

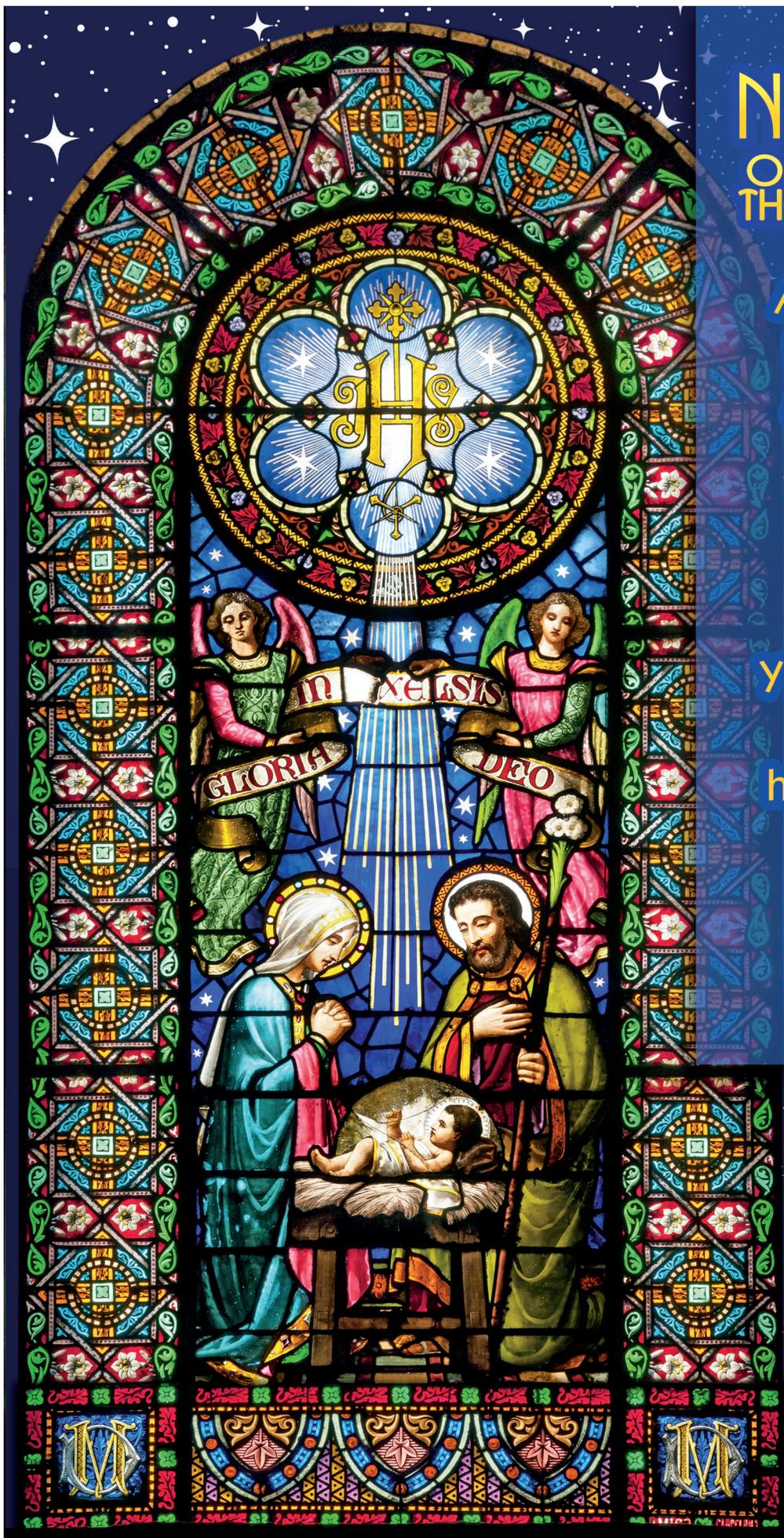
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

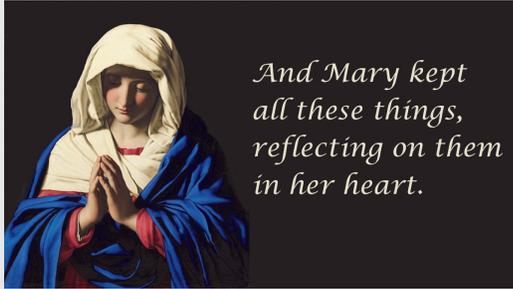
And the Word
became flesh
and made his
dwelling
among us.

