

Advent

St. Augustine Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours:

Tues—Fri:

8:00am– 3:30pm

Rectory.....866-5351

School.....866-5480

Web site:

saintaugustineparish.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 am
and 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00pm
or by appointment





Season of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7– Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am For the Parish
10:00am Jiggs & Joe Kobek

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8– Immaculate Conception of Mary

8:30am For the Parish
9:30-3:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Marie-Adele Summers

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9– St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

5:30pm Marge Primeau

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10– Mass at the Care Center

10:00am Solina Davison

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11– St. Damasus I

8:00am Richard Ford Jr.
8:30-9:30am Holy Hour

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30am Robert E. Kaszniak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00pm Joseph Shank

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14– Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am Martin Jaeger
10:00am For the Parish

St. A Calendar: December 7-14

Dec 7 Religious Education– 8:45-9:45am
Dec 7 Women's Formation Group Mtg.– 8:45-9:45am
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Masses at 8:30am & 6:00pm
Dec 10 Mass at the Care Center– 10:00am
Dec 10 Middle School Youth Group in the Gym– 6:00pm
Dec 10 Confirmation Group– Meet in the Basement at 6:40pm
Dec 10 Parish Penance Service/ First Reconciliation– 7:00pm
Dec 12 K of C Fish Fry at the Hall: 5:30-7:30pm
Dec 14 Religious Education—8:45-9:45am
Dec 14 Women's Formation Group– 8:45-9:45am

Minister Schedule for Dec. 13 & 14**Saturday**

5:00PM Greeters– J/M Kahler, **Please Volunteer**
Lector– Judy Kanne
Ministers– A. Bard, L/L Miller, E. Stath, M. Kahler
Servers– Ellie & Gracie Castle

Sunday

7:30 AM Greeters– F. Shide Family, H. Bracht, M. Fogarty
Lector– Ed Feicht
Ministers– I. Mangas, R. Geleott, J. Brusnahan,
B. Worden, M. Miller
Servers– Aron & Luke Mattocks
10:00 AM Greeters– E/K Faker, A. Balvich
Lector– John Mercer
Ministers– J. Mercer, J/K Benner, D. Reichert, C. Sue
Servers– Grant Myers, Aidan & Keegan Stevens

Care Ministers for December 7-13

Dec. 7- G. Schenk Dec. 8– M. Chesak Dec. 9– ML Debb
Dec. 10– Fr. Don, D. Reichert, J. Brusnahan
Dec. 11– S. Myers Dec. 12– R. Koebcke Dec. 13– D. Myers

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**The Immaculate Conception of Mary**

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Masses will be held at 8:30am and 6:00pm.
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Advent Penance Service

December 10th we will hold our Advent Penance service at St. Augustine at 7pm. Our 2nd grade students will participate in their First Reconciliation that evening. As we prepare for the Messiah this advent season, we acknowledge our sins and incompleteness and ask for forgiveness. Join your Parish family as we make ourselves ready for the Lord's coming.

Fruitful Harvest 2014

Two hundred and sixty-six parish families made their Fruitful Harvest pledges. A total of \$117,675.00 was pledged which exceeds our diocesan goal of \$80,198. The overage, will be put towards our dovetail goal. Since we have met our Diocesan goal, we will receive 100% of any overage. This rebate will be put towards the cost of removing and replacing the church floor and refinishing the pews in the future. We are hoping that project can begin in May 2016. We are on our way to accomplishing this goal!

Everyone should be proud of the stewardship that St. Augustine demonstrated during this campaign. Your gifts help support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more. Thank you for your support and generosity during this campaign! May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by Fruitful Harvest.

**We Need Volunteers for Our Ministries!
Can you Help?**

We are in need of additional care minister and homebound ministers, greeters, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist this winter season. Many of our regular volunteers are snow birds. Won't you consider giving some time to serve Christ through one of these important ministries? If you are interested, please call Marie Oliver at 866-5351 or email marie@rhsi.tv. We will have a Eucharistic minister training following the 10:00am Mass on January 11th.

Stewardship

Total for 11/23/14	\$5734.00
Envelopes/checks & Loose Collection	\$ 9156.00
Automatic (Online) Giving (weekly average)	\$ 505.00
Total for 11/30/14	\$9661.00

We need \$6,025.00 to meet our weekly budget goals.
Thank you for your generosity!

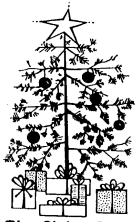
St. Augustine Catholic Parish Fund

By making a gift to the St. Augustine Catholic Parish Fund, you'll be providing perpetual financial support. It's a wonderful way to demonstrate your stewardship and pass on your faith and love for St. Augustine Parish. Contact the parish office to learn more.



