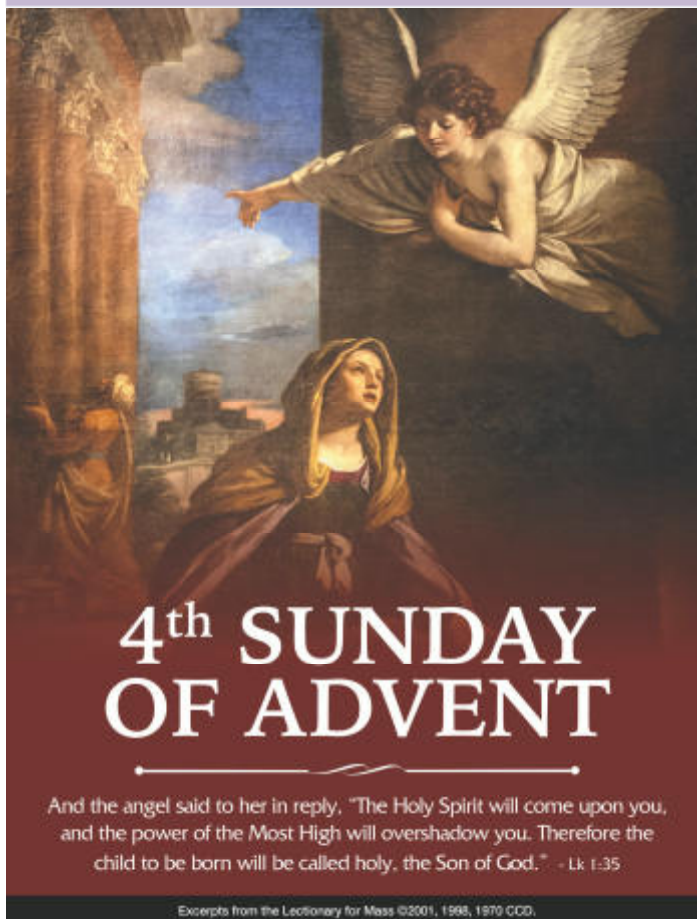




# The Parishes of ST. AUGUSTINE & HOLY FAMILY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



regard to those which have moral problems; as in regard to the vaccines without an alternative, the need to contest so that others may be prepared must be reaffirmed... the lawfulness of the use of these vaccines should not be misinterpreted as a declaration of the lawfulness of their production, marketing and use, but is to be understood as being a passive material cooperation (with evil) and, in its mildest and remotest sense, also active, morally justified as an *extrema ratio* due to the necessity to provide for the good of one's children and of the people who come in contact with the children (pregnant women); such cooperation occurs in a context of moral coercion of the conscience of parents, who are forced to choose to act against their conscience or otherwise, to put the health of their children and of the population as a whole at risk. This is an unjust alternative choice, which must be eliminated as soon as possible.

It is up to the faithful and citizens of upright conscience... to oppose, even by making an objection of conscience, the ever more widespread attacks against life and the 'culture of death' which underlies them. From this point of view, the use of vaccines whose production is connected with procured abortion constitutes at least a mediate remote passive material cooperation to the abortion, and an immediate passive material cooperation with regard to their marketing. Furthermore, on a cultural level, the use of such vaccines contributes in the creation of a generalized social consensus to the operation of the pharmaceutical industries which produce them in an immoral way. Therefore, doctors and fathers of families have a duty to take recourse to alternative vaccines (if they exist), putting pressure on the political authorities and health systems so that other vaccines without moral problems become available. They should take recourse, if necessary, to the use of conscientious objection with regard to the use of vaccines produced by means of cell lines of aborted human fetal origin.

*Are there COVID vaccines/treatments that do not contain aborted fetal cells at this time?*

There are! The following lists are not exhaustive and they were updated on December 5th.  
(source: <https://bit.ly/39YG8sJ>).

## Ethics of Vaccines

Back in 2005, the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAL) from the Vatican had provided clarification for parents that were asked to use vaccines produced using fetal cell lines for their children. The response (source: <https://bit.ly/3m3eQUp>) sheds light on our moral responsibility and duty as Catholics and Christians. This extends to all vaccines including ones for COVID. The following has been derived from PAL's clarification:

As regards the preparation, distribution and marketing of vaccines produced as a result of the use of biological material whose origin is connected with cells coming from fetuses voluntarily aborted, such a process is stated, as a matter of principle, morally illicit, because it could contribute in encouraging the performance of other voluntary abortions, with the purpose of the production of such vaccines.