JOHN 1:14

Y aquel que es
la Palabra se
hizo hombre y
habitó entre
nosotros.

JUAN 1, 14





And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23– Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am For the Parish
10:00am Mr. & Mrs. CH Craig

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24– Christmas Eve

8:00am NO Communion Service
8:30-2:30pm NO Eucharistic Adoration
5:00pm Anna Healy & Delores Trump
9:00pm Kim Doolin-Balch & Crocket Snyder

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25– Nativity of the Lord

10:00am For the Parish

WED., DECEMBER 26

No Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00pm Francis A. "Butch" Kanney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30– Feast of the Holy Family

7:30am For the Parish
10:00am Christopher Bahler

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

New mothers (and fathers) remember feeling the kicks and movements of their children in the womb. No doubt many mothers felt many other symptoms of pregnancy, but it was when quickening occurred it became real. There could no longer be any doubt that another person was growing inside. Curiously, new mothers sometimes cannot feel the movement of their babies until 25 weeks (well into the second trimester) and often not before 16 weeks. Here we have Mary about to begin her second trimester and Elizabeth her third. Elizabeth was confident in her pregnancy, but I can't help wondering if Mary felt the same certainty.

Mary took off in haste after she spent some time pondering the Angel Gabriel's announcement. She likely pondered what was happening to her body. She may have experienced terrible morning sickness that kept her close to her bed. When one day she feels better, she takes off to visit her cousin whom she learned was with child from Gabriel. Her inclination was to share her news with someone who would understand, and no one in her hometown could begin to understand her dilemma. When she meets Elizabeth, there is no doubt that one pregnant woman understands the other. Elizabeth recognizes Mary's vocation even before Mary has fully accepted her own calling. After this, Mary sings the Magnificat.

I find this story of the Visitation to be a profound experience. It speaks volumes to how we are called to be in relationship with one another. Do we recognize the gifts in others and let them know? Do we doubt our own callings and need someone with whom to talk about it? How do we spend time just being present to others, to discerning the Holy Spirit's movement in our own lives? This is the story of Advent: two women caring for each other, nurturing the gifts they have been given, while awaiting the full flourishing of those gifts. May we nourish our gifts and name the goodness, the giftedness we see in others.

~ Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

TAKE NOTE

Please note that there will not be a Communion Service or Adoration on Monday, Dec 24th & Monday, Dec. 31st.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:

Christmas Vigil Masses: December 24th at 5:00 & 9:00pm
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord: December 25th at 10:00am
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:
December 31st– Vigil Mass at 5:30pm
January 1st– Mass at 8:00am

***The church office will be closed through January 1

Minister Schedule for Dec. 29 & 30

Saturday:

5:00PM Greeters: M. Jagoda
Lector: Deb Nagel
Ministers: J/W Messman, E. Stath, J. Ventrello, D. Nagel
Servers: Lindy & Tessa Ventrello

Sunday:

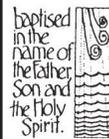
7:30AM Greeters: N. Shide, M/P Nagel
Lector: M. Park
Ministers: R. Geleott, B. Warren, S. Miller, R. Woolley, T. Korniak Jr
Servers: Cass & Caulden Pulver
10:00AM Greeters: T/S Wing, A. Balvich
Lector: Dirk Wiener
Ministers: R. White, P. Weigand, M/ML Debb, C. Sue
Servers: Reegan, Rylan & Reesa Leeper

Care Ministers for Dec. 23-30

Dec. 22/23– ML Debb ; Dec. 24–D. Myers;
Dec. 25– None; Dec. 26– G. Schenk;
Dec. 27– B. Post; Dec. 28– None; Dec. 29/30– G. Schenk

Baptism at Saint Augustine

Please welcome Sloane Marie Romine, the child of Brice & Katlyn (Pals) Romine, into the Catholic faith. The baptism took place at St. Augustine on December 16, 2018.



Stewardship

Total for 12/9/18	\$ 5130.32
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$ 6226.21
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$ 601.75
Total for 12/16/18	\$ 6827.96

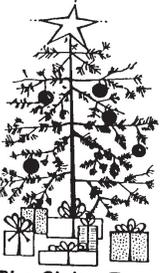
Second Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the following special collections in our parish and for the Diocese:

Window Repair Project: \$ 12,956.53
St. Thomas, Virgin Island Mission: \$ 2,576.86

Birthday List

- Dec. 23 Kennedy Kosta, Caroline Lucero, Doris Myers, Mary Pitstick
- Dec. 24 Hollie Lintner, Ashley Nethercutt
- Dec. 25 Spencer Geib, Cristine Spangler
- Dec. 26 None
- Dec. 27 Brandon Brickley, Isaac Camarena, Angela Nagel, Donald Ruman
- Dec. 28 Alex Nagel, Andy Nagel, Thomas Potts, Brianna Ruvalcaba, Itzel Ruvalcaba, Karen Tiede, Mateo Villegas
- Dec. 29 Ashley Hughes, Emily Murphy, Nicholas Steinke



The Giving Tree

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Giving Tree by taking an ornament to fulfill a material gift need, say a prayer or send a card. Because of your generosity, St. Augustine was able to serve many families. Thank you all. Merry Christmas!

