



*6th Sunday  
of Easter*

**Masses will gently begin to resume as of Sunday May 31st with a 10:00AM Mass!**

**Dispensation will be granted until August 15th!**  
See our Website [www.saugustine.org](http://www.saugustine.org) for more details.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17– SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

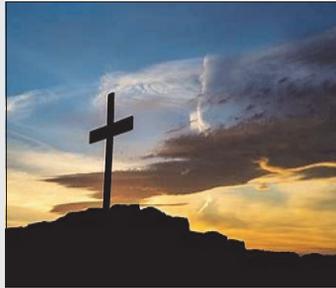
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24– SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**SPRING SOCIAL**



Join us online to celebrate and support St Augustine School! We have decided to hold the postponed Spring Social virtually this year.

On May 16th at 8pm, online auction bidding will close and we will pull the names for raffle winners. Raffle tickets were mailed to all parishioners in February. Raffle tickets and money can be mailed to the school, or dropped off at the church office by Friday May 15th.

Visit the online auction site to view and bid on a variety of packages including museum admissions, gift baskets, Brown County cabin rental, St A. fanwear, golf passes, custom wood furniture, over \$200 in local restaurant gift cards, and more!

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/copy4staspringsocial>

We know that this pandemic is effecting our parish families in many ways, but we want to make the auction items gathered available to those who are able to participate at this time. We appreciate the support from each of you!

If you have any questions or need more raffle tickets, please call the school office or email [saspringsocial@gmail.com](mailto:saspringsocial@gmail.com)

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Slowly, Patiently, Joyfully

This week we have begun to slowly get our sense of normal back. There seems to be a bit less anxiety and uneasiness. People are taking pleasure in the mundane pleasures of haircuts and visits to the dentist. These routine tasks were things that only two months ago we took for granted. As Catholics, we are called to see God in each and every moment of our lives. We are called to view the world as fundamentally good because it is charged with grace. God fills the earth with God's presence and we rejoice when we recognize that presence.

We are also called to be mindful, to be more aware of what is happening in our world. Many, many people remain vulnerable not only to COVID-19, but to countless viruses, bacteria, and other diseases. Some are susceptible because of age or genetics, but many are weakened by their poverty. There is much we can do. Have you ever been asked if you'd like to "round up" to support a local charity or special cause while grocery shopping? Rounding up means you are donating less than \$1.00 to a worthwhile cause. There are few of us who are unable to share spare change. We live in a society where grand gestures done quickly are all the rage, but that is not the way of the Lord. Jesus asks for our patience, but assures us there will be reward. We must remind ourselves that this time requires patience and small gestures. It also reminds us that we need to ask for help once in awhile.

Jesus says to the disciples, "I will not leave you orphans." Some of us may be feeling a sense of abandonment; we feel as though we are forgotten or alone.

The Holy Spirit, imparted to us at baptism, is with us always. Trust the Lord. We don't know when we will be able to celebrate together as we'd like and as we have grown accustomed, but the poor and vulnerable will still be with us. We are still in need of faith formation, and WE are still the Church. May we continue to trust the slow work of

God, to patiently live our faith, and joyfully celebrate the transformation that is taking place. We are people of the Resurrection, and our rebirth is coming. Stay well and take care of one another. Hope to see some of you on May 31

at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Tony Butler, DRE

**Birthday List**

- May 18-Pete Walter
- May 19-Tom Fleming, Adam Ahler, Chip Gull, Isaac Roemer
- May 20-Clara Adams
- May 21-John Mercer, Jacob Pickering, Pat Weigand
- May 22-Bruce Sayler, Shannon Shanley
- May 23-John Baumann, Morgan Garrity
- May 24-Bob Lansdown, Nancy Souza, Kelsey Gilbert, Nichiole Stath, Rocio Jarquin



**But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners**

Romans 5:8

**Books and Brews**

Hi St. Augustine Church,

Good Afternoon,

With the end of the Bishop Barron series on the Mass, we will be offering another opportunity for you to grow in your faith. Father Coady Owens had planned to do a Books and Brews series this summer. However, when the priest moves were announced for June 29 we knew it could not happen. Now that the Bishop has changed the date to August 19th we will be able to offer the series. Currently, with the COVID-19 restrictions we will have to take the series online and hope that at some point we can transition to an in person meeting.

Please join Father Coady on Tuesdays, beginning May 12 at 7:15 P.M. as he introduces the Books and Brews sessions. At this first session Father will discuss the three books he has chosen and outline a reading schedule. Information will be provided on how you may purchase a copy of each of the books. Note - you should supply your own 'brew' for the session! There is an invitation below for the GoToMeeting sessions and a PDF on how to use the platform. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Books and Brews**

Tue, May 12, 2020 7:15 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533189181>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (669) 224-3412

- One-touch: tel:+16692243412,,533189181#

Access Code: 533-189-181

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/533189181>

We are blessed to have Father Coady share his time with us. Hope to see you on May 12!