There is a grave responsibility to use alternative vaccines and to make a conscientious objection with

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### Sunday Masses:

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

### Daily Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses:** Please see the bulletin for the current Holy Day Mass schedule.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m., after 8:30 am morning Mass

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. in Church, or by appointment.

## Holy Family Parish

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**Website:** <http://www.hollyfamily-online.org>

**Email -** [cwullaert@hollyfamily-online.org](mailto:cwullaert@hollyfamily-online.org)

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### Office hours:

**Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

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### Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

### Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration** on Fridays following Mass until 9:30 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses:** Please see the bulletin for the current Holy Day Mass schedule.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Or by appointment.

## St. Augustine School

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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](mailto:staugustinerichmond@comcast.net) or  
[cwullaert@hollyfamily-online.org](mailto:cwullaert@hollyfamily-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.

*Fr. Phil's article continued from Page 1*

Here are most of the ones that would be morally acceptable to use: AVM Biotech - AVM-0703, Israel - Pluristem, BCG Vaccine: No cells involved, British American Tobacco (BAT), Novavax - NVX-CoV2373, Sorrento Therapeutics, Sanofi Pasteur Sars-CoV - insect cells, Sanofi Partners with GSK, Symvivo, JPII Medical Research Inst. and CET (Cellular Engineering Technology), Sinovac Biotech, Merck and IAVI, Regeneron - Sanofi, Athersys - Multistem - Treatment, BioNTech and Pfizer (tested on HEK-293 but not in the product).

Here are some that were originally produced with or contains aborted fetal cells: Moderna and NIAID, Johnson and Johnson/Janssen Tech., Johnson and Johnson/Emergent Biosolutions, AstraZeneca AZD1222, CanSino Biologics, University of Pittsburgh, Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Regeneron, Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Altimmune, Vaxart VXA-CoV2-1.

## Family of Parishes

Hopefully by now you would have learned that we are part of the Blue Water Vicariate Family 1 of the Northeast Region of the Archdiocese. Our Family consists of Holy Family, St. Augustine, and St. Mary Mystical Rose. This is certainly a new venture for us all, one that we pray is inspired, led, and guided by the Holy Spirit. If you have not yet visited the Families of Parishes website that explains this in great detail, please consider doing so here:

<https://www.familiesofparishes.org/>

Please offer this prayer with me:

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence.

Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew,

grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy.

This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Blessed Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Blessed Advent and hope to see you at Christmas! Praying that you and your loved ones are well.

In Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Phil

## Live-Streaming Mass Schedule and Overflow Mass Plans for Christmas

The following Masses will be Live-Streamed and available for viewing on Facebook or the parish websites for those who cannot come to church on Christmas:

- ✠ 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Augustine, December 24th
- ✠ 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Family, December 24th
- ✠ 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine, December 25th

For those coming to Christmas Mass, our goal is to accommodate everyone in church; however, we must continue to follow the safety guidelines of social distancing. If we reach capacity in the church, overflow plans are in place at both Holy Family and St. Augustine parishes.

### Holy Family Christmas Overflow Plan

After 50% capacity in the church has been reached at Holy Family, the overflow crowd will be directed to the church basement where the live mass will be viewed on a closed circuit screen. Eucharist will be available.

### St. Augustine Christmas Overflow Plan

After 50% capacity in the church has been reached at St. Augustine, the overflow crowd will be directed to the parish hall where the recorded mass will be viewed on a big screen as follows:

- ♦ 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Augustine will be live-streamed so parishioners will be able to view Mass at St. Augustine live. Eucharist will be available.
- ♦ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve & 7:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. Parishioners will view the previously recorded Mass from the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Eucharist will be available.
- ♦ 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. Augustine will be live-streamed so parishioners will be able to view Mass at St. Augustine live. Eucharist will be available.



## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:30 p.m. @ Holy Family - Fr. John Nedumcheril

6:00 p.m. @ St. Augustine - Fr. Phil Ching

### Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:30 a.m. @ St. Augustine - Fr. Phil Ching

9:00 a.m. @ St. Augustine - Fr. Phil Ching

10:30 a.m. @ Holy Family - Fr. John Nedumcheril

5:30 p.m. @ Holy Family - Fr. John Nedumcheril





The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at

what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

#### TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- Why does the angel say, "Do not be afraid" to Mary? Do you think she was scared?
- How do you think Mary felt when the angel departed?
- The angel tells Mary, "Nothing is impossible for God." Have you seen or heard of God doing something that seemed impossible?

#### Christmas Lights Road Trip

After dinner, drive through the lighting displays around town or around your neighborhood looking at Christmas lights. See how many homes have something from our Catholic faith in their display (Nativity scene, statue of Mary, etc.). Play Christmas music while you drive and find the house with your favorite display. Challenge: Go to their door and tell them they won "Best Display in the Neighborhood" by the Christmas Display Committee of your family.

*Oplatki is now available (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) at both St. Augustine and Holy Family Parish Offices.*  
Suggested donation: \$3.00 each.



Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

### BRING FRIENDS!

## 2021! Shenanigans

All events 6:30-8:30 pm unless otherwise noted

**January 3 ~ Holy Family**

**New Year's-Epiphany Party**

**January 17 ~ St. Augustine**

**Hot Topic ~ March for Life**

**January 31 ~ Holy Family**

**Hot Topic ~ Your choice**

**February 14 ~ St. Augustine**

**Who is St. Valentine?**

**February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday**

**Start your Lenten Journey**

**February 28 ~ Holy Family**

**NET Retreat ~ More info to come soon!**

#### Upcoming Shenanigans

Stay tuned for more details!

**March 2021 ~ World Vision/Box City**

**April 2021 ~ RISE Detroit—canceled**

**July 2021 ~ Steubenville**

#### TODAH & SHABACH of the Web

"Light of the World" ~ Lauren Daigle

<https://youtu.be/52ky2hc24kQ>

"The Spirituality of Advent" ~ Bishop Barron

<https://youtu.be/MAWnDA5cWD8>

Text or call us with questions: Jennifer (810) 384-6931  
Jessica (810) 650-0564 or Alex (810) 357-4463

## Mail Call



Below is a mail call from a couple of years ago, but it is worth a second look!

*Q.* In the Old Testament the prophet Isaiah wrote "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). However, (Luke 1:31) tells us the angel Gabriel says to the Blessed Mother: "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." There are those who claim that the Bible is unreliable because it is full of contradictions like

this. How does the Church defend such contradictions?

*A.* There is no defense needed because there are no contradictions, just a lack of understanding. Taking your example here, Isaiah reveals His identity, Gabriel reveals His name. Translating from one language to another can become a bit tricky and sometimes a bit confusing. We must be careful about putting too much emphasis on ancient Hebrew and Aramaic words that have been translated into English. We do, however, need to recognize Isaiah used the phrase "They shall call him" and Gabriel used the phrase "you are to give him the name." The original Hebrew word that Isaiah used was translated into Greek, and then translated into Latin, and finally into English. Isaiah used a Hebrew word (Immanuel) which means "God with us." The important thing here is that Isaiah is prophesying 800 years before the arrival of the Messiah that He would be God Incarnate.

There is no contradiction. Mary was given a name from Gabriel as the name by which God (Immanuel) was to be known, Jesus. To Isaiah and his Hebrew audience 800 years before Christ, the Messiah's given name would have been of little concern. The fact of His Divine identity however was of utmost significance. This revelation was a cause for great anticipation. We participate in this excitement as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. We celebrate His first arrival while we also look forward to His promised return. And this is indeed cause for us to celebrate Happy Advent!

Please send your questions to [George@CatholicIssues.org](mailto:George@CatholicIssues.org).

## Pray for Those Who Serve Our Country

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## Readings for the week of December 20, 2020 ©LPi



Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66  
Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79  
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



## St. Augustine Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

**Mass 8:30 am**

✠ Gary Ottenbacher, req. by his Family

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

**No Mass Scheduled**

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

**Mass 8:30 am**

✠ Arlene Schweiger  
req. by Chase Family

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

**Christmas Eve**

**Mass 4:00pm & 6:00 pm**

**11:30 pm Carol Prelude**

**12:00 am - Midnight**

• For St. Augustine Parishioners

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

**Mass: 7:30 am and 9:00 am**

**Nativity of the Lord, Christmas**

• For St. Augustine Parishioners

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

**The Holy Family of**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

**Mass 6:00 pm**

✠ Tom Schmid  
req. by wife, Mary Jane & Family  
✠ Edward & Dolores Fraley  
req. by the Family  
✠ Eugene Brohl  
req. by The Deidrich Family

