

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick, who
at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in
Cana of Galilee,
we may

return to joy

and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary
during the coronavirus pandemic*

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 for more details.

SUNDAY, MAY 31- 10:00AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 7-10:00AM

SUNDAY JUNE 14-10:00AM



Ministry Schedule

**1 LECTOR ONLY PER MASS
(No EM's, no Alter Server's)**

May 31-Dirk Weiner

June 7-Marty Park

June 14-? (volunteer) please contact the church office

Stewardship

Total for the week of 5/17/2020

\$5705.00

Please continue to mail in or drop off your envelopes. Thank You for your support!

ST AUGUSTINE LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Are you missing St Augustine Church? Park and pray, and see how nice the grounds look! The Christian Women of St Augustine saw the grounds needed some tender care. In spirit of Community Service, we hired a Hispanic catholic family new to Rensselaer. They have spent the last month weeding and mulching for us. Plus Alexis Oliver is mowing all the grounds.

Thank you to all involved with this coordinated effort.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Renew the Face of the Earth

We are not comfortable with change. We like things the way they are. As the old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." In fact, you simply cannot fix that which is in good working order. What we do instead is maintenance. We are often maintaining the status quo and feeling content at doing so. Except, the status quo has led to people abandoning the faith. The status quo has meant that people have not been exposed to the riches of Catholicism and all that our tradition has to offer. We see the world as charged with grace, or at least we are called to do so. This is not true of all people and not even of all Christians. The Catholic worldview, the sacramental understanding of all life is desperately needed. If Jesus had not seen the God's self at work in the world, he would never have given his life because to do so would have been meaningless. Being and doing Church has always been and always will be a grand experiment. It is the nature of existence in this world to adapt to change.

Last week, we read what has come to be called the Great Commission. Jesus was about to depart from the apostles, and he gave them the charge to carry his message of love and service to all the world. Over the course of his ministry, Jesus changed. He was at first convinced that his message was only for his own people, but he later experienced God's presence in other people, in Gentiles and Samaritans. We call this conversion. Jesus undergoes several conversions. He begins as a preacher, then a healer, then a teacher and sage, and has been ultimately described as an eschatological prophet for he was always pointing beyond the present to another moment in time. Jesus always pointed beyond himself to his Father. He invited the apostles not to simply find and form disciples, but to remain students themselves. Students who would constantly deepen their relationship with one another, with God, and with the world. They were called to adapt to change, and to make known God's presence amid all that happened.

There were people from all over the Roman Empire on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came down to be a new guide for the people of Christ. Following the physically present Jesus and discerning an unseen part of God require different responses. Being and doing Church during this time requires a new approach. We cannot operate within the status quo because people will be left out. If Church is only reception of the Blessed Sacrament, then we have failed. May we remain patient and vigilant as we look forward to the time when we call all celebrate as one parish once again. We are the Church. That is the promise of Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit descend once again and renew the face of the earth.

Dr. Anthony Butler, DMin, DRE

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another 1 Peter 4:10

July, August, September

Living Faith Magazine

Available at the Church Entrances

Daily Catholic Devotions





OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you or someone you know is interested in registering their child at St. Augustine School, Pre-K through 5th Grade please contact the school office at 219-866-5480

Office Hours

May 26-June 5 9:00-12 Noon

July 30-August 6 9:00-12 Noon

August 7-13 9:00-12 Noon and 1PM-3:00PM

School is to resume August 14, 2020

Birthday List

June 1-Mackenzie Meeks, Allen Whitaker, Kurt Griesch
 June 2-Tom Meyer
 June 3-Walt Brown, Brandon Cain
 June 5-Connor Davisson
 June 7-Mike Doolin, Bill Gehring, Chad Pulver



Saint Augustine School expresses immense gratitude for the support received for this year's online Spring Social held Saturday, May 16, 2020. A special thank you to the co-chaired leadership of Sarah Zager and Brenda Butler because their leadership was so critical for the success of the online Spring Social. Additionally, we want to extend our appreciation to those who generously donated auction items. Finally, your bountiful purchasing of raffle tickets made the Spring Social a rewarding success. We are truly blessed to have our caring and supportive church and school community.

Dr. Jerry McKim, Principal.



Knights of Columbus

Casino Night is rescheduled for August 29th.

Stay tuned for more details...



Congratulations to our Fifth Grade St. Augustine Class, we wish you all the best of luck next year! You will be missed!

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| Alivia Cain | Beck Drone | Tytus James |
| Vivi Kosiba | Kyaura Lipscomb | Meeka Martin |
| Courtney Mathew | | Grace McCully |
| | Emily Pickering | |



Christmas Program 2019, 5th Grade