The Parishes of

# St. Augustine & Holy Family

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016

**MALLIA'S MOMENTS**
**by Fr. Joe Mallia**

**Merry Christmas!** On behalf of all of the staff at St. Augustine and Holy Family, I want to wish you all a blessed and holy Christmas Season. I pray that the joy of this day fill your hearts with the peace that can only come from God, this day and always. Our time together in prayer and praise of God is the right way to celebrate the birth of Christ and the dawning of our salvation. But, like any gift given to us it must be opened, appreciated and used if we are to truly benefit from that gift.

Like you, I am sure we have all gotten a gift that when opened, we had that initial reaction of "Oh a _____, just what I wanted", knowing darn well inside you were really thinking, "I need this like a hole in the head" or "what am I supposed to do with this." Those gifts get put back under the tree and then put away in the back of a closet and then eventually when rediscovered, thrown away having never been used or appreciated. Faith is a gift and as such is often met with the same reactions as other gifts. There are those who appreciate the gift so much they can't wait to use it, those who use the gift from time to time recalling that they have it and it would be a perfect time to use it, but later put it back in the box for the next opportunity, and those who simply put it under the tree and in the back of the closet never to be seen by human eyes again.

When the angels appeared to the shepherds, they were invited to come and see not simply a child that has been born, but a child that had been given to them - a gift. God has given Jesus to us, to the world. God has entrusted us with the spreading of the good news, but the only way we spread it and the only way we see it as good news, is to experience the joy that comes along with receiving the gift. Those same shepherds leave the manger with great joy, telling everyone what they have seen and what has been given. I recall when I was young and got a bike for Christmas, I was so excited that I could not wait for the weather to warm up so I could ride it outside. Until then, I road it around the basement. I told everyone about the bike that I got and never mentioned anything else that I received because the bike to me was so special. Well what about faith? Is it not the greatest gift we have received? Are we so excited about it that we can't wait to tell others about it to the diminishment of all other gifts?

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**Daily Masses:**
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday - 8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:00 a.m. at St. Augustine
7:00 pm at Holy Family

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Wednesday, 8:45 a.m., after 8:00 am morning mass
Saturday, 7:00 p.m. in Church, or by appointment.

## Holy Family Parish

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**Parish Office: 810-392-2056 Fax: 810-392-2043**
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**Monday - Friday. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**
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**Sunday Masses:**
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Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Holy Family Memphis

**Daily Masses**:
Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. & Friday - 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:00 a.m. at St. Augustine
7:00 pm at Holy Family
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., before 7:00 p.m. evening mass
Saturday, 3:00 p.m. in the Church, or by appointment.

**St. Augustine School**
**67901 Howard St., Richmond MI 48062**
**Website: http://www.staugustinecatholicschool.com**

**School Office: 586-727-9365**

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**Bulletin Submissions Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Friday** for the following weekend; deadline changes near major holidays. Please submit **electronically** to
**staugustinerichmond@comcast.net** or
**cwullaert@holyfamily-online.org.**
Announcement deadline: Thursday 5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**
Please contact the parish office to schedule a baptism. It is recommended that parents seeking Baptism for their child attend two baptismal preparation classes.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**
In accordance with the guidelines of the Province of Michigan, engaged couples must contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date of marriage and complete required preparation.

**Sacrament of the Sick:**
Notify the Parish Office of any need for hospital or home visits.

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Faith is not something we do, it is something that must be lived. We don't "practice" our faith or our religion, but we do try to experience life in and through the teachings of Jesus. The more we see our church as something we belong to, or our faith as something to be "practiced", the less likely we are to see our faith and our church as a gift, as something to be received with joy. I can't imagine getting something very precious from someone I love and not appreciating it to the point that I wanted to tell others about it. Think about a couple that just gets engaged. The first question we ask the future bride is, "Let me see the ring." There must be a physical manifestation of the gift, of the faith. If the couple tells us they are engaged and there is no ring, there is a sense of disappointment. So to is it about our faith experience - there must be a physical sign to it; it must be lived.

