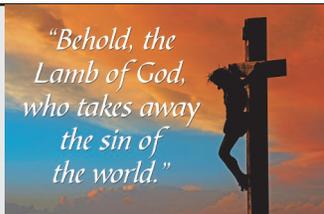




3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20



SUNDAY, JAN. 26– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am For the Parish
10:00am Rita Nagel

MONDAY, JAN. 27

8:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, JAN. 28-Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

5:00pm Joseph P Nesius

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

8:00am Fred Shide

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

8:00am Deceased of Mathew/Studer Family

FRIDAY, JAN. 31-Memorial of St. John Bosco

8:30am Dennis Fogarty

SATURDAY, Feb. 1

4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Chuck Worden

SUNDAY, Feb. 2– Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

7:30am Joyce L. Lane
10:00am For the Parish

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Schools of Fishers

By the time I was born, St. Alphonsus Catholic School in Deerfield, Michigan, had been shuttered. There was no other option but the public school. However, the Catholic influence was strong enough in the village that fish continued to be served every Friday until my youngest sister was in high school. Of course, not growing up Catholic, it made little difference to my family, nor was it something we would have considered had there been any other option. When I first moved to Chicago to teach at Visitation Catholic School, a grammar school in Englewood, I was deeply moved by the difference a Catholic education made in the lives of our students. It was in that year that I determined if I had children I wanted them to be enrolled in a Catholic school. We are all blessed to have St. Augustine School in our community.

From 1867 until the present day, Catholic education has been part of the fabric of Rensselaer. Beginning with the orphanage and manual training school, then the Indian school, followed by St. Joseph's College, and the opening of our parish school in 1903, education and religious formation have been foundational to the Catholic experience. That is a heritage of which we ought to all take pride. We are a Catholic community that has been formed mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually in profound ways. How many small towns can boast about such things? Not only have we educated Catholics, but so many others carry with them the values learned through one of these institutions.

Catholic schools help us to be better citizens, to think deeply, and to respond justly. Our readings today urge us to imitate, to give witness to, and to be like Jesus. Our words will only get us so far, because, as St. Paul reminds us, not all can be explained. We live in mystery. Catholic education forms individuals to live their faith. It is through the actions of our daily lives that we reflect Jesus. Catholic schools are like the fishers' boats. From these boats we learn by example to lure and to catch souls for Christ. May our own school prosper for a long time as we continue to cast our nets and transform lives.

~Tony Butler, Director of Religious Education



Masses that were cancelled due to Fr. Don's absence, have been rescheduled. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Minister Schedule for Feb. 1 & 2

Saturday:

5:00PM Greeters: M/B Robinson
Lector: Deb Nagel
Ministers: E. Stath, B. Lank, J. Mercer, Duane Nagel, R. Brooks

Servers: Drew & Dawson Cain

Sunday:

7:30AM Greeters: Shide Family, H. Bracht
Lector: S. Blasky
Ministers: I. Mangas, M. Nagel, B. Warren, S. Miller, C. Schuerich

Servers: Tate, Graham, Beck Drone

10:00AM Greeters: K/E Faker, Castle Family
Lector: D. Weiner
Ministers: R. White, C. Sue, H. Jordan, J/M Oliver
Servers: Eliza, Grace, Katie Castle

Care Ministers for Jan. 26 - Feb. 2

Jan. 25/26– G. Shank ; Jan 27– C. Hanna
Jan. 29– P. Korniack Jan 30- R. Koebecke

Birthday List

January 26-Pat Kohley, Elizabeth Waymire, Thomas Korniac, Julie Stath, Hunter Crabtree, Alfredo Morin
January 27-Mike Fogarty, Mario Rodriquez, Brad Dunlap, Abby Jordan
January 28-Theresa Lakin, Anita Risner, Nathan Smith, Charlotte Vasquez
January 29-Anne-Cecile Egan, Lori Blankenbaker
January 30-Nancy Studer, Grant Myers, Aleah Scheurich, Tori Culp
January 31-Jane Sinar, Eileen Sullivan, Kirk Whitaker

Greetings



Hello St. Augustine Parish. My name is Melissa McCully and I am your new Church Secretary/Bookkeeper. My husband Mike and I have 4 children all girls (Grace, Maeve, Madigan and Ainsley). Two of which attend St. Augustine School. Our oldest Grace is in 5th Grade and our second oldest Maeve is in 1st Grade. You may have seen us around, we have volunteered at the Thanksgiving Bazaar, I been substitute teaching at the school this year and have also served on the schools Parent Faculty Association. I am looking forward to this new opportunity and working with you all and getting to know you better!

