

*Lord, you  
will show us  
the path  
of life.*

**All Masses are Canceled effective March 18 until further notice.**

**There will be no public liturgies during Holy Week through Easter Sunday!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26– THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

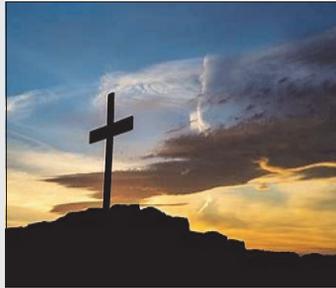
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3– FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Journey as Domestic Church

I was inspired last Sunday by Fr. Don’s homily. He spoke poignantly about the different levels of Church to which we all belong. He began with talking of the world-wide Church under Pope Francis, then the province of Indianapolis uniting the six dioceses of Indiana, the Diocese of Lafayette, the parish of St. Augustine, and each of our families. The family as Church is the first Church. It is known as the domestic Church. It is our first teacher of the faith. It is in our homes where faith is nurtured.

As most of you know, I have been working on a Doctor of Ministry degree these past three years. I am about to complete the requirements of the program this Tuesday, April 28. My thesis is called, “Cultivating the Domestic Church: Experimenting with Family Catechetical Education.” In elementary religious education this year, we took one Sunday each month through March to bring families together to learn and grown in faith. They object was to create experiences that could be easily replicated at home, and the activities were all based on the readings for that Sunday. I was blessed by the positive engagement on the part of all participants. It truly was an experiment as the activities changed from month to month based on the needs and interests of the families. I hope this experimentation and engagement with Scripture and themes of our faith, has been a help to families during this time of unknowing. I look forward to growing and reinforcing this program next Fall.

Others in our parish are on journeys, too. Our youth in Confirmation preparation continue to walk together virtually, meeting each Wednesday through Zoom. However, our preparation requires different kinds of “home” work. Much of the preparation now takes place outside the group, and within the domestic Church. We have thirteen children who have been preparing for First Communion. They have been well-prepared, but we don’t know when they will receive the Sacrament. We have high school seniors and college seniors who will not experience the joy of Commencement and the celebration of their achievements. This must happen in a domestic Church setting. This opens us to be newly creative. Please keep all these journeys in your prayers. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus who were downtrodden and unsure, so are all people of faith, and certainly those who have been on a special phase of their journey. It is difficult to recognize Jesus in all of this, but he has been and remains our constant companion. We must stay on the road, listening, learning, and being vulnerable so that Jesus’ teaching will penetrate our hearts. May we see him more clearly in one another, and especially when we break bread as Domestic Church.

Tony Butler, DRE



*thank you*

Mass For Divine Mercy 2020

Thank You to Father Don, Angie Nagel, John Shank and Tony Butler for our livestream Mass on Sunday! Our parishioners were happy to be a part of it!

**School News**



Fr. Don is happy to announce

the new Principal of

St. Augustine School is our very own

Angela Nagel!

Please join us in congratulating her on this accomplishment!

The Parish extends condolences to Melissa McCully (our secretary/bookkeeper) and her family on the death of her mother and children’s grandmother. Because of the pandemic, Melissa and family have been unable to attend the funeral. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*



**Birthday List**

- April 27-Marlene Fogarty, Rita Koebcke, Mary Lou Potts, Jason Roemer
- April 28-Andrew Geleott, Kris Kosiba, Timothy Ventrello
- April 29-Rachael Dobson, Chris Myers, Betty Clites
- May 2-Rob Cain
- May 3-Jake Retek



**Herman Nagel Scholarship**



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.

Our goal is to provide each recipient with a cash award of up to \$500.00 at the graduation mass in early June.

If you are interested in helping support this program, please contact Cheryl Hillan (869-3384), Marvin Nagel (863-2225) or Marty Park (863-1768). Checks need to be made out to the Herman Nagel Scholarship Fund. Your financial support is greatly appreciated!

**Bishop Dwenger Council 1881 Scholarship**

Any son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter of a member in good standing, or a deceased member of Knights of Columbus, Bishop Dwenger Council 1881 is eligible for this scholarship.

The applicant must be: a current graduating senior, currently enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college/university; currently enrolled in vocational school or enrolled in college/university work on a post bachelor's degree.

The applicant is limited to one lifetime Bishop Dwenger Council 1881 scholarship.

Applicant must submit a completed scholarship application, with required attachments postmarked on or before the deadline of May 15, 2020. Remit to:

Bishop Dwenger Council 1881  
 Attn: Scholarship Committee  
 P.O. Box 367  
 Rensselaer, IN 47978



**Baptism at Saint Augustine**

Please welcome Reece Richard Zeilmann and Isaac Robert Zeilmann, the children of Austin and Crystal Zeilmann, into the Catholic faith.  
 The baptism took place at St. Augustine on March 22, 2020.



**Attention Class of 2020 Parents**

We are once again putting together our Rensselaer Central High School Graduation Section. We are offering you the chance to place a special congratulations wish to your graduate. You can include a photo or just wording that we can add a graphic to. The ad will be black and white, measure 3.2x2" like the samples and the price is \$20.20 each.

**Questions? Call us 866-5111**

Submit message and payment by May 11, 2020 to: Rensselaer Republican, 117 N. Van Rensselaer St., Rensselaer, IN 47978 or email your information to [misty@rensselaerrepUBLICAN.com](mailto:misty@rensselaerrepUBLICAN.com)

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If submitting a photo, please write the graduates name on the back.