That is why the Church tells us that we are to be active in our parish, to come to mass, to serve those less fortunate than ourselves, to proclaim the Kingdom of God is at hand. We need to unwrap the gift of faith and show it to the world around us. We can't let this be like every other Christmas where we shove our faith into a closet until next year. Those shepherds, who saw themselves as unworthy of being a part of the community were the first to hear the message of an angel. I invite you to hear it anew for the first time for yourselves. You are worthy, you are loved, you are entrusted with this great gift, you are called to share in the total message of Jesus - so now tell everyone you meet about the best gift you got this year. Have a great week and God bless.

**To all visitors, guests and parishioners:**

We are so happy to have you here with us today, but I really hope that you know that you are most welcome every week and if there is ever anything we can do for you we want to help. As a parish family, we are like every family filled with strengths and weaknesses, but we are trying to do our best. We are constantly reminded that we are not here because we are perfect, but because we need each other to grow in holiness. We are a community which does not judge or condemn, but seeks conversion and seeks to live out the Gospel in the light of God's love. So, please feel free to call on us and we will try to do our best to help you, welcome you, comfort you, serve you and most of all pray for you and we ask you to pray for us and with us.

**Simple reminder:**

Christmas is a season and not a day, so if you are feeling the need to take down all the decorations already because they have been up since right after Halloween and the tree is dead and because you have to go back to work and this is the only time to do it; I ask you to at least please leave up the manger scene in your home until the season of Christmas is over on January 9th (the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord). Thank you.

## Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sun.: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Mon.: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22
Tues.: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wed.: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18
Thurs.: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35
Fri.: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Sat.: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18
Sun.: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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**Contribution statements for 2016 will be sent out by request only. Statements will be printed and mailed on Fridays beginning in early January. Please fill out this form and submit it to the parish office. Thank you!**

**Please check:**

☐ St. Augustine ☐ Holy Family

Envelope #: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

***Request forms can be dropped in the collection basket.***

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*Blessings and warm wishes to our military men and women during this Christmas Season. Thank you for your invaluable service to our country. May you have a healthy and Happy New Year.*

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## St. Augustine and Holy Family

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At **Holy Family**, SCRIP is available for purchase at the parish office during regular business hours. It is suggested that you call ahead to see if what you need is available. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

*And there is a gift for you too. During the month of December, you can use the whole SCRIP rebate towards your school and faith formation tuition.*

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, "God is with us." Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a holy day and as Christians it is our day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

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Note: *THIS IS A* ***CONFIRMED DATE.*** Cost is **$250.00** per student and includes bus, meals AT the conference, and lodging in dorm rooms at Franciscan University. Students should bring spending money to purchase food while traveling to and from the conference.

To register your teen, please fill out a registration and return with a **$75.00 non-refundable deposit** due **UPON REGISTRATION**
**Final payments due April 1, 2017.**

**Participation in the Altar Society Rummage Sale OR the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast is REQUIRED.**
**Both events take place at Holy Family Parish**

The **Altar Society** and the **Knights of Columbus** support the youth of our clustered parishes and donate a portion, or all of the proceeds from these two events to our Steubenville trip in an effort to keep the cost of tuition at $250.00 for all participants.