Please direct emails for me to: mmccully@parish.dol-in.org

Stewardship

Total for 1/12/20	\$	5392.50
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$	6511.58
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$	907.50
Total For January 19		6511.58



College Care Packages will be assembled on January 29th and delivered prior to Valentine's Day. Please get contact information (address) for your college student or young adult enlisted in the military to Kris Dobson by January 26th. Donations are greatly appreciated. You can place your monetary donation in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked "College Care Packages", drop it off in the church office or give it to Kris Dobson. Items which can be donated include chapstick, pens, pencils, hi-lighters, Post-It Notes, individually packaged snacks, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, water bottle flavor packets, candy, and gum. Please avoid heavy items as this adds to the cost of shipping. Gift cards are also appreciated. Donations should be taken to the church office or placed in the box in the McKinley St. vestibule by January 29th. We usually send about 35 care packages each year!

4. January 19th is Youth Sunday. All middle school and high school youth are invited to sit in the reserved seating at 10 am Mass. High School Youth will be leading the Mass as greeters and gift collectors/bearers. Contact Kris Dobson if you would like to volunteer in one of these roles.



Uniting in Heart Message

Missionary Discipleship – Missionary discipleship is following Jesus Christ in and through His Church to share the gospel message with our family and our neighbors, to the ends of the earth. Missionary discipleship involves getting all the baptized to understand that we are called to mission, not maintenance.

Gifts for You!

Please pick up a 2020 Liturgical calendar and many other free resources that can be found next to the church doors and in the bookracks. The calendars are produced here in Indiana. The free books are donated to our parish through Dynamic Catholic.



Like our Facebook page
Club 1881 Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Contest

Calling all boys and girls ages 9-14 for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Saturday January 25 at Rensselaer Central Middle School. Registration at 10:30 cst and contest to begin at



The Gold Star Initiative

The Gold Star Initiative, a fundraising effort for St. Augustine School continues. The purpose of the Gold Star Initiative is to raise \$250,000 - payable over a 3-year period. The monies raised will help cover operation costs and lower the parish subsidy.

Gold Star Initiative Update: We have raised \$72,000 to date in gifts and pledges toward the \$250,000 goal to benefit St. Augustine School. There's still time to participate. Thank you to all who have generously supported the Initiative.

St. Augustine School has provided students for generations. Help us keep the St. Augustine School tradition thriving for generations to come with your support - perhaps it's a one-time gift, a pledge, or encouraging others to support the Initiative, or students to the referring prospective school. Your prayerful consideration of support is appreciated.



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.....

Fifty-Fifty Winners for January

- \$100- Stacy Kurdelak
- \$75- Ron & Mary Alson
- \$50- Juli Simmons
- \$25- Mona Jagoda

We would also like to run a campaign for new members. Can we put envelopes on the pews to encourage people to join? If this is ok, here is a new article for the bulletin to replace to old article. I would like to run it starting next weekend for a couple of weeks.

Save the Date

The Spring Social for the 2019-2020 academic year will be on Saturday, **April 18th** at Embers. We are looking forward to another fantastic event this year.



The Spring Social Committee would like to contact members of the 1960 & 1970 8th grade classes from St. Augustine. If you were in these classes or know someone who was please contact the school office at 866-5480. Thank you!

Help Needed

St. Augustine School is looking for a Substitute Custodian. Hours 9-4 as needed. Contact the School Office for more information at 219-866-5480.



National Catholic Schools Week Schedule

January 26-31, 2020

Saint Augustine Elementary School

Sunday, Jan. 26 Our fifth graders will be doing 10:00 a. m. Mass

Monday, Pep Session at 2:35; Girls Home BB vs Saint Boniface @ 5:30 CST; Boys Home BB @ 6:30 CST

Tuesday, Jan. 28 Public Readers in Classrooms Throughout the day; Student Reading Partner @ 2:35 in the gym

Wednesday Baby Shower for Birthright @ 2:00; Each class will be requested to bring items.

