

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

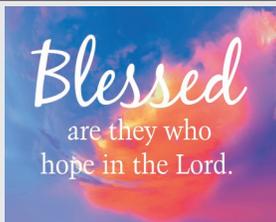
And raising his eyes toward
his disciples he said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20

El, entonces, levantó los ojos
hacia sus discípulos y les
dijo: “Felices ustedes los
pobres, porque de ustedes
es el Reino de Dios.

Lucas 6, 20-21





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am Living/deceased of the Studer & Washburn Families
 10:00am For the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 8:00am Communion Service
 8:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 5:30pm No Scheduled Intention

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 8:00am Living/deceased of the Reichert Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 8:00am No Scheduled Intention
 8:30-9:30am Holy Hour

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22– The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 8:30am Vera & Glen Lague

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 5:00pm Living/deceased of Slaby, Michalec & Courtright Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am Lucy Lane
 10:00am For the Parish

Minister Schedule for Feb. 23 & 24

Saturday:
 5:00PM Greeters: M. Jagoda
 Lector: R. Hueser
 Ministers: P. Hueser, D. Lank, J. Ventrello, J/W Messman
 Servers: Sullivan Deiotte, Katherine & Kaylei Lank

Sunday:
 7:30AM Greeters: N. Shide, P/D Schultenburg
 Lector: R. Mangas
 Ministers: M. Rodibaugh, B. Warren, I. Mangas, S. Miller, T. Korniak Jr.
 Servers: Graham & Beck Drone

10:00AM Greeters: J. Kohley
 Lector: D. Wiener
 Ministers: M/ML Debb, E. Faker, J. Groppe, C. Sue
 Servers: Owen, Audrey & Connor Davisson

Care Ministers for Feb. 17-24

Feb. 16/17– N. Myers ; Feb. 18– ML Debb;
 Feb. 19– None; Feb. 20– J. Egan;
 Feb. 21– G. Schenk; Feb. 22– P. Wiegand; Feb. 23/24– A. Nagel

Birthday List

Feb. 17 Ramses Aguilar, Ellen Faker, Antonio Jarquin, George Kanne, Ava Kosiba
 Feb. 18 Dianne Farrell, Charles Price
 Feb. 19 Kathy Whitaker
 Feb. 20 Jovita Courtney, Josh Fleming, Cole Hewitt, Heidi Jordan, Linda Miller
 Feb. 21 Tyler Castognia, Omar Villarreal
 Feb. 22 Kara Fishburn, Elizabeth Haskins, Helen Knouff, Donald Misch, Mandy Pickering, Mark Zeilmann
 Feb. 23 Michelle Dobson, Tuesday Lentino, Ethan Pickering



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Like a Tree Planted by the Water

Growing up in Michigan, I was never far from water. Running through our village was the River Raisin. It was named by the French fur traders who were the first Europeans to explore that area because along its banks grew an abundance of wild grapes. I remember driving by or walking by the river and being amazed at the roots of the trees. That waterway, awash with runoff from fields of corn and soybeans, was life-giving for those plants. How very spectacular those roots! And how much more meaningful and inspiring today's readings if you have paid attention to this scene. Just go to Busy Bee in the spring or summer and see for yourself how the roots of trees spread along the Iroquois River.

What does this mean for us as people of faith? The imagery used in scripture reminds us of the need to be properly rooted. In what or in whom do we plant ourselves? Are we rooted in hope or do we allow ourselves to be shaken by small setbacks? Being planted by the water means we trust God will see us through the good times and the bad. Even in droughts, says the Scripture, trees planted by the water will stand. Though we may be battered and bruised, keeping our eyes on the one who sustains us, who feeds us his very self, then we will survive and thrive.

Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Plain beginning with the Beatitudes. Herein we experience several paradoxical statements. What we tend to believe is not the way God operates. God works in God's own time and always gives us the grace to be patient, to endure, and to survive whatever befalls us. Whether we face poverty or hunger or grief or persecution, we have the hope that as we remain rooted in the truth of God's word our reward will be great in heaven. I pray we each find ways to stay rooted and to invite and to help others be planted by the water.

~ Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

Palms for Ashes

Please place your palms from last Palm Sunday in the basket next to the baptismal font. Fr. Don will use them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please cut them into small pieces. **The last day to bring in palms is February 24th.** Thank you!