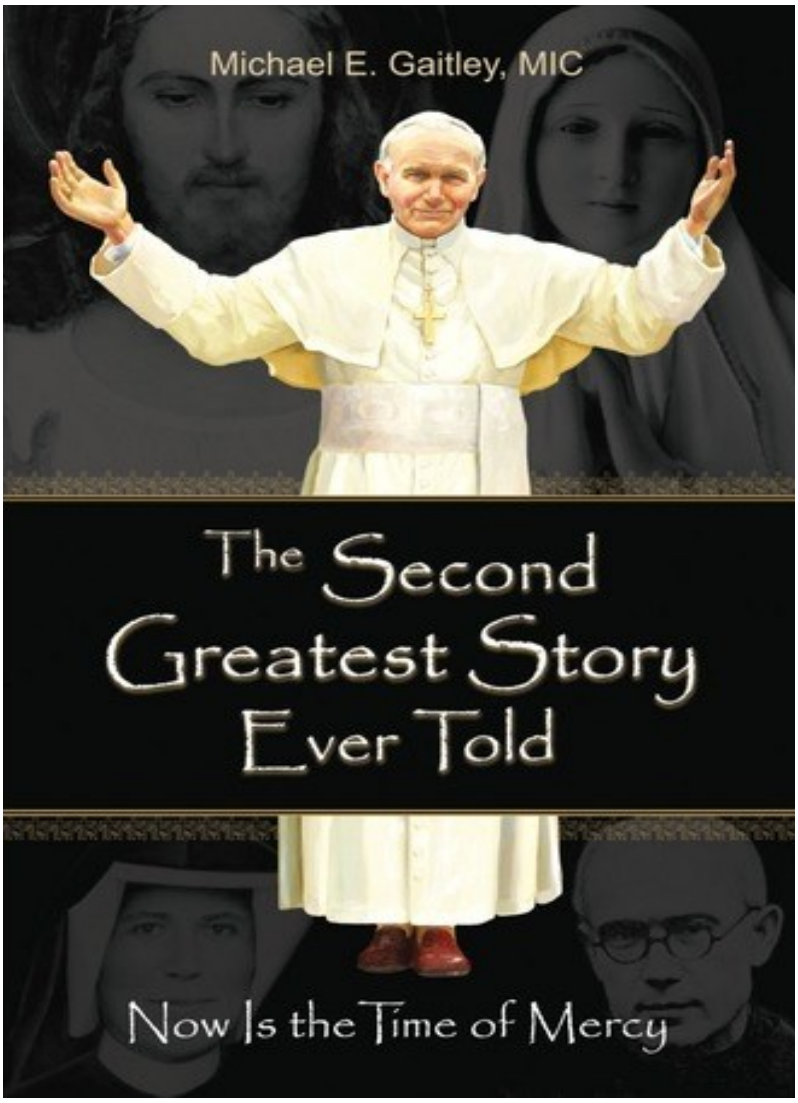
**Questions? Please call me, Lisa Hunter at (586) 960-4208.**
**Registrations can be obtained through the parish office or by contacting Lisa.**

## "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told"

a presentation by Fr. Michael Gaitely, MIC

*Learn about the lives of St. Pope John Paul II and St. Faustina, their important roles in the history of Divine Mercy, and discover how it crucially affects all of us!*

Course is open to all!
(Requirement for new Prayer Ministers)




Classes begin Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Divine Mercy Missionary Center.

For questions or to enroll, please call Marion Webber at (810) 392-2056 ext. 246

# Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

## First Friday Adoration

**January 6, 2017**
**9 am to 7 pm**
**Praise and Worship is 7 pm—8 pm**

Do you want some quiet time with the Lord? Are you needing to speak to Him and seek some answers, or perhaps you are looking to just spend some one on one time with Jesus? Whatever the case may be, Jesus is with us in a special way on First Friday. The Holy Eucharist is exposed in a Monstrance, bringing us in the direct presence of Him.

Adoration is an opportunity to be with Jesus in a quiet and prayerful setting. What to do you ask? During Adoration you might just sit quietly with the Lord. You might read some scripture and have a conversation with Jesus about scripture. You could use this time to talk with Him about family or friends.