Thank you to our chairs, **Sarah Mahnesmith** and **Chris Scheurich**! Without their organization and generous gift of time, the Giving Tree program would not be possible!



Eucharistic Adoration

"Our lives are transformed through frequent contact with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. It is impossible to spend extended periods of time with Christ, adoring Him, thanking Him and uniting our wills to His and not have Him change our lives. One of the most encouraging developments in the prayer life of the archdiocese in recent years is the growth of Eucharistic Adoration in the parishes." (Cardinal Francis George)

Your gift of spending one hour each week in the company of the Lord will also allow others to drop in for visits with the Lord. To have the Blessed Sacrament exposed, a Catholic must be physically present to adore the Lord. This means that during the hours the Adoration chapel is open and Jesus is exposed, He cannot be left alone. For this reason, there should be at least two adorers for each hour. This way, if a scheduled adorer needs to be absent, a co-adorer is able to keep Jesus company. If you would like to participate on a weekly basis please call the church office. **Adoration takes place on Mondays from 8:30-2:30pm. We are specifically in need of a volunteer for the 12:30-1:30pm hour. We are looking for substitute adorers, too!**



Stress, Depression and the Holidays: Tips for coping

The holiday season often brings unwelcome guests - stress and depression. And it's no wonder. The holidays present a dizzying array of demands - parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name a few.

Tips to prevent holiday stress and depression:

1. Acknowledge your feelings. It's ok to be sad, you can't force yourself to be happy.
2. Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community or religious events.
3. Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. Families change and grow.
4. Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are.
5. Stick to a budget. Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend.
6. Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities.
7. Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed.
8. Don't abandon healthy habits.
9. Take a breather.
10. Seek professional help if you need it.

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during the holidays. Feel free to contact your Parish Nurse, Jocelyn Ventrello at ventrello@embarqmail.com for any questions.



Christmas poinsettias were placed in honor/memory of the following: Carl & Evelyn, Louis & Rose Korniak, Justin Henady, Jane Ann Swartzell, Michael Fogarty, Bill & Fran Fogarty, James & Della Patton, James Patton Jr., Donald & Mary Lakin, Fred L. Shide, Marcia Shide, Russell Gourley, Jerry & Rita Nagel, Walter & Ida Nagel, Joseph & Marie Kerber, Lincoln Gerald Nagel, Bob & Carol Hanna, Clarence & Melina Mathew, David Nagel, Chapman & Van Hoof Families, Meyer Family, Godar Family, Bob & Betty Whaley, Walt & Rose Geleott, Bob & Stu Hergennoeder, George Butler Sr., Doris & Doc Faker, Tyler Faker, The Yost Family, Alice E Davis, De Sayers, Bernice Green, George Borntrager, Lillian Underwood, Mike & Helen Sopko, Melvin T. Clites, Bernard R. Clark, Kevin B. Clark, Michael J. Clark, Don Pohl, Sullivan Family, Bernice & Joseph Buchtman, Paul Bracht, Albin & Carmela Shank, Ruth Ann Shank, Joe Shank, Charles & Edna Horton, Eurah Somers, Ruth & Marcella Kanney, John Barrientos, Bob & Ida Mae Ficht, Howard & Darlene Miller, Art & Mary Kanney, Butch Kanney, Calvin Miller, Ruth Steinke, William Steinke, Emma Zimmer, Ethel Zimmer, Emily Ann Blasky, Nada Robinson, Pam Watson, Guy & Norma Robinson, Tom & Lorraine Blasky, Anita Arseneau, Julian & Frances Koesters, Urban & Juliane Post, Marvin Post, Kanne & Gehring Families, Dean Blankenbaker, Mary Blankenbaker, Al Nagel, Dan Hay, Brandenburg & Malone Families, Harmening & Hillan Families, Brandenburg & Malone Families, Harmening & Hillan Families, Jim Worden, Rita Lynch, Ted Bolakowski, Andrew & Bonnie Studer, Lawrence & Lil Miller, Bill & Betty Studer, Art Studer, Don & Shirley Hughes, Joseph & Joanne Hopp, Jeff M. Dick, Peg Prohosky, Elizabeth (Betty) Norris, Austin & Geneve Anderson, Marvin Whitaker, Ingrid Schenk, Paul & Dorothy Nagel, Joh & Lovetta McKim, Matthew Gembala, Melissa Scheurich, Kent Mahnesmith, Roy & Noreen Nordyke, Dave Nordyke, Mercer Family, Alter Family, Monnig Family, Souza & Altman Families, Andy Mehall, Bob & Tennis Walter, Charles Brusnahan Jr., Bradley Saylor, Renata Bachman, Charles & Vesta Brusnahan, George Shide, Andy Shide, Jerry Pals, James Walter, William R. Maniscalco, Ann M. Maniscalco, Barbara Sofield, William Sofield, Herman & Mary Nagel, Joe & Nobeline Sheldon, Eugene & Mary Farrell, Dennis Farrell, John Farrell