Ash Wednesday officially begins Lent & the Easter cycle. Ash Wednesday Masses will be held on March 6th at 8:30am and 7:00pm.



Stewardship

Total for 2/3/19	\$ 6162.61
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$ 4825.33
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$ 601.75
Total for 2/10/19	\$ 5427.08

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN NEWS:

Christian Women Meeting –Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00am

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of the Christian Women on Tuesday, March 5th at 9am in the church basement. Join us for fellowship, breakfast refreshments, and for nominations of new officers , planning Lenten luncheon, and our next gathering in May. If school is cancelled on March 5th, the make up date for meeting will be March 12th at same time.

Questions contact Mary Lee Debb - 219-394-2055.

Minutes for St. Augustine Christian Women's Meeting

October 9, 2018 8:30 am

The October meeting of the St. Augustine Christian Women was attended by 20 women.

Mary Lee Debb led us in prayer, before calling the meeting to order.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and corrected by adding Linda Wood as a hostess.

Doris Wiener gave the treasurer's report. Discussion was held on moving some funds from checking to savings. Doris Wiener has let the officers know that she is resigning as Treasurer as of December 31st. Sharon Blasky has volunteered to take over those duties until the election in Spring

Carol Hay reported on funeral dinners. Doris Myers is looking for help contacting women to help with the funeral dinners. Anne Dumas asked why we don't charge people for dinner instead of just 'suggesting' a donation? Families have a choice to pay, depending on their situation. Carol said it works out – some pay more, some nothing. Anne suggested that we keep tabs on it, and if we get to the point where we're losing money, we should re-think it.

Phyllis Mingear reported she had one new helper signed up to help with coffee and rolls at the Feast. She also reported on the card ministry, and said she's received lots of donations of beautiful cards.

Sue Wing reported on the quilt raffle results so far. We didn't have our booth at the Little Cousin Jasper Festival because of the bad weather. A reminder to pick up raffle tickets has been in bulletin. She said she will mail any not picked up at the end of October.

Lenten Luncheon report: Ash Wednesday is March 6th. We probably need to put our bid in early if we want a specific date. Phyllis will help the new chair – she has detailed records. Nancy Walter volunteered as the new chair.

Anne Dumas reported on the flower bed up-keep. She said some of the old mums are starting to bloom. Mary Lee said she thought it would be a good idea to find someone to clean up the beds in the spring and it would be worth our while to pay someone. Pam Papak said that we really need a professional to prune and give us a place to start.

Anne said that our speaker from the last meeting, Dr. Anne Roat, has emailed a copy of her talk. If anyone would like a copy, let her or Mary Lee know. If anyone has ideas for future speakers or programs, please let them know.

Old Business:

The Church fall cleaning will be done on Nov 12th from 3-7 PM & Nov 13th from 8 AM-noon. Please let Mary Lee know if you can help. You don't have to come during these times - she will work with you to schedule a convenient time.

Regarding the St. Augustine Feast Day, everyone thought it went well. For the first time out, we served a very simple meal. We have a better idea of what to expect, and can plan for next year. We served around 200.

We served the Wednesday night dinner on Oct 3rd, and will sponsor another one next semester. Anita Jordan said more adults are coming to Youth dinners and suggested it might be fun to grab some friends and come.

In the spring, we had voted on making a \$500 donation to St. Augustine School, and making it a yearly donation, provided we have the funds. We have funds available, so we will send a donation. The school was 6th in the State on ISTEP scores this year. Margaret Craig said it would be nice to have a sign in front of the school so people in the community knew about this.

New Business:

Linda Miller was unable to attend to discuss the Bazaar and Turkey Dinner in November but left a sign-up sheet that was passed around for help.

A Nominating Committee is needed for the Spring Election. Sue Wing, Mary Sue Chapman, and Donna Bailey volunteered.

Other business:

Margaret Craig said there used to be a committee in church, where people volunteered to be called on in an emergency to drive someone to the doctor, etc. She said there is a need for this. Anita Jordan suggested involving the parish nurse, and maybe she could coordinate this? Mary Lee will contact her to discuss this. She started a list of drivers.