## St. Augustine Mass Intentions

***Rosary is scheduled one half hour before daily mass.***

**Monday, December 26, 2016**
***Mass 8:00 am***
✞ Leonard & Joan Scheuer
req. by Tom & Mary Jo Ballor

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**
***No Mass Scheduled***

**Wednesday, December 28,2016**
**Divine Mercy Chaplet**
***Mass 8:00 am***
✞ Marilyn Gwozdz
req. by her Familly

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**
***Mass 8:00 am***
✞ Holy Souls in Purgatory
req. by Ron & Connie Schweiger

**Friday, December 30, 2016**
***No Mass Scheduled***

***Sunday, January 1, 2017***
*Solemnity of Mary,*
*The Holy Mother of God*

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**
***Mass 6:00 pm***
- For the Parishioners

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**
**Solemnity of Mary,**
**The Holy Mother of God**
***7:30 am Mass***
- For the Parishioners

***9:00 am Mass***
- For the Parishioners

## St. Michael Cemetery Important Information

During the recent fall clean-up at St. Michael Cemetery, all items were removed from graves for a total clean-up of the cemetery. These were items which are not allowed to be placed on the graves, according to cemetery rules. These items have been labeled by the family name and put aside in the cemetery garage. **Please call Joe Stevens at 586-727-7236 to arrange a time to pick up your items.**

## St. Augustine Parish Library

***Please Come Visit***

Our library is a peaceful place in which you can read at your leisure. We offer many selections of faith based books, music, and videos, which are available for you to borrow from our library.

**Located in the Parish Center Room 1**

**Hours: Monday & Tuesday**
**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
**or by appointment – 586 727-9290**

***Save the Date: February 25, 2017***
**The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**
**9:00 am - 1:30 pm**
**St. Isidore Catholic Church, Macomb Township**
**Presenter - Dr. Allen Hunt**
**Tickets: $25**

## *Baptized in Christ*

***December 17, 2016***

Knox Matthew Krajniak
Son of Kyle & Kara Krajniak

***December 18, 2016***

Alexandrea Valentina Davis
Daughter of Henry & Jessica Davis

## *St. Augustine Wedding Banns*

*III. David Starlin & Jennifer Johnston*

## *Please Pray for St. Augustine Parishioners*

***who are facing the challenges of illness at home or in the hospital...***

Antoinette Agosta
Julie Ames
Dave Austin
Mary Lou Brickel
Sheryl Buckland
Edward Bulski
Louis Canter
Jerry Caporuscio
Bailey Ann Clapper
Ann Colley
Vincent del Rosario
Helen Dheygere
Mary DeWitte
Judy Dlugosielski
Marc Dreim
Gail Duetsch
Gary Duhamel
Joan Elam
Bob Fillhart
Brian Frederick
Shelley Frontera
Amy Gowing
Natalie Grabowski
Alison Gray
Edward Hallwood
Baby Haskin
Donna Hohmann
Ed Holmberg
William Hutton
Helen Kaczperski
Sylvia Kaltz
Dave Kammer
Dave Kisskalt
Carole Kocher
John Kocher
Betty Kolp
Arthur Lambert
Barbara Lambert
Ann Lipior
Eugenia Lipior
Don Locklear
Roger Lumley
Pat Manchik
Nicole Manley
Janet Mantovani
Alfreda Marecki
John Matousek
Jim Mazzala
Darlene McVannel
Dan Moomaw
Johny Muller
Kandy Murray
Tom Obee
Bryan Pawlowski
Don Pfeifle
Carol Pollari
Darren Polansky
Jeanette Ponski
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Herb Robbins
Carolyn Scarlett
Helen Schafka
Joseph Scherb
Tom Schmid
Thelma Secretor
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Sylvia Shinska
Edith Shirk
Mary Slago
Deb Snider
Carol Stanzione
Danielle Stislicki
Lily Suess
Lloyd Suess
Stanley Swidersky
Sue Thomas
Bridget Urquhart
Cynthia Walker
James (Corky) Walsh
Mary Weber
Patrick John Wolak
Jerry Witt
Lisbeth Yaek
Joseph Yelencich, Jr.
Mary Yelencich

*Gifted with the love of Jesus Christ, we strive to share that love with our community.*

## ~ This Week Ahead at St. Augustine ~

**Monday, December 26, 2016**
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting & Al-Anon (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**
8:45 a.m. - Reconciliation (Church)
6:30 p.m. - RCIA at Holy Family

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**
7:00 p.m. - Reconciliation (Church)

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Masses**

***Saturday, December 31, 2016***

Holy Family 4:30 p.m.
St. Augustine 6:00p.m.