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

**Mass 7:30 am**

• For St. Augustine Parishioners

**Mass 9:00 am**

✠ Gene Austin, by Betty Raska Family  
9th Anniversary Remembrance  
req. by Betty Raska Family  
✠ Gary Ottenbacher, req. by his Family  
✠ Arlene Schweiger,  
req. by Chase Family  
✠ Marietta Plague, req. by her Family  
20th Anniversary Remembrance  
✠ Catherine Burg  
req. by Danny Stevens  
✠ Sister Conrad, req. by Claire Manchik  
✠ Lynn Henson  
req. by Gayleen Schneider  
✠ Gloria Werner, req. by Family  
1 year Remembrance Anniversary  
✠ JoAnn Trubiano, req. by Kaye Bryan  
✠ Jim Sheperd  
req. by Bill & MaryLou Knight  
✠ Bill Franz  
req. by wife, Dee and Family  
✠ Ross & Geraldine Grover  
req. by Gayleen Schneider



## Baptized in Christ

**November 20, 2020**

Luke Edward Kramer  
Son of Joshua & Laura Kramer

**November 21, 2020**

Julia Veronica Wensky  
Daughter of Russell & Alexandria Wensky

**December 6, 2020**

Chloe Marie Schemansky  
&  
Callen Anthony Schemansky  
Children of Scott & Kristie Schemansky



## BLOOD DRIVE

*Give the gift of Life.  
Donate Blood.*

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

**11:00am to 5:00pm**

**St. Augustine Parish Hall**

**Sponsored by**

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**To schedule an appointment,  
call 1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)**

**or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)**

## St. Augustine Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday December 24th  
4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th  
12:00 Midnight, 7:30am & 9:00am

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

Thursday December 30th - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

## 9:00 am Mass (intentions continued)

✠ Harold Carlson  
req. by Lloyd Suess Family  
✠ Mel Raska, req. by Barb Armstrong  
✠ Antoinette Agosta  
req. by Tom & Rosina Smith  
✠ Bruno Walter  
req. by Michael & Bonnie Murphy  
• Intentions of the Paige Family  
req. by Beth Parr

## Please Pray for St. Augustine Parishioners

Barb Armstrong	Pam Lawson
Janet Barylski	Robert Liddell
Baby Willow	Eugenia Lipior
Berninger	Roger Lumley
Walter Breiling	Jim Mazzala
Mary Lou Brickel	Baby Harper Misiuk
John Brodacki	Dan Moomaw
Marjorie Brohl	Johnny Muller
Marlene Brown	Kandy Murray
Denise Suess	Tom Obee
Burkhardt	Les Osterland
Dennis Campbell	Karon Ottenbacher
Louis Canter	Mary Ottenbacher
Jerry Caporusco	Bryan Pawlowski
Catherine Champine	Gary Penzak
Bailey Ann Clapper	John A. Pituch
Dossie Collins	Carol Pollari
Betty Copenhagen	Darren Polansky
Mary Ann	Jeanette Ponski
Cunningham	John Pytleski
Virginia DeForge	Ann Rabine
Vincent del Rosario	Ray Rabine
Cy Dheygere	Barb Reinke
Kelly Dilberti	Judy Richer
Jennie Domagalski	Jessica Ricketts
Gail Duetsch	Donald Riedel
Gary Duhamel	Ginny Ritter
Doug Duncan	Agnes Rumenapp
Joan Elam	Frank Ryan
Nina Essenmacher	Pat Scheuer
Richard Fitch	Jan Schmidt
Carol Fogal	Roy Schweiger
Dee Franz	Rose Segatti
Shelley Frontera	Bernadette Sharpe
Dave Gonczar	John M. Sharpe
Alison Gray	Jerry Shavatoski
Art Hebel	Mary Smith
Rosann Holmes	Deb Snider
Cory Hopp	Carol Stanzione
Al Inson	Joshua Stevens
Helen Kaczperski	Lily Suess
Sylvia Kaltz	Lloyd Suess
Daniel Kammer	Sue Thomas
Elsie Kay	Sharlene Todd
William Ketelhut	Dave Torres
Connie Kinsey	Eleanor Tiece
Dave Kisskalt	Bridget Urquhart
Glen Knoblock	Mary Valpredo
Betty Kolp	Warren Williams
Tom Kowalski	Larry Wilson
Anna Kuntz	Pat Wilson
Arthur Lambert	Lisbeth Yaek
Barbara Lambert	Joseph Yelencich, Jr.