Gifts for Advent

Jump into Advent with a new 2019 with a Liturgical Calendar from your parish family and many other free resources that can be found next to the church doors.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Parish Meals!

Join us for food and fellowship prior to Wednesday evening programs. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm in the basement. All parishioners are welcome to join us for dinner. Free-will donations are appreciated.

There will not be any dinners during the month of December. They will resume on January 9th.




Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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



Last Call for Nativity Cast Members!!!

Last call for children to participate in the Christmas Vigil Children's Pageant. This will take place during the 5pm Mass on Dec. 24th. Please call Melissa Rodibaugh to reserve your part.

Religious Education/youth group/peer ministry/PIT/ Confirmation classes resume on January 9th. There will be a parish meal prior to classes in the church basement at 5:45pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Vigil for Life

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Lafayette invite the youth of our parish for the Vigil for Life. It will be held on Monday, Jan. 21st from 7-9:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The night will be one of Eucharistic Adoration led by Father Rick Nagel and worship and reflections on Human Life and Dignity by Christian singer-song writer, Audrey Assad. The night will also include opportunities for confession and a Eucharistic Procession.



Save the date! The Spring Social for the 2018-2019 academic year will be held on **Saturday, April 27th** at The Farmhouse Restaurant in Demotte. Please join us for a night of music, dinner & a silent auction to benefit our school.



St. Augustine School Money Board

This fundraiser will be available throughout the year at mass and other social events. Envelopes are labeled \$1-100, as well as a few "name your own price" envelopes. Choose an envelope and place the noted dollar amount inside. Place the envelope with money in with the church offering, or either the church or school office. Checks may be made payable to St. Augustine School. The Money board is located by the McKinley street entrance.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING STUDENTS FUND THEIR EDUCATION AT ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL & RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT?

St. Augustine School has partnered with the Institute for Quality Education for scholarship funding. This scholarship granting organization (SGO) will award needs-based financial assistance to St. Augustine School students if the family meets the income guidelines. The money in our account with the Institute for Quality Education comes from donations.

Donors who give to this SGO are eligible to take advantage of a 50% credit against their state tax liability for contributions made toward these scholarships in addition to a federal deduction.

Donations may be mailed with a form available at the school or submitted online: www.i4qed.org. For more info please contact St. Augustine School at 866-5480 or schooler@s-augustine.org.

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. Please Join Today!!!

Campbell Soup Labels

The Campbell soup company is no longer offering their label reward program. Thank you for the many years of collecting them for the school.

SASBUCK\$ News: Take advantage of the opportunity to earn SAS Buck\$ as you do your holiday shopping! If you will still be ordering gifts online after that time, you can use ScripNow e-cards to make those purchases. Don't forget the various other ways to maximize SAS Buck\$ over the holidays: the ingredients for holiday meals can be purchased with scrip cards, as can meals eaten out. And if you plan to see some movies over your holidays, know that shopwithscrip.com has gift cards for Regal and United Artists Theaters.



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LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

In an effort to keep everyone in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana informed, we have been updating the diocesan website (www.dol-in.org) with formal statements and letters from Pope Francis, our Bishop, and the USSCB.

Should you choose to view additional news information, please be sure your sources are credible and validated. We recommend:

USSCB: <http://www.usccb.org/>
Catholic News Service: <http://www.catholicnews.com/>
The Holy See: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

How to report abuse in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana:

Indiana law requires that any individual who has reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect must report immediately to: • The local Child Protection Services agency (Hotline: 800-800-5556); or • A local law enforcement agency.

