

Stay awake!

**For you do not know on which
day your Lord will come.**

Matthew 24:42

Estén despiertos,

**porque no saben en qué día
vendrá su Señor**

Mateo 24, 42



**1st Sunday of
Advent**



**1^o Domingo de
Adviento**



SUNDAY, Dec. 1– First Sunday of Advent

7:30am Stephen J. Lane
10:00am Jiggs & Joe Kobek

MONDAY, Dec. 2

8:00am Communion Service
8:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, Dec. 3– St. Francis Xavier

5:30pm Evelyn McGraw

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4– St. John Damascene

8:00am Jeanne Snyder

THURSDAY, Dec. 5

8:00am Sandy Gersbach
8:30-9:30am Holy Hour

FRIDAY, Dec. 6– St. Nicholas

8:30am Dennis Fogarty

SATURDAY, Dec. 7

4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Ruth & Marcella Kanney

SUNDAY, Dec. 8– Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am Marie A. Summers
10:00am For the Parish

Advent Penance Service

December 11th we will hold our Advent Penance service at St. Augustine at 7pm. Our 2nd grade students will participate in their First Reconciliation that evening. As we prepare for the Messiah this advent season, we acknowledge our sins and incompleteness and ask for forgiveness. Join your Parish family as we make ourselves ready for the Lord's coming.

Minister Schedule for Dec. 7 & 8

Saturday:

5:00PM Greeters: E. Waymire, M/B Robinson
Lector: Deb Nagel
Ministers: D. Nagel, M. Robinson, E. Stath,
S. Davisson, J. Ventrello
Servers: Lindy & Tessa Ventrello

Sunday:

7:30AM Greeters: N. Shide,
Lector: S. Blasky
Ministers: R. Geleott, G/B Post, M. Nagel, S. Miller
Servers: Amzie & Joseph Maienbrook
10:00AM Greeters: Castle Family
Lector: D. Wiener
Ministers: M/MI Debb, P. Weigand, E. Faker, R. Brooks
Servers: Noah Bierma, Josh & Jessie Fleming

Care Ministers for Dec. 1-8

Nov. 30/Dec. 1– ML Debb; Dec. 2– C. Hanna;
Dec. 3– None; Dec. 4– P. Korniak; Dec. 5– J. Egan;
Dec. 6– None; Dec. 7/8– G. Schenk

Birthday List

December 1 Jim Nagel, Shannon McGraw, Ruth Woolley,
Susan Sullivan
December 2 Jeanette Blackhall, Joe Effinger, Kaitlin Nagel,
Ben Ahler, Kurt Hamstra, Karter Frederick
December 3 Jill Mathew, Beppe Tifoideo
December 4 Georgia McKim
December 5 Libby Ellrich, Michael Debb
December 6 Judy Koebecke, Karen Liersch, Fred Stath, Max Baer
December 7 Gwen Messman, Melissa Ahler, Caitlin Hamstra

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Alert, Awake, Advent

There is a song that immediately comes to mind this week. It is called, "Stay Awake, Be Ready." The kids at St. Augustine School love to sing the song. It is an upbeat tune that includes clapping. In fact, they have sung it at Mass on more than one Friday in the last six weeks. The song works well liturgically on this First Sunday of Advent because it is precisely what Jesus is telling the disciples to do. The gospel stories for the last month have been asking us to think eschatologically—that is, about the end times. This song does that too when we sing, "We do not know the hour when the Lord is coming." The song, however, ends in hope with a round of alleluias.

Our whole Christian life on earth is Advent. We are always watching and waiting. Our hope is the anticipation of the Lord's coming once again. We await the Christ child, but we also keep our eyes on the end of this age when Jesus will come again. We have time to prepare, but we don't know how long. We are called to incarnate Jesus in the actions of our lives. If we want to be the embodiment of Jesus' teachings, then we must prepare our hearts and our homes. How blessed we are that Thanksgiving precedes Advent. Eucharist, by the way, means thanksgiving. Our liturgies are filled with thanks to God. Advent ought to be a time for us to continue to express our gratitude and make ready our own bodies to bear Christ.