***Sunday, January 1, 2017***

St. Augustine 7:30 a.m.
Holy Family 8:00 a.m.
St. Augustine 9:00 a.m.
Holy Family 10:30 a.m.

### Health Ministry In Partnership with St. John Providence Health System

**Handling Grief through the Holidays**

Holidays are extremely difficult for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. It may seem like nothing is quite right in your house or in your heart. It is possible to get through these times. These suggestions may be helpful to you as they have been for others:

- Accept your feelings
- Express your emotions
- Plan your Holiday
- Be gentle with yourself
- Turn to others for support
- Do something for others
- Have a remembrance of your loved one.

Source: nationalgriefawarenessday.com

## St. Augustine Altar Sodality Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Augustine Altar Sodality will take place on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. .

Refreshment Committee: Margaret Rettke, Kathy Shpilia and Dee Franz

*All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.*

# St. Augustine Giving Tree

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you - to all who participated in our Giving Tree this Advent Season. You did it again! Your generosity is amazing. Each year you have been very generous, but this year was even greater.

**Through your Donation of Gifts We Helped:**

- Kids In Distress with all types of clothing for kids and toys.
- Abigayle Ministries with all the needs for new born babies up to 6 months old.
- McWarm - St. Margaret of Scotland, which is a warming center for Macomb County homeless. We were able to furnish them with some warm clothing and boots; also sleeping bags, etc.
- St. Vincent de Paul - Justice Initiative. We collected for men and women newly released from prison, basic needs such as, clothing, hygiene items, winter coats and shoes. Some have no coats or shoes to go out into the public.
- St. Aloysius, Franciscan Ministries. For homeless people, many who suffer from mental illness, our Veterans, older adults - even mothers with children. We have collected hoodies, winter coats, thermal tops and bottoms, hand warmers, and sleeping bags, just to mention a few.
- Turning Point , which shelters battered women. We collected clothing for adults and children. Also, hygiene items, toys, gift cards, food items. etc.

We were also able to help adopt 4 families with monies received from those who wished to adopt-a-family.

Thank you and may God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Special thank you to all the Christian Service Members for all their hard work.

Barbara Armstrong, Chairperson
St. Augustine Christian Service

## St. Augustine Parish Office Hours during the Christmas & New Year Holidays

December 26th - CLOSED
December 27th to December 29th - a.m. - 12:00 Noon
January 2, 2017 - CLOSED
January 3rd - Resume regular business hours.

May you & your family have a blessed and restful holiday.

# Holy Family Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**
***4:00 PM HFM***
- For the Parishioners

***6:00 PM HFM***
- For the Parishioners

***12:00 MIDNIGHT HFM***
- For the Parishioners

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**
***8:00 AM HFM***
- For the Parishioners

***10:30 AM HFM***
- For the Parishioners

**Monday, December 26, 2016**
**No Mass Scheduled**
**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**
***7:00 PM HFM***
✞Mary Ann Dorsey by Dave & Rose Piontkowski
**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**
**No Mass Scheduled**
**Thursday, December 29, 2016**
**No Mass Scheduled**
**Friday, December 30, 2016**
***8:00 AM HFM***
✞Souls in Purgatory by Vicky Kicinski
**Saturday, December 31, 2016**
***4:30 PM HFM***
- For the Parishioners
- For Vocations by Mark & Lorraine Wittstock

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**
***8:00 AM HFM***
- For the Parishioners

