

I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day

Masses are offered for...

SUNDAY, SEPT 6-TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SACRED HEART-REMINGTON (EASTERN)
 8:30AM-PEG BENNER

ST. AUGUSTINE-RENSSELAER (CENTRAL)
 10:00AM-LARRY BROST

MONDAY- SEPT 7-LABOR DAY
 SACRED HEART-REMINGTON (EASTERN)
 9:00AM-ART GOODWIN

TUESDAY, SEPT 8-FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRIN MARY
 ST. AUGUSTINE-RENSSELAER (CENTRAL)
 5:30PM-GEORGE AND BETTY TONNER
 6:00PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9-MEMORIAL OF ST. PETER CLAVER
 SACRED HEART-REMINGTON (EASTERN)
 8:30AM-DENNIS FARRELL
 8:00AM-CONFESSION

THURSDAY, SEPT 10-
 SACRED HEART-REMINGTON (EASTERN)
 5:30PM-POOR SOULS
 6:00PM-CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, SEPT 11-
 ST. AUGUSTINE-RENSSELAER (CENTRAL)
 8:00A-8:20AM CONFESSIONS
 8:30AM-BILL VALADE

SATURDAY, SEPT 12-
 SACRED HEART-REMINGTON (EASTERN)
 9:00AM-ORVILLE AND DOROTHY MATHEW
 9:30AM-CONFESSION

STS PETER AND PAUL- GOODLAND (CENRAL)
 5:00-

SUNDAY, SEPT 13-TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SACRED HEART-REMINGTON (EASTERN)
 8:30-FOR THE PASTORATE

ST. AUGUSTINE-RENSSELAER (CENTRAL)
 10:00AM- GENEVIEVE STREGG CLARK

Ministry Schedule

LECTOR

St. Augustine 10:00AM

SEPTEMBER 6-JOHN AHLER	SEPTEMBER 13-
SEPTEMBER 20-	SEPTEMBER 27-DIRK WIENER

Sacred Heart 8:30AM

SEPTEMBER 6-DAN ANAYA

ALTAR SERVERS

St. Augustine 10:00AM

SEPTEMBER 6-DREW GELEOTT/ALEX NAGEL
 SEPTEMBER 13-ALEXIS OLIVER/JOSH FLEMING
 SEPTMEBER 20-WILL MESSMAN/ALEX NAGEL
 SEPTEMBER 27-ALEXIS OLIVER/JOSH FLEMING

FROM THE PASTOR

It's funny when I go to places that have signs that say "Due to the national coin shortage, please use exact change or credit/debit card, we are unable to make change." I think, "isn't this a true statement for so many of us?" Life pulls us in so many directions and change is the last thing we want to make, especially when we don't understand why.

I, for one, am excited for the opportunities here in our pastorate. Everyday that I've been here I've run into people who have told me they "used to go to" Sts. Peter and Paul or Sacred Heart or St. Augustine, and tell me stories about their families history, but it usually ends with "but we stopped going because... x, y, z." Some people were poorly treated by priests or fellow parishioners, some people got too busy with other things or some people didn't share with me what or why, but it just happened. To each of these people I have invited them back to the Catholic Church... talk about change! I don't think any of them have been prepared for that and none of them have known what to say, but I remind them, "We're still here and we'd love to have you anytime you want to come back" and they have all been appreciative and receptive.

People have often asked me if being the pastor by myself with three parishes is a lot of work, and I will say with all honesty, YES! It's not meant to be this way. But you know how we fix it? We go out and bring more people here and show our young men a vibrant and growing Church worth giving their lives for and encouraging our sons and grandsons and nephews to consider the priesthood. Priests don't grow on trees and definitely are not delivered by storks. Priests come from a community that plants the seed and cultivates a bountiful harvest. We all need to not only be willing to ask a complete stranger to come back and pray with us at church, but we need to also be willing to ask our loved ones to consider serving the same church we so dearly love. That is how change happens and that is how we end our own current shortage that has and will continue to cause so much change in our local community.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend!

Fr. Bennett

Brothers and Sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.

Romans 13:8





Sacred Heart SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in honor of our Lord Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. **The candle burns this week for Rodney and Jeanne (Dunlap) Crawford by Pat and Darrell Dunlap**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Augustine

St. Augustine Youth Group and Youth Ministry is gearing up for a new school year! Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

September 9th- Parent meeting for all youth grades 6-12 at 6:30 pm in the church basement

September 16th- Kick Off for all youth grades 6-12 at 6:30 pm

September 23rd- Annual Food Drive for all youth grades 6-12 @ 6:30 pm

September 30th- Small group meetings for all youth grades 6-12 at 6:30 pm

More information will be forthcoming regarding these events. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

Kris Dobson & Tony Butler

SACRED HEART-REMINGTON

Registration for Religious Education will be held on Sundays August 30th and September 6th after 8:30 AM mass or you may email Sarah Hall at mshall10@comcast.net

If anyone is willing to bag donuts after mass for the Religious Ed students, also if anyone has a couple of couches that they would like to donate for the Religious Ed students please contact Sarah Hall

Sacred Heart-Remington

An ice cream social is being planned for September 20th, more information will be forthcoming.

SACRED HEART-REMINGTON

The Faith Group will meet Wednesday September 9th at 6:30 PM ET in the Fulcher Center.

Be on the Lookout in your mailbox the for new

Catholic Ministries Appeal to begin soon!

HEARTS ON FIRE!



