

IT'S A
TIME
OF
PRAYER

LENT IS ESSENTIALLY AN ACT OF PRAYER SPREAD OUT
OVER 40 DAYS. AS WE PRAY, WE GO ON A JOURNEY, ONE THAT
HOPEFULLY BRINGS US CLOSER TO CHRIST AND
LEAVES US CHANGED BY THE ENCOUNTER WITH HIM.

BISHOP DAVID L. RICKEN OF GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18– First Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00am **NO** Communion Service
8:30-3:30pm **NO** Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:30pm Tom Effinger

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21– St. Peter Damian

8:00am Dubie Reichert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22– Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00am Phyllis Blackburn
8:30-9:30am Holy Hour

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23– St. Polycarp

8:30am Glen & Vera LaGue

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Rev. Richard Riedel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25– Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am Lucy Lane
10:00am For the Parish

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Into the desert we go. We do not go alone; Christ has gone before us, waits for us, walks alongside us. The desert will try us, it will tempt us, but we know this happened to our Lord and all will be well. In the desert we are reminded of the sanctity of life, for the desert is fierce, and it will take from us as much as we are willing to give. The desert is filled with many temptations. We are tempted to give up. Just because we fail in our Lenten commitments one day, we often toss aside the whole experience as failure. Our Christian journey is filled with ups and downs, and we must persevere. Remember that on the way to Golgotha, Jesus fell three times. Every time, he endured the pain and pressed onward to the Cross. We will fall, but to be imitators of Christ means we get back up and keep pressing toward the prize.

The path to Easter necessarily crosses the desert. There is no choice other than to go through the desert to reach Jerusalem. The desert will test us, and it is through the suffering and the lures of the world that we must advance toward the Resurrection. It culminates in the Cross. Keep in mind that we make this journey as a people, called by God into this test of our endurance. Also, like Jesus, the journey is not made alone. Let us go rejoicing into the desert with our heads held high, and let us be generous in our praying, fasting, and giving of alms.

~Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

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

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 21st– Casseroles
- February 28th– Taco Night
- March 7th– Pork Barbeque

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.



Minister Schedule for February 24 & 25

Saturday:

5:00PM Greeters: Pickering Family, M/B Robinson
Lector: John Mercer
Ministers: J. Mercer, D/D Nagel, M/ML Debb
Servers: Drew & Dawson Cain

Sunday:

7:30AM Greeters: N Shide, P/D Schultenburg
Lector: Marty Park
Ministers: R. Geleott, M. Rodibaugh, M. Nagel,
C. Scheurich, S. Mahnesmith

Servers: Cass & Caulden Pulver

10:00AM Greeters: E. Nagel, A. Balvich
Lector: Ellen Faker
Ministers: R. White, D. Wiener, ML Potts, P. Weigand,
C. Sue

Servers: Ellie, Gracie & Katie Castle

Care Ministers for Feb. 18-25

- Feb. 17/18– S. Myers; Feb. 19– ML Debb; Feb. 20– None;
Feb. 21– D. Lanoue;
- Feb. 22– P. Weigand; Feb. 23– R. Koebcke; Feb. 24/25– N. Myers

Birthday List

- Feb 18 None
- Feb 19 Kathy Whitaker
- Feb 20 Josh Fleming, Heidi Jordan, Linda Miller
- Feb 21 Tyler Castongia, Omar Villarreal
- Feb 22 Kara Fishburn, Donald Misch, Mandy Pickering,
Mark Zeilmann
- Feb 23 Tuesday Lentino, Thomas Lynch-Pastoor,
Ethan Pickering
- Feb 24 None

You’re Invited to Participate in CRS Rice Bowl!



Encounter Majd

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Rice bowls are available by each of the church doors.

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 with your request. They can then be picked up from the office, mailed to your home, or emailed.

Stewardship

Total for 2/4/18	\$	4469.07
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$	4201.00
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$	505.00
Total for 2/11/18	\$	4706.00



Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry!

Join us for a Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall **every Friday this month!**

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.

Youth Doings...

Schedule for February 21st:

Dinner @ 5:45pm in church basement
 Elementary youth meets 6:30-7:15pm
 Middle School Youth meets 6:30-7:45pm
 Confirmation meets 6:30-7:45pm
 PITS meets 6:30-7:45pm



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Join the Knights Sunday, **February 25th** for an All-you-can-eat breakfast from 8:00 to 11:30. Dine in or carry-out.

SASBUCK\$ News: The February Merchant of the Month is Ceres!

This means that the entire 3% rebate is applied to your student's earnings for the year. 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) Place an order in the school office or after church, 2) Stop by the school office & purchase cards that are on hand, or 3) Set up an account online (quickest method) at www.shopwithscrip.com. Call the school 866-5480 or contact Marie Oliver (219-964-8567) with questions.

Join us for Spirit on Tap!

The Evangelization Committee is sponsoring Spirit on Tap. **Spirit on Tap** 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.

Chicken Noodle Lunch– Mission Trip Fundraiser

Sunday, February 25th from 11:30-1:30pm
 Hope Community Church, Rensselaer, IN
 Come, eat lunch and support our mission trips to Haiti and Puerto Rico. Lunch includes: chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, drink and a roll. Prices are donations.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

Join local churches for lunch, served at 11:45am. A donation of \$6 for Helping Hands is appreciated.

Feb. 14 Church of the Nazarene

Feb. 21 St. Augustine

Feb. 28 First Presbyterian

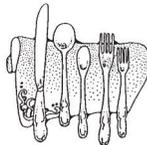
March 7 Trinity UMC

March 14 First Christian

March 21 Brushwood United Methodist

March 28 TBD

Mark your calendars for the luncheon held at St. Augustine on Feb. 21st. Our DRE, Tony Butler will be the guest speaker.



A Card to Show We Care!



Did you know that St. Augustine has an ongoing card ministry? Periodically, greeting cards are sent out to those in our community/parish who might need a little cheer or support. If you know of someone who would benefit from a personal note from our parish family, please contact Phyllis Mingear at 863-3669.

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!!!

Was Valentine's Day a bummer?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. To learn more about the program or to register for the **February 23 - 25 weekend**, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or www.retrouvaille.org. You can also email: Retrouvaille@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811.

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 Hoefler, shoefler@dol-in.org or call/text 765-421-1998.

Spotlight on Confirmandi:

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



Gabriel King is seeking Confirmation because he desires a deepening of his faith and a closer connection with the Church. He is the son of Michael and Susie King. Gabe is a member of the Rensselaer Central marching band. He enjoys computers, listening to music, and talking to friends. He hopes to become a peer minister and continue sharing his gifts in service to our community. His sponsor is Connie Prichard. Please keep Gabriel in your prayers as his preparation continues.



Joshua Fleming is the son of Tom and Christy Fleming. Josh is a sports enthusiast who plays basketball, football and golf. He says that the best thing about being Catholic is knowing that God is always there to lead you through life. Josh is seeking to be confirmed as a means for deepening his faith and becoming more a part of the Catholic Church. He plans to continue being a faithful member of the Church following Confirmation by staying involved in youth group. Josh enjoys spending time with friends and family, and his brother, Austin, is his sponsor. Please keep Josh in your prayers as he prepares for Confirmation.