***10:30 AM HFM***
- For the Parishioners

**No Coffee & Donuts This Week.**

## *Merry Christmas!*

*We're looking for individuals and families to host after the 10:30 am Mass. Simple to do, and really helps promote friendship and community. The parish pays for the donuts, you bring a goodie or two to add to the table. Your turn would come up about once every 10 or 12 weeks. Please consider helping, this is an easy and fun way to get involved in parish life.*

*Contact the parish office at 810 392-2056 for more info.*

*Holy Family Parishioners*

*Baptized in Christ*

December 11, 2016

- Adeline Rain Turner, daughter of Travis & Sara Turner

*Solemnity of Mary*
**December 31st**
4:30 pm @ HF & 6:00 pm @ SA
**January 1st**
7:30 am & 9:00 am @ SA
8:00 am & 10:30 am @ HF

***Intercessory prayer reflects God's own character of outgoing love and mercy. God wants us to think like He does, and praying for others helps us to think beyond ourselves and to grow in compassion for others.***

MaKay Austin
Blake T. Ballard
Barbara Berlinger
Alayna Bermert
Floyd Boike
Kyle Bollaert
Gary Bordin
Betty Borek
Brenda Bova
Nancy Brady
Janet Brooks
Alexandria Buffa
Nick Buffa
Dave Burg
Cecelia Ann Clark
Jeff Cornwell
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Letitia Degan
Robert DeLang
Rebecca Dietlin
Lorry Domagalski
Linda Dubay
Jeanette Dudek
Brenda Durkee
Vee Dunn
James Engels
Bill Ensley
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Paul Kreger
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Lee Kubiak
Isabel Kujawa
Patrick Kujawa
Rena Kujawa
Karen Leonard
Billy Luckett
Mitch Marcinkowski
Stan Mazur
Maria McKiernan
Ron McKiernan
John Novad
Dominic Orlando
Sally Passalacqua
Maryellen Piergentili
Debbie Plaut
Joshua Porrett
Ginger Protasiewicz
Ruth Pruent
John Pytleski
Peter Pytleski
Margaret Ann Raver
Virginia Ren
Joel Rivera
Dolly Rosso
Glenn Rounding
Karen Ryan
Tom Schmid
Darlene Schmidt
Scott Schroeder
Sylvia Shinska
Genevieve Siudym
Dennis Slank
Hedy Smalenberg
Charlie Smith
Michael Spens
Anne Steaban
Tina Strate
Jim Torello
Emma Walsh
Mariann Ward
Marie Weidner
Greg Weis
Chase Wessel
Florence Wessel
Bernadette Williams
Tina Witulski
John Wonsey
Winnie Zychski

**Holy Family Parish strives to be the best version of ourselves as we lift up the fallen, heal the broken and share the love of Christ.**

# Mark your Calendar For Holy Family!

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| **Sunday** | **12-25-16** | 7:30 am Mass @ SA<br>8:00 am Mass @ HF<br>9:00 am Mass @ SA<br>10:30 am Mass @ HF<br>***No** 5:30 pm Mass today* |
| **Monday** | **12-26-16** | Office Closed |
| **Tuesday** | **12-27-16** | Office Closes at Noon<br>6:30 pm Confession<br>7:00 pm Mass<br>8:00 pm AA |
| **Wednesday** | **12-28-16** | Office Closes at Noon<br>No Faith Formation<br>6:30 pm RCIA |
| **Thursday** | **12-29-16** | Office Closes at Noon<br>Divine Mercy Mission & Store Closed<br>8:00 pm AA |
| **Friday** | **12-30-16** | Office Opened regular business hours<br>Divine Mercy Mission & Store Closed |
| **Saturday** | **12-31-16** | 3:00 pm Confession<br>4:30 pm Mass @ HF<br>6:00 pm Mass @ SA |
| **Sunday** | **1-1-17** | 7:30 am Mass @ SA<br>8:00 am Mass @ HF<br>9:00 am Mass @ SA<br>10:30 am Mass @ HF<br>***No** 5:30 pm Mass today* |

Our Holy Family Food Pantry is in need of the following items: cereal, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, macaroni and cheese, frosting, cake mix, crackers, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, and 4-roll package of toilet paper. Food Pantry items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours or on the weekend in the gathering space.