Carol Sue reported the rummage sale will be the first week in November. A sign-up sheet was passed around for help.

Mary Lou Potts said we need a pamphlet rack for church. Everything is sitting on benches now. We will investigate different options and talk to Father Don and report back at a later meeting.

Anne Dumas led us in a closing prayer.

Our next meeting will be the morning of March 5th.

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Three Middle School Youth attended the Middle School Encounter event organized by the Diocese. Youth who accompanied Kris Dobson were Kaylei Lank, Sully Deiotte, and Maggie Maienbrook. The event was hosted at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton in Carmel. The youth experienced dynamic speaking, kerygmic preaching, bagging 10,000 meals for Africa, black light dodgeball, and a baptism at the parish Mass!

Youth Schedule: February 20th

- Dinner prior to classes in the church basement at 5:45pm.
- Elementary Youth: 6:30-7:30pm
- Middle School Youth: 6:30-7:30pm
- Confirmation Youth: 6:30-7:45pm
- PITS: 6:30-7:45pm
- Please remember that if the Rensselaer School Corporation cancels school for the day, all youth activities are cancelled.

Attention Senior Class!
 You are asked to bring a dessert to share for the Wednesday Evening Meal on February 20th. Desserts should be brought to the church basement prior to the meal. Thank you!

Middle School Lock-In
 Middle School Youth are invited to a lock-in on February 23-24th provided by the High School Peer Minister Team! **We are in desperate need of chaperones** from 5:00 pm to 8:30 am. The Lock-In will have to be cancelled if we do not have enough chaperones. Parents of Middle School Youth and parents of Peer Ministers are asked to consider volunteering. This can be done in shifts if needed. Contact Kris Dobson (219-863-5423) if you are willing to help with meals or chaperone.

Peer Minister Meeting
 Peer Ministers will meet on Sunday, February 17th at 5:00 pm in the youth room to plan the Middle School Lock-In.

Save the Date!
The Youth Group's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Dessert Bake-Off is scheduled for March 10th from 5:00-6:30 pm. The youth who attended the March for Life will share their experience during the dinner. The Youth will host a Baby Shower at the dinner for our local Birthright as a way to promote Respect Life in our community. More information will be provided in the bulletin soon!



Knights of Columbus Council #1881

"CASINO NIGHT"

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Happy Hour - 5:00 - 6:00

Gaming - 6:00 - 11:00

Club 1881 Inc.
325 E Vine St.
Rensselaer, IN 47978

\$30.00 per ticket (only 225 available)

Includes: Raffle entry, food, snacks, draft beer, wine and pop

Prize Payant 1st = \$750 2nd = \$500 3rd = \$250
(Additional \$250 if 1st prize winner present at drawing. Must be 21 yrs. old to enter)

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! Free-will donations are appreciated. Please note, if school is cancelled on Wednesday due to weather, the meal will be cancelled also.

Upcoming Menu:

- 2/20 Soup Night organized by the Nagel Family
- 2/27 Breakfast for Supper organized by Arlene Castognia
- 3/6 No Meal
- 3/13 Soup Night organized by Gwen Messman

Thank you to Mandy Pickering for organizing the meal on Feb. 6th and Cheryl Hillan for the meal on Feb. 13th!
If you can help lead a meal, please contact Arlene Castognia or the church office.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Join the Knights Sunday, **February 24th** for an All-you-can-eat breakfast from 8:00 to 11:30. Dine in or carry-out.

Knights of Columbus Pork Chop Dinner
 The **February 16th Knights of Columbus Pork Chop dinner** will benefit St. A School, so mark your calendars for the BEST pork chop dinner in town!!! This fundraiser will allow us to purchase materials for MUCH NEEDED hallway storage cabinets for our wonderful grade 1 and grade 2 teachers.

Serving takes place from 5-7pm and includes a grilled pork chop, potato, vegetable and salad bar.
 1 Pork Chop Dinner-\$11.00; 2 Pork Chop Dinner-\$14.00
 Carry-outs are available.

Spirit on Tap
 Spirit on Tap continues this Wednesday, February 20th at the Knights of Columbus. Join us as we view and discuss Bishop Barron's series "Pivotal Players."
 As a reminder: If Rensselaer Schools cancel for the day, Spirit on Tap will not meet.

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.