Under Indiana law, it is a criminal act not to make such a report. This law applies to all adults without exception.

To make a report of an allegation of recent abuse of a minor, or even to report a previously unreported allegation of abuse from years ago, please use these contact numbers:

- Child Protective Services, 800-800-5556;
- The Office of Victim Assistance Ministry, 765- 464-4988;
- The Conduct in Ministry Officer, 765-463-2242.

Diocesan policies and practices for safe environment can be found online at <https://dol-in.org/safe-environment-1>
These have been published and enforced since May of 2003.



We Need Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Care Ministry Volunteers!

We are in need of ministers for Sunday mass and Care Ministers to take communion to Hospital & Alternacare, and the Care Center. We can work around your schedule. Only available once or twice a month? We would still appreciate your help. It is not difficult and does not require a lot of time or training. Interested individuals should contact the church office to schedule a brief training session. Won't you consider giving some time to serve Christ?

BE BOLD. BE CATHOLIC.

Tune into Catholic T.V. station, EWTN. They provide exceptionally insightful programs, and daily Rosary and Mass services. Direct T.V. #370 and Dish offer this station. The weekly schedule can be obtained at ewtn.net/multimedia/weekly-schedules.asp. Adjust times to your area.

Manual Wheelchair & Lift Training

A manual wheelchair has been donated to our church for use by anyone physically challenged who would appreciate easy transportation from their car to the lift. If you know of someone who would benefit from using the chair, please contact the church office. Likewise, if anyone would like to be instructed on how to use the handicap lift, please call the office at 866-5351 or email marieoliver@parish.dol-in.org. Thank you!

Rosary CD Available for Use

A copy of Fr. Kostka's Rosary CD has been donated to Steinke and Jackson's Funeral Chapel for use at services. This beautiful recitation of the rosary is a welcome resource for those planning funeral services.



Evangelization Committee

The Saint A Evangelization Committee has been responsible for organizing many events & activities. There are many subcommittees that have evolved such as the Communications/Media Group, the Education/Faith Learning Group, Works of Mercy Group, etc. If you have an interest in learning more about the different avenues of this committee or to get involved, contact Doug Nagel (866-2128) or Cathy Hanna (869-0120).



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.

Catholic Volunteer Network

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? Check out RESPONSE 2017, a free guide listing nearly 200 faith based volunteer programs and thousands of opportunities. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the US and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. Our volunteers are from all walks of life—from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children.

Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy today. Call 800-543-5046 or visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.



Join our Parish Family! **Are you a registered parishioner?**

Do not take for granted that you are registered in the Parish just because you attend Mass or your relatives are members. It could be quite embarrassing to us, you and your family when someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, attend Faith Formation, or if you are asked to be a Sponsor for Baptism or confirmation requiring a note of Catholicity from us. If we have no record of membership, we cannot provide these services for you. Contact us today! Call 219-866-5351 or email us at marieoliver@parish.dol-in.org

Parish Library News!



Are you interested in learning about your faith? Perhaps you'd like to read interesting literature by popular authors, such as Matthew Kelly. Please feel free to borrow a book from the large cabinet in the church basement (next to the television).

Simply sign the book out using the notebook located next to the cabinet. There are a few audio books available for check-out also. New titles include: The Mindful Catholic by Dr. Gregory Bottaro, 5 Things Women Need to Know about Men by Dr. Allen Hunt, and Winning the Discipline Debates by Dr. Ray Guarendi.



Won't you join us for an hour of prayer?

Every Thursday, following morning Mass, parishioners join together in prayer. Won't you take an hour of your week to pray for peace in our world. Through God all things are possible. We look forward to seeing you!



Believe in the power of prayer!

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Sharon Davisson at 866-4675. If you would like to join the **St. A email or phone Prayer Tree**, please submit your email address to sharondavisson@gmail.com or call 866-4675.

Visit our Church Website!



Visit the church at www.saugustine.org! You can use **Online Giving** to catch-up on offertory. Click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Stay up to date with **online bulletins!** Check **ministry calendars**, find out **Holy day schedules**, view the **readings of the day**, see **pictures** of church events and more! **Questions about your faith? Would you like to know the Church's stance on different current issues?** Links have been added for many Catholic resources. Bookmark it on your computer or add it to your smart phone's home screen today!



A Card to Show We Care!

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

You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on!

Just as we insure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. Your planned gift to the St. Augustine Catholic Parish Fund will provide financial support forever. You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on!

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