Thursday, Jan. 30 Geography Bee @ 1:00 in gym sponsored by Nancy Souza. Students will make Valentine cards for parish shut-ins and nursing home residents/others.

Friday, Jan. 31 Bishop Doherty here for Morning Assembly @ 7:45 and Mass @ 8:30; Intramural game @ 1:00; PFA Student Talent Show in the gym @ 6:30

We will have many activities this week. Please join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week



The 1/27 Monday Night Basketball game against St. Boniface is a "Green Out" game....let's get as much green in the stands as we can! Free popcorn and Gatorade to any current student or alumni that attend the game AND wear green.....actually any spirit wear will do, but green preferred:)



The Knights of Columbus will hold 4 fish fries, a Pork Chop Dinner and our End Of The Month Breakfast in February. It is going to be a busy month as Lent gets underway with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Please help us promote the following activities for February:

Fish Fry - Our hours 5:00 to 7:00 pm CST. We were the People's Choice For Best Fish Fry in Jasper County for the second year in a row! We are also holding a Treasure Hunt Board Game drawing at each fish fry.

Friday, February 7 Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 Dine in or Carry Out (866-9938). Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried), Jumbo Shrimp and Chicken Strips with your choice of potato and all you can eat salad bar.

Friday, February 14 Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 Dine in or Carry Out (866-9938). Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried), Jumbo Shrimp and Chicken Strips with your choice of potato and all you can eat salad bar.

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 Dine in or Carry Out (866-9938). Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried), Jumbo Shrimp and Chicken Strips with your choice of potato and all you can eat salad bar.

Friday, February 28 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 to 7:00 Dine in or Carry Out (866-9938). Featuring Pollack, Tilapia (baked and Fried), Jumbo Shrimp and Chicken Strips with your choice of potato and all you can eat salad bar. We will hold a fish fry every Friday during Lent!

Saturday, February 15 Saint Augustine School Pork Chop Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 Dine in or Carry Out (866-9938). The youth group will be preselling tickets and a portion of the proceeds will go to the youth group.

Here are the details:

Serving from 5:00 - 7:00

1" Grilled Pork chop, potatoes, vegetable, and salad bar

Single Pork Chop Dinner-\$11.00

Double Pork Chop Dinner-\$14.00

End of The Month Breakfast:

Sunday, February 23

All you can eat breakfast

8:00 to 11:30

Dine in or carry out





2020 Retreats

Register online at www.stjosephretreat.org

Men's Silent Retreat	February 7-9, 2020	\$170
Get Away for a Day	February 11, 2020	\$20
Get Away for a Day	March 17, 2020	\$20
Lenten Day of Reflection	March 24, 2020	\$40
Get Away for a Day	April 21, 2020	\$20
St. Joseph the Worker Day of Reflection	May 1, 2020	\$40
Marriage: The Rite Stuff	May 1-2, 2020	\$280
Get Away for a Day	May 12, 2020	\$20
Get Away for a Day	June 9, 2020	\$20
Get Away for a Day	July 14, 2020	\$20



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.



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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MASSES AND/OR CARE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

How to use your time and talent to serve Christ? Volunteer for Sunday mass or Care Ministers for Hospital/ Alternacare, Care Center and/or Autumn Trace. We can work around your schedule. Maybe only once or twice a month. 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.



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.

St. Augustine Greeters Ministry

Thank you to all those that volunteer to greet parishioners and visitors prior to the weekend/holy day Masses. A special thank you is extended to **Nellie Shide** for volunteering to be a greeter before EVERY 7:30am Mass. Also, a big thank you to the **St. A Youth** group for volunteering for a 10:00am Mass every month. If you have a warm, welcoming smile and would like to volunteer to be part of this ministry, please contact Carol Hay at 219-866-8831 or contact Marie in the church office at marieoliver@parish.dol-in.org.

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

Eucharistic Adoration



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 looking for substitute adorers, too!**

The grace of adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is given to everybody. – St. Peter Julian Eymard

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!



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.

