



Good Shepherd

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*The stone rejected by the
builders has become the
cornerstone.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 22– Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am For the Parish

10:00am Living/deceased of the Reichert Family

MONDAY, APRIL 23

8:00am Communion Service

8:30-3:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, APRIL 24– St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

5:30pm Tom Effinger

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25– St. Mark

10:00am Paul & Peg Reichert

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am Bill Snyder

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

8:30am Jim Worden

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Lawrence & Lil Miller

SUNDAY, APRIL 29– Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am For the Parish

10:00am Living/deceased of the Chesak & Obermeyer Families

Minister Schedule for April 28 & 29**Saturday:**

5:00PM Greeters: B/D Hollerman

Lector: J. Mercer

Ministers: J. Mercer, B/D Hollerman, J. Messman,
E. Stath

Servers: McKenna & Zane Nelson, Braden Mushett

Sunday:

7:30AM Greeters: N Shide, M/P Nagel

Lector: M. Park

Ministers: G/B Post, B. Warren, I. Mangas, M. Nagel

Servers: Cass & Caulden Pulver

10:00AM Greeters: J. Kohley, A. Balvich

Lector: E. Faker

Ministers: ML Potts, M. Hanna, J/M Oliver, J. Groppe

Servers: Alexis & Caleb Oliver, Diego Padron

Care Ministers for April 22-29

April 21/22– N. Myers; April 23– C. Hanna;

April 24– None; April 25– Fr. Don;

April 26– P. Weigand; April 27– J. Egan; April 28/29– G. Schenk

Birthday ListApril 22 Jacquelyn Butler, Taylor Jordan, Maggie Maienbrook,
Marietta Rafferty, Fran Valade

April 23 John Groppe, Pat Korniak

April 24 Maureen Healey, Trent Nagel, Kaitlyn Ruvalcaba

April 25 Randy Brooks, Jan Hawkins

April 26 Norah Butler, Bill Hollerman, Jenelle Owens,
Lauren WhiteApril 27 Marlene Fogarty, Rita Koebecke, Mary Lou Potts,
Jason Roemer

April 28 Amber Bodak, Drew Geleott, Kris Kosiba, Tim Ventrello

Save the Date!

- **First Communion Mass:** May 6th at Noon
- **Graduation Mass:** May 27th at 10am Mass
- **Rummage Sale:** End of May, exact date to be determined

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Recent studies in the United Kingdom have shown that sheep may have greater intelligence than we have been led to believe. Often in our history the image of sheep has been applied to the laity who would be unable to manage without shepherds, i.e. clergy. To be honest, that to me is a distorted relationship, and it is not the image of relationship that John applied to Jesus in today's gospel. John presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Many who were acting as shepherds were hired hands. It was in Jesus' day a very thankless job. Shepherds were dirty, crude, and were known to tend toward thievery. A shepherd would have saved his own life from the prowling wolf rather than risk death to save any sheep. Poor shepherds were first to receive the message of Jesus' birth, and it was not by accident they were chosen.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who desires to be in relationship with us not to lead us according to his own desires, but by the loving design of God is Father. Jesus knows each of us intimately. It is for us that he laid down his life that we might be saved. Jesus calls us, we know his voice, and now we must respond. Where in our lives do we experience distorted relationships? How can we follow the example of the good shepherd who acts not of selfish desires, but acts out of love for the whole community? Who do we cause to feel less intelligent or believe to be less intelligent? Let us be like Jesus and set right our relationships, to be sheep and shepherds acting together in love.

~Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

World Day of Prayer– April 22nd

World Day of Prayer will be observed this Sunday, April 22nd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Pope Francis has prepared a personal message for this occasion. "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness." He goes on to encourage young people to "open [their] hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Herman Nagel Server Award

A few years back, a group of St. Augustine parishioners created a program to honor and reward our servers that have continued to serve mass throughout their entire high school career. These awards are known as the Herman Nagel Server Awards in recognition of Herman Nagel who served St. Augustine Parish his entire life. This year we have 5 individuals. Our goal is to provide each recipient with a cash award up to \$500 at the graduation mass in early June. If you are interested in helping support this program, please contact Cheryl Hillan (866-3912), Marvin Nagel (863-2225) or Marty Park (863-1768). Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

**Stewardship**

Total for 4/8/18	\$ 6841.65
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$ 4371.00
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$ 505.00
Total for 4/15/18	\$ 4876.00

TOUR THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

ST. JOHN, INDIANA



ALL ST. AUGUSTINE PARISHIONERS AND THEIR GUEST ARE WELCOME!