*Celebrating Eternal Life in Christ*

**Chester Okalski**

**Patricia (Pat) Stahl**

**Jeffrey (Jeff) Fraley**





*Our Mission is to Save Souls*

**~ This Week Ahead at St. Augustine ~**

Public Masses have resumed with restrictions. At this time we can accommodate 50% capacity in our churches. Please see our mass schedule below.

**Holy Family Sunday Masses**

**Saturday: Confession at 3:30pm Mass at 4:30pm**

**Sunday: Masses at 10:30am & 5:30pm**

(Daily Masses: Tuesday at 7:00pm, Friday at 8:00am)

**St. Augustine Sunday Masses**

**Saturday: Confession at 5:00pm Mass at 6:00pm**

**Sunday: Masses at 7:30am & 9:00am**

(Daily Masses: Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday at 8:30am)

Please be advised that everyone is asked to wear a mask, sanitize their hands as they come into church and to practice social distancing by staying six feet apart.

**If you are vulnerable and cannot come to church at this time, Masses will continue to be broadcast on Facebook and recorded on the parish websites.**

**Sunday**

View the 9:00am Mass on FaceBook live, or on the parish website after 1:00 p.m. Mass will be live-streamed every Sunday at 9:00am at St. Augustine. For the most current information, go to Facebook on the Saturday prior to Sunday to check the livestream mass schedule.

**Cemetery Clean Up - A Success!**

On Saturday, November 7, after an 8:00 A.M. Mass, a team of a dozen volunteers gathered at Saint Michael Cemetery to perform the annual autumn clean-up. Out-of-season plants, leaves, and other debris were removed in order to make the cemetery look good for the upcoming winter months. The volunteers worked very hard, and it took just about three hours to make Saint Michael Cemetery look great. This effort was accomplished in order to keep our cemetery a beautiful and dignified final resting place for the deceased members of our parish family.

There is a concern, however, on the kind of decorations people have been leaving at their loved one's graves. In order to maintain a clean and orderly cemetery, please use only bio-degradable items that can be easily removed at the end of the season. Do not install bird houses, flags (other than Veteran's flags), flower pots or silk flowers, for these items are very difficult to clean. Under any circumstances, do NOT use rocks or stones as planter borders or decorations. Rocks are a safety hazard when it comes to mowing, and will be removed if found. These guidelines are necessary to keep Saint Michael Cemetery clean and safe.

If any question regarding the autumn clean up, please contact Joe Stevens at 810-543-1838.



Wishing you and your family a  
blessed Christmas and a  
joyous New Year!

The Staff of St. Augustine Parish



The Parish Office will be closed December 24th  
and 25th for the Christmas holiday.



*Thank You*



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Bi Annual cleaning of our church. Mrs. Savoyard and her 7th grade students were amazing workers. We could not have accomplished this task without them.

Thank you also to the ladies from the Altar Sodality who helped :

Donna Wormsbacher  
Sharon Ozark  
Kathleen Shpilia  
Gladys Verbrugge

Cass Dolan  
Vita Hohmann  
Pam Wesolowski

**Can you help sanitize the church after one of the  
Christmas Masses?**

If you can, please stay for a few minutes after whatever mass you attend on Christmas and help wipe down and sanitize the church. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If we can count on your help, please contact the parish office at 586-727-5215. Thank you!



**St. Augustine Altar Sodality**

Ladies, hope you are all doing well! Although our meetings have been postponed, we would still like to keep our information up to date. Please call Brenda Rushlow @ (586) 784-4128 or text info to (586) 255-6967 with any changes to your address, phone# (home or cell) and email. Until we are all able to meet again, sending many blessings to all of you!