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

By Our Labor of Love

Tomorrow we mark Labor Day. It is a day when we should take time to rest from our labors and be with our families. It may be a time to reflect on the work that we do and how it has meaning and purpose. Currently, many people are unemployed and underemployed. We can pray for them, but Labor Day celebrates a more active way of being. How are we helping those who are out of work or who work hard and still struggle to make ends meet? We ought to consider how we might be a more active presence to those in need.

In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, we are told in chapter five that the work we are called to leads us to the kingdom of God as through our work we order our lives and temporal affairs according to God's plan. Everything that we do can be an act of grace as we give way to the Holy Spirit to act through us.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, love does no evil to the neighbor. Our work should not belittle or degrade the work of others. Rather, we are to exist harmoniously by sharing love. God's Spirit is operative in the world, enlivening the hearts of men and women, and it is through our work with others that this reality is made known. In other words, the work we do, the vocation to which we have been called, reveals God. If it does not reveal God, then we must rethink our presentation. If the focus of the work we do centers on ourselves, we are falling into the temptation of pride. Our work should be uplifting to others and gratifying to God.

As we celebrate another Labor Day, we recall that, "work represents a fundamental dimension of human existence as participation not only in the act of creation but also in the act of redemption." (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 263). God invites us to participate in the continual unfolding of creation. We are also invited to point others to Christ. We are all called to bring salvation to the world. In the words of the familiar hymn, "they'll know we are Christians by our love." Let us work together for the building of God's kingdom and let us love one another evermore deeply as we do.

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Visit St. Augustine 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!

We now have a **Facebook** page.

Look us up at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

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

Sunday Mass is LIVESTREAMED at 10:00AM



St. Augustine School-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 \$90,000 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, encouraging others to support the Initiative, or referring prospective students to the school. Your prayerful consideration of support is appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the Initiative or to request a pledge form, please contact Maureen Egan at maureenegan728@gmail.com or 219-863-3249.

St. Augustine Catholic Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:00PM

219-866-5351

Office Secretary-Melissa McCully

mmccully@parish.dol-in.org

Birthright Rensselaer

Please consider donating your time as a volunteer, the ladies of Birthright will be happy to train you! 219-866-4555

Birthright is currently in need of...

size 5,6 diapers

baby wipes

baby shampoo/baby wash

sippy cups



We Need Your Help!

Do you have days during the week when you are free from 11am to 12 pm and would like to put that hour to use for something good???

Rensselaer Meals on Wheels route is large enough (we have lots of hungry people to feed) that we need more drivers. If you can spare one day a month or every Thursday each week-or something in between that please fill out the driver application on our website and return it to Jasper Newton Foundation or Meals on Wheels (address on application). We will get you on your way to helping feed your neighbors!

www.jaspernewtonfoundation.org/get-involved/

Call Brienne 219-866-5899 or email bhooker@jasperfdn.org

How To Contact Fr Bennett

Please contact the office at St. Augustine or my e-mail for any parish needs:

219.866.5351 or fr.jbennett@dol-in.org

Most sacred Heart of Jesus – Have Mercy on Us

St. Michael the Archangel – Pray for Us

Saints Peter and Paul – pray for us

Saint Augustine – Pray for us



Rensselaer- Fish Fry

Friday, September 11

5 to 7 pm At 325 East Vine St

Dine in or carry out (866-9938)

Fried Pollack, jumbo shrimp or chicken strips served with French fries and cole slaw.

325 E. Vine St. Rensselaer IN 47978

Second Collection

Sunday September 13th there will be a second collection for the **Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land**. This is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On this feast we remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving His life on the Cross for our salvation and reconciling us to the Father and to each other. This gives birth to a new humanity founded on solidarity and love.

St. Augustine - Birthday List



- September 8-Carlos Vasquez
- September 9-Carmen Morin
- September 10-Will Messman, Leota Prouty, Carolyn Walter, Stacia Crabtree, Clair Beaver
- September 11-Debra Nagel, Pam Papak
- September 12-Jack Drone, Dawson Cain
- September 13-Ron Geleott, Zack Geleott, Noah Ahler

St. Augustine-Several new booklets have been put out in the display racks at the front of the church for you to take....

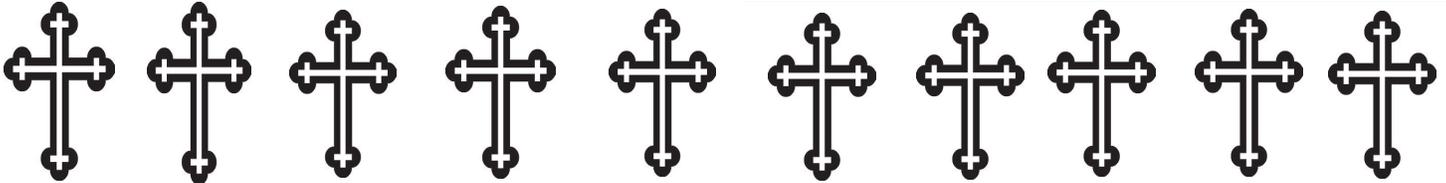
Living Faith Daily Devotions

Dynamic Catholic Books: Do Something Beautiful for God

Beautiful Hope

I Heard God Laugh

There are also several CPPS Commemorative booklets available.



Stewardship

SACRED HEART

Needed weekly	\$2450.00
YTD	\$64,956.14
weekly	\$1820.00
loose	\$103.00
votives	\$ 22.88
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ST. AUGUSTINE
August- Online Giving Total \$5934.00

weekly envelope	\$3213.00
loose	\$170.00
votives	\$41.50
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	\$3424.50

STS. PETER AND PAUL

weekly envelopes	\$1413.15
YTD	\$19,447.15
NDT	\$23,800.00