Mingear, Elaine Roemer, Jacob Steinke
- Feb 13 Steve Bailey, Tate Drone, Bernice Post
- Feb 14 Joyce Roeschlein
- Feb 15 Owen Davisson, Rick Scheurich
- Feb 16 Martin Gallegos, Hilary Hall, Tom Hawkins, Allen Mushett
- Feb 17 Ramses Aguilar, Ellen Faker, Antonio Jarquin, George Kanne, Ava Kosiba

## Spotlight on Confirmandi:

As we promised a few weeks back, we want to introduce you to our Confirmandi.



Tori Culp is the daughter of Missy and Dan Culp. The family is new to St. Augustine, but they are feeling welcomed, and Tori feels that too. Tori's sponsor is Ericka Crist. She is interested in being confirmed as way to help her preserve her values and to become a more integral member of the Church. Tori is a member of 4-H and enjoys showing cattle, goats, pigs and sheep. Additionally, she plays basketball, is a member of the track team at West Central, is on student council, and is part of Jr. Leaders. Confirmation is helping her to make good decisions, and she hopes it is also a catalyst to keep her active in the Church. Please help us to pray for Tori as she continues her journey of faith.

### Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully?

Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. A series of classes is beginning soon in your area. To find out more or to register, contact Susan and Louis Hoefer, [shoefer@dol-in.org](mailto:shoefer@dol-in.org) or call/text 765-421-1998.

### End of the Year Contribution Statements

If you would like a year-end contribution statement, please contact the church office at 866-5351 or email [marieoliver@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:marieoliver@parish.dol-in.org) with your request. They can then be picked up from the office, mailed to your home, or emailed.

### You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking to each other? Do you wonder if your marriage might end? For more than 30 years, Retrouvaille has helped hundreds of thousands of couples heal their hurting marriages. To learn more or to register for the **Feb 23-25** weekend in Indianapolis, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). You can **also email: [RetrouIndy@gmail.com](mailto:RetrouIndy@gmail.com)** or call **317-489-6811** for confidential registration information.



### From Your Parish Nurse: Practicing Gratitude

The benefits of practicing gratitude are nearly endless. People who regularly practice gratitude by taking time to notice and reflect upon the things they're thankful for experience more positive emotions, feel more alive, sleep better, express more compassion and kindness, and even have stronger immune systems. Gratitude doesn't need to be reserved only for momentous occasions. You can be thankful for something as simple as a delicious piece of pie! Research shows that simply keeping a gratitude journal-regularly writing brief reflections on moments for which we're thankful-can significantly increase well-being and life satisfaction. So, let us all take a moment to reflect upon our lives and all we have to be thankful for.

If you have any questions please contact Jocelyn Ventrello, RN/ Parish Nurse at [ventrello@embarqmail.com](mailto:ventrello@embarqmail.com)

### Second Collection for Propagation of the Faith

We will have a second collection this weekend for the Propagation of the Faith. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church, called to share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society.

### Join us for Spirit on Tap!

The Evangelization Committee is sponsoring Spirit on Tap. **Spirit on Tap will not take place this Wednesday due to Ash Wednesday service.** The program will resume on February 21st and takes place at the K of C hall during Wednesday evening programming from 6:30-7:45pm. Each session will be unique and independent. For more info, contact Doug Nagel or Cathy Hanna.

### You're Invited to Participate in CRS Rice Bowl!



Five minutes a day of prayer as a family, fasting in solidarity with the world's poor and almsgiving to change lives means an enriched Lenten journey for your family, and lifesaving aid around the world. Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus

through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls are available by the church exits. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor. visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for family activities!

### 15th Annual St. Augustine School Spring Social



Planning for the 15th Annual St. Augustine School Spring Social is underway! This year's event will be held on **April 14** at The Farmhouse at Fair Oaks Farms. This year's planning committee is looking for donations of old hardback books (in any condition - they will be covered), glass or silver tea light/votive candle holders and store or restaurant gift cards in any denomination. We are so grateful for and blessed by the support of St. Augustine parishioners!



### Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry!

Join us for a Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall **every Friday this month, plus Ash Wednesday!** Serving takes place from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried), Shrimp & Chicken Strips with all you can eat salad bar. Take Outs (866-9938), Child & Senior Prices are available.

### Knights of Columbus Pork Chop Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be having a pork chop dinner on **Saturday, February 17th** at the hall. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7:30 and dinner will include grilled pork chop, potatoes, green beans, salad, and dessert.  
1 Pork Chop Dinner-\$11.00;  
2 Pork Chop Dinner-\$14.00  
Dine in or carry-out.



### Save the Date! Knights of Columbus Casino Night Saturday, April 7, 2018



Happy Hour- 5-6pm  
Gaming- 6-11pm  
\$30 per ticket (only 225 available)  
Mark it on your Calendars today!

## Youth Doings...

1. **The High School Ski Trip** is schedule for February 24-25th! Registration forms are due to Kris Dobson by February 14th. Adult drivers and chaperones are needed. Please contact Kris Dobson if you are interested at 219-863-5423.
2. **Schedule for February 14th:**  
Ash Wednesday Services @ 7:00pm

**SASBUCK\$ News:** : **The February Merchant of the Month is Ceres!** This means that the entire 3% rebate is applied to your family's earnings for the year. Take advantage of this promotion period to make a dent in the \$50 each St. A school family is responsible for earning per their tuition agreement. Already reached this goal, continue using SASBUCK\$ to earn a tuition discount for next year!

Don't forget that **Valentine's day** is right around the corner. Use scrip for a night out at the movies, a special dinner date, or for chocolates and flowers.

If you're still trying to figure out how to make SASBUCK\$ part of your regular routine, remember that there are three ways to order: 1)Placing an order in the school office or after church, 2) Stopping by the school office and purchasing cards that are on hand, or 3)Setting up an account online (quickest method) at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). If you'd like, you can even arrange to send in and receive orders with your St. A student so that you don't have to make an extra trip during this cold, snowy weather. Call the school 866-5480 or contact Marie Oliver (219-964-8567) with questions.

### Join Us for Wednesday Evening Parish Meals!

St. Augustine Parish is once again offering meals on select Wednesday evenings, and you are welcome to join us! Come for food and fellowship prior to Wednesday evening programs. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm in the basement.

February 14th– Ash Wednesday Fish Fry at the K of C  
February 21st– Casseroles

All parishioners are welcome to join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings. A free-will donation is appreciated. Contact Marie Oliver in the parish office if you would like to volunteer to donate food for a meal, help serve or clean-up. **We are in need of individuals/groups to volunteer to coordinate one or two Wednesday night meals for this semester.** This would involve overseeing/organizing the meal with the help of the church office.



THANKS

Thank you to **St. Augustine's Christian Women's organization** for providing and organizing the parish meal on January 31st! The food was delicious and the help was outstanding!

### 50/50 Membership

**Fifty/Fifty is an ongoing school fundraiser and we are looking for new members.** The cost for one year is \$60 or \$30 for six months. Every month the drawing is held on the third Friday. The prizes are : 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50 and 4th place \$25. Envelopes are available at the end of the pews and can be put in the collections basket, dropped off to the school or church office. Please Join Today!!!

## Saint Augustine Youth are Accomplishing Great Things!



Senior, **Tomas Saavedra** was honored at Rensselaer Central's Senior Night, along with his parents, Jose and Ayda Saavedra. Tomas placed first at wrestling sectional and third at regional competition. He will compete at the semi-state level this weekend. Congratulations to Tomas and his family!



Three of the five seniors selected for Rensselaer Central's Mr. Bomber court this past January were members of Saint Augustine parish. Pictured above are **Isaac Ahler, Kevin Bracht and Parker Jordan**. Kevin Bracht was selected as the 2018 Mr. Bomber. Congratulations to these young men and their families!

# Ash Wednesday

## Fish Fry



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