God bless,

Anne

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**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 office at 219-866-5351.

There are many dates in January still available.

**Visit our Church Website!**

Visit the church at [www.saugustine.org](http://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!

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

Philippians 3:20

**THANK YOU**

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**Make a Gift That Will Make a Difference**

Your gifts of cash, stock, real estate and insurance are needed to make the St. Augustine Catholic Parish Fund grow, giving our Parish a perpetual income. Contact the church office today to learn more of how a gift today can be transformed into an eternal gift that helps pass on our Catholic heritage.

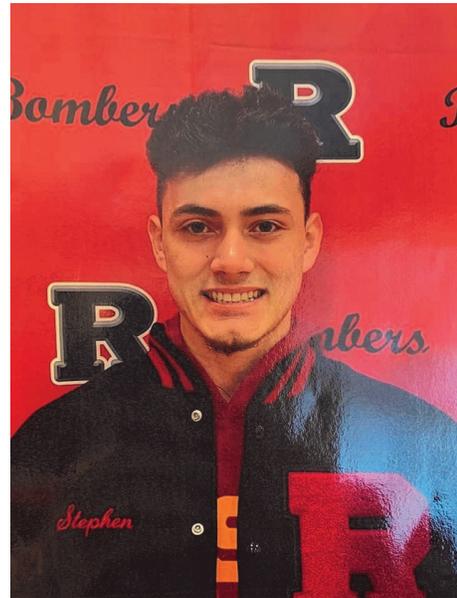
**You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on!**

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!

# STUDENT *Spotlight*



Our alum and peer minister Noah Bierma plans to attend Wash College where he will play football. His major is undecided at this point, but we are certain God has great things in store for this awesome young man! Your St. A family wishes you all the best!



Our alum and peer minister Stephen Duncan will be attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology majoring in chemical engineering. Your St A family wishes you all the best with the next part of your journey!!!

Our final senior alumni spotlight focuses on

## Ramses Aguilar and Cruz Rule!

We pray that your future is bright!!!



As we honor our seniors in our senior spotlight our hearts are a bit heavy as one of our alum's life was cut way too short! We are left to imagine what this kind and ornery sole would be planning for his future. However, we are pretty certain it would have been a hands-on career that allowed him to help others. Though he is not here to celebrate with his peers, he lives in our hearts forever! We love and miss you, Spencer!!!

We now have a **Facebook** page.

Look us up at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Follow us for stories, fellowship, and up to date information.



### Stewardship

**Collection for the week of April 25, 2020**

**\$5735.00**

Dear Parishioners,

The Bishop has decided that our first open-to-the-public Mass will be the last weekend of May. We will have a 10am Mass on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Pentecost Sunday. There are restrictions: masks are required, seating limited to every third pew (families only), communion will be distributed after Mass in the hand only with required 6' spacing in the communion line, no singing or music (seems the point of this is so that congregants do not handle the hymnals that would then have to be wiped down). Communicants will exit the church after receiving (A very few of you have been doing this for years.). These restrictions will be relaxed if there is no escalation of covid-19 cases throughout the summer. Everything is tentative.

I think it would be wise if those most susceptible to the virus would not attend. That means those 65 and over should probably not expose themselves to potential carriers. Those with pre-existing conditions—heart conditions, lung problems, even those with colds—should probably wait until later in the summer before returning to Sunday liturgies. Young children are discouraged from attending since they have a tendency to let their masks slip. Having said that, I realize that I am included among those discouraged from attending; nonetheless, I'll be there and it will be good to see a larger congregation than the five or six of us who have done the streamed Masses. I find those very difficult to do without you.

We will certainly not be able to accommodate all who might wish to attend the Mass on May 31<sup>st</sup>. I'm hoping the ushers can manage the numbers. Please do not be offended if entrance is refused. We simply have to protect the health of all. If the Mass is streamed, which I think it will be, those not admitted can follow the stream on their phones. After the Mass, I'll be at the parking lot door to distribute communion to those who have followed the Mass on their phones.

There is still no definite news about First Communions and Confirmations. I will be welcoming our RCIA members into the Church in very small family groups sometime this summer. It is very sad to me that they will never have known the majesty of the Easter Vigil during which they would have been received, when the four classical elements—earth, air, fire, and water—are invoked in the new creation.

In the upcoming months, I will be gone quite often during the week. I have to go visit the places where I might be assigned. I also have a great deal of packing to do. Bishop Rhoades of the Fort Wayne/South Bend diocese has been asked by my Provincial, Jeff Kirch, if there are openings there. Yes, there are several. I guess I'll end up there. It is likely that I'll end up in the diocese where I was born. I like it when circles come full round and are completed. I think that you all know that I would prefer to remain in Rensselaer: a different circle, remaining to come full round.

I hope you are all faring well during this time. It is difficult.

Peace!

Fr. Don