TRANSPORTATION: carpool from St. Augustine

DEPARTURE TIME FROM ST. AUGUSTINE: noon (eat lunch prior to departure)

ARRIVE BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE: approximately 5:15 p.m.

FREE WALKING TOUR HOWEVER GOOD WILL DONATION IS APPRECIATED BY THE SHRINE

GOLF CARTS AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 PER RIDER

OUR ONE HOUR TOUR BEGINS AT 1:30 P.M. – TIME TO VISIT GIFT SHOPPE AFTER THE TOUR

Please sign up by **MAY 7TH** by calling: Anne Dumas, 219-863-0188; or Mary Lee Debb 219-394-2055; or Sharon Blasky 219-863-1174 **OR** complete the form below and return in collection basket.

SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION TOUR

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Willing to be a driver? YES NO Number of Passengers _____

Need golf cart for tour? YES NO (\$5.00 fee)

St. Augustine Christian Women's Meeting – March 13, 2018

The March 13 meeting of the Christian Women of St. Augustine was held at 9 am in the church basement, with 18 women present. The hostess was Phyllis Mingear, who provided donuts, and beverages.

Mary Lee Debb offered the Opening Prayer. Margaret Karen Craig gave the First Reading, and the Gospel for the day. Mary Lou Potts offered the Prayers of the Faithful.

Sharon Blasky read the minutes of the October, 2017 meeting.

To follow up with some items from the minutes, Phyllis Mingear has talked to John about the floor. It doesn't look bad, but behind counter, and especially in the kitchen, it looks dirty, and the shine is gone. John thinks that the company may not have done the sealer correctly, and should be contacted. It shouldn't show the wear like it does. Anne Dumas said she thought the building and grounds had originally handled it, and Phyllis will call Greg Kanne about the floor. Phyllis had talked to Greg about the water heater problem. It has been fixed for now, but eventually it will need to be replaced, and he has suggested a tankless heater, since we only need hot water a couple times a week. Margaret Karen Craig talked about flowers around the church. She has taken the Easter lilies and hyacinths home each year and planted them. These should be dug up and planted around the church. Why purchase new ones when we have these?

Doris Wiener gave the treasurer's report. We have a balance \$6343.00 in the checking account. There was income of \$950, and disbursements of \$528.91. The savings account balance is \$1042.13, and the CD balance is \$5,555.58.

Sharon read a Thank you from Mr. Schooler, St. A Principal, for our donation, and Carol Hay shared a thank you for funeral dinners that she had received.

Carol Hay reported on Funeral Dinners – We have had 3 since October. She has had good help, and things are going well - thank you.

Phyllis Mingear reported on the Sunday morning coffee and rolls. Everything is going fine, although we miss Rex's donuts. It is getting hard to get people/couples/families to volunteer to take charge of a Sunday. She has to schedule around people gone in the winter, and farmers in the fields in spring. Helpers can set up before 7:30 mass, or on Saturday afternoon/evening. They have to pick up rolls at Strack's, and start coffee, get supplies out, etc. Karen Craig suggested contacting the Confirmation Class for winter months as part of their Community Service hours. We used to have a lot more attending when the CCD classes were on Sundays.

Phyllis Mingear reported on the greeting cards she sends. She appreciates the birthday notices in the bulletin, but hasn't been getting much feedback for those in hospital, or homebound. She has signed up to take part in the prayer list with Sharon Davisson, so she is getting that information now.

Sue Wing was not able to be present so there was no report on the quilt raffle. She will report in May.

Phyllis reported on the Lenten Luncheon. We had a lot of good food. Carol Hay made her chicken & noodles. They wondered if we'd have many since it was the week of the flood, but ended up with about 50 in attendance. There was lots of leftover food. Anita Jordan suggested taking some to shut ins, and the police department was called to take a roaster full of chicken & noodles to the Crisis Center.

Anne Dumas talked about the flower bed clean up. Anita Risner's granddaughter had Service hours for Central Catholic High School, so she came and spent several hours picking up sticks, etc. **IF** it's a nice day, and there are plenty of people helping with church clean up Tuesday, we'll do some clean up outside. If it's not, she'll schedule another day later in the week.

Donna Lanoue reported on the Confirmation Reception this Sunday. She thanked Pam Papak for volunteering to be co-chair. We have 12 candidates, so she's assuming there may be around 100 people attending. She passed around a sign up sheet for help. Please come around 2 pm.

Church Spring Cleaning is next Monday, March 19, from 4-7 pm and Tuesday, March 20, from 9 am-noon. Mary Lou Potts has developed a very detailed list of what needs to be done, and the order of priorities, and passed it along to Mary Lee. We need lots of help cleaning! Even if you can only help for an hour, that will help.