Wedding Banns

Please pray for Kyle Nagel & Heather Lyons. They will be married at St. Augustine on December 13, 2014.



The Giving Tree

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Once again this year in the church you will find the "Giving Tree". On this tree you will find ornaments with special needs listed on them.

Prayer Intentions will appear on the Heart shaped ornaments. These are persons who especially need and want your prayers.

Clothing needs will be listed on the Stocking shaped ornaments (size, gender and age included).

Friendship needs will be listed on ornaments shaped Candy Canes. These persons would like a visit; or perhaps to be taken out to lunch or invited to your home for a meal and a visit.

When you take an ornament, Please attend to the need as soon as possible. For the clothing needs, we ask that the gift be wrapped and the paper ornament attached to it and brought back to the church by December 21st!! NO LATER PLEASE, EARLIER IS OKAY, BUT NOT LATER!

The deadline to submit names was December 5th. Due to the large response, we are not able to accept any more participants. Thank you!



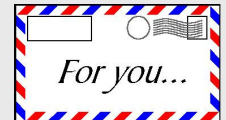
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Calling all Angels, Lambs, Shepherds and Nativity Cast Members!!!

We are seeking children who would like to participate in this year's Christmas Vigil Children's Pageant. This will take place during the 5pm Mass on Dec. 24th. If you are interested, please call Jana Drone at 219-228-0169 or email janadrone@me.com to reserve your part. Rehearsal for the pageant will be December 22nd at 6:30pm.



- ◆ **Attention Confirmation Students:** Your attendance is mandatory at the Parish Penance Service on December 10th. Please meet in the church basement at 6:40pm prior to the service so that we can take attendance. This will be our last meeting prior to Christmas break.
- ◆ **Middle School & High School Youth are invited to help with College Care Packages.** We will meet Wednesday, December 10th @ 6:00 pm in the school gym. Bring items to put in the care packages. Suggestions include packs of gum, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, granola bars, ink pens, Post Its, high lighters, candy and gift cards. Please avoid heavy items as shipping will be by weight. We will get the packages ready to ship in January when the college students begin a new semester. After assembling the packages we will attend the Parish Penance Service together at 7:00 pm. Pick up is 8:00 pm.
- ◆ **Attention parents of college students!** The Youth Group will be assembling College Care Packages on Wednesday, December 10th. We need you to provide addresses for your student(s) as well as a monetary donation to ship them. The average cost of shipping is \$7 per package. Please bring addresses and monetary donation to the church office or leave it in the collection basket clearly marked for College Care Packages. Packages will be sent in January to welcome them to a new semester. Contact Kris Dobson if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Parishioners** wishing to make donations for the College Care Packages (monetary or items) can do so by bringing the donation to the church office by Dec. 10th.



Longest Night Service

The Longest Night service will be at Burr Oak Mennonite Church on December 21st at 7:00pm. This service is designed to be a positive worship time for anyone who is having difficulty celebrating the holiday season. It is also a good time to support those who may be passing through a difficult time by accompanying them to the service.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing Help Needed

St. Augustine Church volunteers will be ringing the bells in front of Walmart for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 12:00 to 8 pm. Shifts will be 1/2 hour. Please contact Cheryl Hillan at 866-3912 if your family would like to take a shift. Shifts will go fast so please call early to get a convenient time.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Join the Knights of Columbus on December 12th for a delicious Fish Fry at the hall. Serving will take place from 5:30-7:30pm. Carry-outs are also available.

Advent Reflections

Fr. Robert Baron, the founder of the popular *Catholicism* series is offering free daily Advent reflections? Sign up at AdventReflections.com.

Bulletin Submissions

If you would like to submit a picture or article for the bulletin, please contact the church office by either calling 866-5351 or emailing marie@rhsi.tv. Due to the holiday, deadlines have been adjusted. Please submit by the following dates:

Dec 14– submit by the 9th; Dec 21st– submit by the 15th
Dec 28th– submit by the 17th; Jan 4th– submit by Dec 22nd.

November 50/50 Winners

\$100-Carol Wood

\$75-Bob Souza

\$50-Gregg and Sue Kanne

\$25- Caroline Lucero

Contact the school office to join the fun! Every month 4 lucky participants win! Spaces are available.

SASBUCK\$ NEWS: Consider using SAS Buck\$ for your holiday shopping to earn money for the school and tuition reduction for your St. A. student! As you shop, keep in mind: (1) You can use gift cards for online shopping as well as traditional shopping. (2) The gift cards themselves make great gifts! (3) If you're eating out for the holidays, use the gift cards for that too.



(4) December's Merchant-of-the-Month is Willow Switch, with a 10% contribution.

(5) **The last day to order cards to have them for Christmas is December 14th.**

On hand cards will still be sold in the office until we run out. Questions about SAS Buck\$? Call the school (866-5480).