How will you stay awake this Advent? How will you give yourself space to step back from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and patiently wait with hopeful expectation? How will you resist the allure of the all-consuming commercial aspect of the season and let Jesus find a place to be birthed in you? Rest easy in this Advent season, but also remain watchful and mindful that Jesus is coming again.

~Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education

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.



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.

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!

Stewardship

Totals for 11/17/19	\$ 6625.50
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$ 907.50
Totals for 11/24/19 were not available by the bulletin deadline	
We need \$ 7,010.00 to meet our weekly budget goals.	



The Giving Tree

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Once again, St. Augustine will have the Giving Tree. It is located by the North entrance near the school parking lot. The ornaments on the tree are as follows:

- Bell = prayer intentions (these are individuals who are in need of prayers & possibly a card or visit)
- Stocking= boys and girls material needs (size and age are listed)

If you take an ornament, please attend to it as soon as you can. For material needs, we ask that the gifts be wrapped and the paper ornament attached to it. Please bring the gifts back to the church no later than December 15th. Gifts may be returned earlier, but not later please! Thank you to all who participate. Contact the parish office 866-5351 or Sarah Mahnesmith 866-2650 if you have questions.

Mass Intentions

One of the traditions of the Catholic Church is to pray for the deceased. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass intention for the upcoming months, please contact the church office at 219-866-5351. **Open Masses for the month of December include: December 11, 12, and 17th.**



Salvation Army Bell Ringing Help Needed

St. Augustine Church volunteers will be ringing the bell and accepting donations in front of Walmart for the Salvation army on

Saturday 12/14 10am-7pm; Friday 12/20 5-7pm
Shifts will be 1/2 hour. Please contact Cheryl Hillan at 869-3384 or the church office at 866-5351 if your family would like to take a shift. Shifts will go fast so please call early to get a convenient time.

Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry!



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's are back! **Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy the "People's Choice For Best Fish Fry in Jasper County" for the second year in a row!**

Serving takes place on Dec. 6 & 13 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried) , Shrimp & Chicken Strips, All you can eat salad bar. Take-outs are available by calling 866-9938.

The K of C will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for the boys and girls at Gibault School in Terre Haute. This will be done at the fish fries in December. We are asking that items such as markers, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, game books and sketch pads be donated. Also, toys such as Rubik's cubes, Silly Putty, playing cards, hand held games and mini board games. In addition, hygiene supplies such as shampoo, deodorant and Chapstick are needed. All donations will be delivered to Gibault before Christmas. Thank you for your past and current support for Gibault School, the #1 charity supported by the Indiana Knights of Columbus.



Youth/Religious Education Calendar:

- December 1: **NO** Elementary Education Classes
- December 4: MS & Confirmation Class 7-8pm
Peer Ministers Meet at 6:00pm
- December 8: Elementary Education Classes 8:45-9:45am

Congratulation to our St. Augustine School Alumni!



Congratulations to St. A school alumni: Brayden Mushett, Graham Drone, Drew Cain, Harleigh Shanley, Ary Nelson, Sarah Kaufman & Maggie Maienbrook. They were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society this fall.



Congratulations to St. Augustine School alumni and parishioners: Alexis Oliver, Aidan Geleott, Will Messman & Alex Nagel. They were honored with admittance into the National Honor Society at Rensselaer Central High School this fall.

Apples for Students

Our school is participating in the Strack and VanTil Apples for the Students Program. This enables our school to earn Apple Computers and iPads, sporting goods, audio visual equipment, science supplies, hundreds of other items to choose from, and they're all FREE.....

To earn these FREE awards we simply have to collect as many Strack & VanTil register receipts as possible from September 1st, 2019 through March 2nd, 2020. Ask your friends and relatives to shop at Strack & VanTil and save every receipt. Send the receipts to St. A school or drop them in the box near the McKinley street entrance. Thank you in advance for your participation!



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