A call was put out for help with the Wednesday night Youth dinners. Christian Women signed up for 2 evenings. In February, we cooked mostaccioli, bread sticks, salad and cookies, and served 60-70 youth. We also volunteered for April 11th. We will be providing pizza, salad and cookies

The Executive Board met last week, and set the date of Friday, May 11th to tour the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John. We will have drivers and carpool from the church. This is a walking tour, and carts will be available for those who don't think they can walk the tour.

Anne Dumas provided copies of a Lenten Prayer we prayed together to close the meeting. The meeting as adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be May 8, following the 5:30 pm Mass (please note that this has since been moved to May 1st due to government voting).

Join Us to Celebrate Birthright's 30th Anniversary!

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate Birthright's 30th anniversary. Saturday, April 28, 1-3 pm, 331 S College Ave. Refreshments will be served. Come see our new office.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF SAINT AUGUSTINE**

Join us on **Tuesday, May 1st** following the 5:30 p.m Mass

(Changed to first Monday; due to Indiana voting on 2nd Monday)

There will be refreshments, social time, and a short informational meeting. All women of St. Augustine Parish, who are over the age of 18, are automatically members of the Christian Women.

Come join us to tour Shrine of Christ's Passion on Friday, May 11th at Noon. For the August Meeting we will have Dr. Anne Roat, a spiritual director speak with us about women in the bible.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry Needs You!

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. We need a man to assist patrons in carrying out their groceries on Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We need several volunteers to help distribute food on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am-Noon or Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm during the months of May and September when

St. Augustine Church is responsible to serve the food pantry. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bob Souza 866-5594.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please join us in welcoming neophyte, **Lori Blankenbaker**. She completed the RCIA process and was welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil. Lori recently moved back to the Rensselaer area after a 42-year absence to be closer to family. She was sponsored by Marvin and Pam (Lori's sister) Nagel. When asked why she wanted to become Roman Catholic, Lori had a wonderful response.

"I have been drawn to the Catholic faith since grade school when Pam and Marvin were married [just to be clear, Lori was in grade school, not Pam and Marvin]. My parents and I moved to Arkansas during midterm of my 6th grade year. Throughout junior and senior high school, I went with friends to various churches with various ways of worship, but none of them ever felt right. I believed in God, Jesus, and the Bible and that is what got me to this point in my life. Well, that, and some reading up on Catholicism and praying the past fifteen years.

St. Augustine is the first Catholic church I ever attended. I am blessed to have been able to move back home and become a member here. I had been searching for a spiritual home and family for a long time and I have finally found that at St. Augustine. I look forward to increasing my relationship with God and in doing some volunteer work."

Lori would like to thank Father Don and Tony Butler for the stimulating and informative RCIA discussions. Please keep Lori in your prayers as she continues to grow in the faith.

Youth Doings...**Schedule for April 25th:**

- Dinner in church basement: 5:45pm
- Elementary youth meet from 6:30-7:15pm
- Middle school youth meet: 6:30-7:45pm

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.

April 25- Cookout

All parishioners are welcome to join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings. A free-will donation is appreciated.

**Spirit on Tap Update!**

The Evangelization Committee is sponsoring Spirit on Tap. Sessions will continue this Wednesday and take 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.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Join the Knights Sunday, **April 29th** for an All-you-can-eat breakfast from 8:00 to 11:30. Dine in or carry-out.

Scholarship Opportunities

The Knights of Columbus will once again be awarding scholarships this spring to graduating Seniors or those students already enrolled in post-secondary education. The application and all eligibility criteria are posted on our web site at www.knights1881.org. Please click on the membership tab. Applications are due by May 1.

K OF C 9400 GOLF OUTING

July 28, 2018; 1pm shotgun

4 person scramble

Oak Grove Country Club, Oxford, IN

Meal served following golf

Hole sponsorships are available: \$25 for personal, \$50 business

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE BENTON COUNTY Special Olympics, LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES, AND LIFE TEEN
FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT TOM ETTER (765)385-2185 OR (765)385-2713

**SASBUCK\$ News:**

The April Merchant of the Month is Willow Switch! This means that the entire rebate is applied to your

student's earnings for the year. 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 Marie Oliver (219-964-8567) with questions.

Bulletin Submissions: If you would like to submit a picture or article for the bulletin, please contact the church office by either calling 866-5351 or emailing marie@rshi.tv. Submissions must be received by 8:00am on Tuesday in order to be included in the following weekend's edition.