St. Augustine Altar Sodality  
Brenda Rushlow, Secretary II



## Holy Family Mass Intentions



**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

**4:30 PM**

- ✠ Mary Czostkowski by Martha & Cassie King
- ✠ Harriet & Bill Krywko by Bob & Judie Parks
- ✠ Rose Strecansky by the Family
- ✠ Erik Sebastian by the Family
- ✠ Souls in Purgatory by Doug & Karen Fournier
- For the intentions of Kent & Kathy King by the Wullaert Family

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

- For the Parishioners

**5:30 PM**

- ✠ Michael Burns by Tom & Carol Krzemecki
- ✠ Mary Ann Quain by Patsy Neaton
- ✠ Dick & Clara Fisher by the Family
- ✠ John Libiszewski by Mitch & Fran Marcinkowski
- ✠ Marilyn Marnon, love Ed
- ✠ Jeannine Barrera, love Roy
- ✠ Dolores Kuzminski (4th anniv.) by the Family
- ✠ Souls in Purgatory by Vicky Kicinski
- For the president by Bernadette McKenzie

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

**No Mass Scheduled**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

- ✠ For souls in Purgatory by Doug & Karen Fournier

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

**No Mass Scheduled**

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

- For the Parishioners

**6:00 PM**

- For the Parishioners

**12:00 Midnight**

- For the Parishioners

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

- For the Parishioners

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

**4:30 PM**

- ✠ Pete Connolly and Doug & Esther Fournier by Doug & Karen Fournier
- ✠ Samantha Ward by Jim & Peggy Ward
- ✠ Marlene Stasik by Bob & Judie Parks
- ✠ Sarah Sebastian by the Family
- ✠ Michael Burns by the Grobbel Family
- ✠ Mary Ann Theisen by the Rhadigan Family

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

- For the Parishioners

**5:30 PM**

- For the Parishioners

**Intercessory prayer reflects God's own character of outgoing love and mercy.  
Please pray for the intentions of the following:**

Alex A. ☩	Martha Gutowski ☩	Ed Marnon ☩	Hedy Smalenberg ☩
Rita Acchianoe ☩	Ardie Hayes ☩	Kevin Marnon ☩	Dan Strunk ☩
Ron Allen ☩	Donna Hayes ☩	Rick Marnon ☩	Paul Sulkowski ☩
Albert Ambrose ☩	Joe Hayes ☩	Linda Mastej ☩	Amanda Teichow ☩
Dorothy Anderson ☩	Marianna Hillock ☩	Ron McKiernan ☩	Samantha Teichow ☩
Gary Bordin ☩	Ralph Hohlbein ☩	Joanne Meyers ☩	Betty Theut ☩
Denny Borek ☩	Toni Jarvis ☩	Kelly Moilanen ☩	Faith Turner ☩
Mary Boyd ☩	Diana Jowett-Gutowski ☩	Kandy Murray ☩	Glenn VanBuren ☩
Walter Breiling ☩	Don Juen ☩	Gabriel Nunez ☩	Theresa VanTiem ☩
Katherine Bubel ☩	Marianne Kaminski ☩	Max Nunez ☩	Mariann Ward ☩
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*Please Pray*



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begin giving your contributions electronically, call the parish office.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th

12:00 a.m. Midnight

10:30 a.m.

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 30th

4:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021

10:30 a.m.





## Our Mission: To Save Souls. Mark Your Calendar!

**Mon. 12-21-2020** 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine  
Confession available after Mass

**Tues. 12-22-2020** 6:00 p.m. Confession at Holy Family  
7:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family  
8:00 p.m. AA @ Holy Family

**Wed. 12-23-2020** 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine  
Confession available after Mass

**Thur. 12-24-2020** Office Closed  
4:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Augustine and Holy Family  
6:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Augustine and Holy Family  
11:00 p.m. Christmas Carol Prelude @ St. Augustine and Holy Family  
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

**Fri. 12-25-2020** 10:30 a.m. Mass @ Holy Family

**Sat. 12-26-2020** 3:30 p.m. Confession at Holy Family  
4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Family - Fr. John  
5:00 p.m. Confession at St. Augustine  
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Augustine - Fr. Phil

**Sun. 12-27-2020** 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine - Fr. Phil  
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine - Fr. Phil  
10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Family - Fr. John  
5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Family - Fr. John

Visit our web site at [www.holyfamily-online.com](http://www.holyfamily-online.com) for up to date information.



The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the flag pole in front of Holy Family (weather permitting). The Rosary will begin precisely at 12 noon. If the weather is bad, the Rosary will be prayed in the Life Center's gathering space.