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

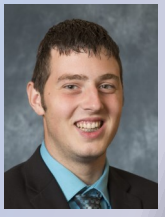
*Knights of Columbus 10501*

## 2nd Annual Italian Dinner

***At Holy Family, In The Life Center***

**To support our seminarians.**

**Louis Hackstock** **and** **Daniel Magareno**



***Saturday, January 28, 2017***
***5:00 PM to 7:30 PM***

*Free will donation accepted*

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## *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

Christmas carols have long held special meaning to our faith. The stories of how their writers were inspired can be truly moving. Carols have also allowed people to continue teaching and spreading their faith when it wasn't allowed. For nearly 300 years in England, young Catholics were not allowed to openly practice their faith. This cherished carol *Twelve Days of Christmas* was written to help teach and remind young Catholics about their faith during this time. Each of the twelve days represents a certain part of our faith.

- Partridge in a Pear tree symbolizes our one true God
- Two Turtle Doves is for the Old and New Testaments
- Three French Hens represents faith, hope, and love
- Four Calling Birds is for the Gospels
- Five Gold Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament which tells of the relationship of God and mankind and the promise to send a savior.
- Six Geese A-Laying represents the six days of creation
- Seven Swans a Swimming stand for the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Eight Maids a Milking symbolize the Beatitudes
- Nine Ladies Dancing are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Ten Lords a-leaping represent the Ten Commandments
- Eleven Pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles
- Twelve Drummers Drumming represent the twelve beliefs of the Catholic Church found in the Apostles Creed.

Take time to reflect on the song the next time you hear it as to how it represents what we believe. And the next time you hear a version that is intended to be funny ask yourself if it is funny or is it taking away from what we hold important to us?

Merry Christmas!
Miss DeJonckheere, 4th Grade Teacher
St. Augustine Catholic School

## School Schwan's Cares Fundraiser

St. Augustine School has a fundraiser every year that is a win/win for everyone. You can order delicious meals from Schwan's right from our campaign website at: https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/29163-st-augustine-school or by phone at **1-855-870-7208**. Our campaign number is **29163**. Your items are delivered to the school parking lot for pick up every other Monday. They take check, cash, debit and credit cards. It's an easy way to have meals at your fingertips for the busy holiday season, jam-packed school days, and weekends!

The fundraising campaign started September 27th and will run through February 9th. Even though the initial phase of our campaign ended on November 11th (where our school received 20% of all product orders and 40% of all eGift card orders placed), from now until the end of the campaign on **FEBRUARY 9th, 2017**, the school will receive quarterly checks of 5% of all product orders placed. Our campaign goal this year is $500 (we're over halfway there!). At any time, you can log on and check on our school's progress. If you have any general questions, please feel free to contact me at zyblebunch@frontier.com or Laurie Zeller, our Schwan's representative, at 586-212-5751. As always, thank you for supporting St. Augustine school!

***Mark your calendars! Cardinal Mooney Catholic will be hosting our annual Christmas Basketball Tournament on December 27th and 28th.***

On behalf of Cardinal Mooney and the teams competing in the tournament, we would love to see you all in attendance. This is a great opportunity to see some of the best teams in the area play some great basketball.

Tickets for each day of the tournament are $5 and can be purchased at the door the day of the event. The teams competing in the tournament will be: L'Anse Creuse, Memphis, Algonac and Cardinal Mooney. If you or your kids love basketball, there will be some great games to be seen.

*Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School would like to wish you and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas. In this time of great joy surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, we hope your faith in God is strengthened and renewed. Spend time with your loved ones and bring the joy of Jesus Christ into their hearts. May you all have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope and the Peace of His love at Christmas and always.*