Join us as we pray for our country, our Church and for the intentions of the Knights of Columbus.

Blessed Mother invites us to pray, pray, pray as she has shared in numerous visitations. Number three of the 15 promises of the Rosary is, "The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies."

<http://themotholyrosary.com/15promises.htm>.

The rosary has worked miracles and is a powerful tool against the unrest and the evils in the world. Continue to pray the Rosary, every day, until we meet together at the Flag Pole.

See you there!

## PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Please be advised that the current status on the initiative for preventing the spread of COVID-19 is everyone is asked to wear a mask and sanitize their hands as they enter the church and Life Center. Also, everyone is asked to practice social distancing by staying six feet apart.

For those who are health-vulnerable and cannot attend Mass in person, Mass will be streamed on Facebook.

## Merry Christmas

The Staff wishes you and your family a Christmas filled with joy, love and peace.



In observation of Christmas, the office will be closed on Thursday December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

Merry Christmas!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

K of C #10501 Italian Dinner

Saturday, January 16, 2020

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Watch upcoming bulletins for menu and more information.

### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Contribution statements for 2020 will be sent out by request only. If you require a statement, please fill out the form below and return it via the collection box, mail, or at the Parish Office. Statement requests will be processed beginning in mid January.

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## **"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."**

– Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

Thanksgiving ends and we all rush to put up our trees, get out all the decorations, and embrace the Christmas spirit. Just as quickly as we begin, we tend to quickly end it as well. It's like a light switch; we turn on Christmas and then turn it off.

Every year, my 6th graders read the classic *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. In the story, Ebenezer Scrooge changes from a selfish miser to a generous man who vows to keep the Christmas spirit all year long. Even though I have read this story countless times, I found myself asking, "Why do we act differently during the Advent and Christmas season? Why do we seem to pack away those good feelings and attitudes with the decorations as soon as the new year begins?"

I decided to challenge my 8th grade students with this question: How can you "honor Christmas" in your heart and "try to keep it ALL THE YEAR?" Here are their responses:

"We can donate and give to those in need. We can be thankful for what we have. We can always understand that Christmas isn't about presents, but HIS (Jesus') presence. We need to always be prepared for Jesus' coming."

"We can help people and give people something to enjoy; even a positive word can make someone's day better. Christmas is about giving - giving people something to enjoy."

"What we can do is we can be nice to everyone, and we can also do something kind to help someone out."

"Keep the happiness, peacefulness, and generosity throughout the year - spreading joy and keeping the nice deeds every time of the year - not just Christmas."

"Keep the peace because everyone is always so peaceful on Christmas."

"I wish that giving food or clothes to the homeless and hungry stayed longer. Also, instead of saying 'Merry Christmas,' say something like 'Have a nice day' or just smile at someone. You never know how you can impact someone's day or even life."

"Spend time with family."

"Be a better person. Give until your heart can't give anymore."

Mrs. Julie Nader,  
8th Grade Homeroom.

## **Health Ministry in partnership with Ascension SE Michigan Community Health**

### **Holidays and Special Events How to celebrate safely with family and friends**

Limit the number of attendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others not from their household.

Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking.

Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors to the extent that is safe and feasible based on the weather, or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.

Require guests to wear masks. At gatherings that include persons of different households, everyone should always wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose, except when eating or drinking. It is also important to stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your household at all times.

Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors. Keep music levels down so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.

Encourage attendees to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items, such as serving utensils.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>



### **Cardinal Mooney News**

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School is in the middle of our Challenge Drive. Money raised goes towards closing the GAP - the difference between the price of tuition and the actual cost of educating a student. This year the GAP between tuition and the cost of a Cardinal Mooney education is \$1,703.00 per student.

The Challenge Drive does not rely on large donations, but on large participation. Imagine the impact it would have if all of our vicariate parishioners donated \$10 in support of our students! We hope you will help us reach our goal of raising \$75,000 before January 1st, 2021.

You can make your donations by mailing a check to 660 S. Water St. Marine City, MI 48039 ATTN: Dan Kilian, by calling the school at 810-765-8825, or online at [cardinalmooney.org/challenge-drive](http://cardinalmooney.org/challenge-drive). As part of our vicariate parish, we hope you will join us in ensuring both current and future students have access to the educational excellence and rich experience that defines Cardinal Mooney.



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