

The Catholic Community of St. Augustine



June 2008

From the Pastor

Report on Assembly Enclosed

You will find in the center of this newsletter a report on the recent parish assembly held here at St. Augustine. The report is based largely on my opening comments at the start of the assembly.

In the report you will find information about the Mass schedule, the bells, the offices, parish identity, and the property around the cemetery. It is my hope that you will take the time to carefully read the entire report. This report is the best way to give you information about the assembly and what took place there.

The purpose of the assembly was to present information and gather input. Your input has told me that we are not ready to make a move on any office relocation. We will plan on moving forward with the repair of the bells, restoring them to their original form. No decision has been made on the cemetery property or the Mass schedule. We will continue to explore both issues.

My thanks to all of you who attended the assembly and all of you for your support of me. I pray for you and for God's continued blessings on St. Augustine Parish.

Fr. Tom

Liturgical Ministry Training

For those people that missed the last two training dates and for those that would like to be a new minister, please attend one of the following training dates:

Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 PM or
Saturday, June 7, at 2:30 PM

Both meetings will be held in St. Augustine Church. You must attend one of these dates in order to continue in your ministry. Each meeting should last about an hour. If you have any questions, please email Josh at jgraf@sacredheartschool.us

Josh Graf
Director of Music & Worship
Catholic Community of Jeffersonville
Sacred Heart - St. Augustine

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(Opening) Liturgy

Gwen Jenkins, Family Life

Elizabeth Starck, Youth

Family Life Ministry

During the course of a week I receive many e-mails. Most of them I just hit the delete key, but every now and then one comes across that is very good. Last week I received one from a parishioner and thought I would share it with you.

A group of professionals posed this question to a group of 4-8 year olds. "What does love mean?" Listed below are some of the answers they received. I hope you enjoy reading them.

Danny 8 Love is when Mommy makes coffee for Daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure it's OK.

Rebecca 8 When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

Terri 4 Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.

Nikka 6 If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. (We need a million more Nikka's in our world.)

Emily 8 Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My mommy and daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss.

Cindy 8 During my piano recital, I was on stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.

Bobby 7 Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. "WOW!"

Clare 6 My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.

Mary Ann 4 Love is when your puppy licks your face after you left him alone all day.

Lauren 4 I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.

Jesica 8 You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it, but if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.

The most caring child was a four-year-old whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry!"

God bless

John M. Thompson

DEACON FORMATION

Just an update on where I am in the process of being ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This past weekend (May 9-11) was our last deacon formation class session. These past four years have been very informative. My next step will be a five day retreat beginning on Wednesday, June 11, and ending on Sunday, June 15. Then in thirteen days it will be "DO" day, Deacon Ordination Day. The ordination will take place on Saturday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Saints' Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

I would like to invite the entire parish to Indianapolis that day, but that will not be possible. With twenty-five men being ordained, along with their families, there will not be enough seats for everyone. Each deacon candidate was given a limited number of tickets for family and friends.

On Sunday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m. there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Augustine that I would like to invite you to attend. I thank each one for your prayers and support for these past four years of formation. It has meant so much to me.

Yours in Christ,

John Thompson

Faith Formation Ministry

A reflection: The June Heartline and Newsletter, which mark one full year of a clustered Faith Formation Ministry, are an opportunity to pause and reflect on the first year of the Faith Formation Ministry serving both parishes. This opportunity has indeed been “the best of times” --the best of times to look at where we can grow in our ministry to reach out to all our parishioners in some way to invite them to grow in formation of their faith, the best of times to look at the way things have been and work together to see what meets the needs of our parishioners (what we should keep and what we could look at in a new way), the best of times to see what is duplication of service and how we can tweak what we do, the best of times to let go of being a Board of Total Catholic Education and embrace the Faith Formation Commission concept as a “clustered ministry”, the best of times to combine our RCIA processes with a coordinator and team to look closely at how we can truly serve both communities, the best of times to be recognized nationally for our work with families, and the best of times to begin another planning process to look at the overall picture and set goals for the next three years.

I think of the struggles during our first year together but find that communication has been the key to getting through those times. I thank you all for being open to the “Spirit” as God works in our community. We have journeyed together sometimes slowly but always going forward. I am grateful to each and every volunteer who has worked hard in Faith Formation this year. Thank you all for your support in this ministry and also in my family’s personal tragedy. I am always very humbled when Fr. Tom prays “For our Pastoral Team” at Mass and am grateful to serve as Director of Religious Education for our parishes. Your prayers and support are truly appreciated as we continue “the best of times” for the Faith Formation Ministry for the Catholic Community of Jeffersonville -Saint Augustine -Sacred Heart.

Love and peace,

Ann Northam

Marriages

Congratulations to the following couples married 50 years or more this month:

Elmer and Frances Hoehn
married June 10, 1943

Pete and Elaine Burkhardt
married June 12, 1948

Jim and JoAnn Morris
married June 21, 1958

We would also like to congratulate the following couples married at St. Augustine this past month:

Joshua Smith and Emily Carrico
married May 9, 2008

Patrick VanEman and Kelly Rowland
married May 17, 2008

If you are celebrating an anniversary of 25, 50, or more years this month and were not included, please call 282-1669 and let us know.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on EVERY First Friday. Please come and spend some time in prayer.

Memorial Gifts

Now you can give a memorial gift that keeps on giving. The parish has envelopes for donations to the parish Catholic Community Foundation. The money is invested, and the parish receives the interest to help fulfill its mission. Envelopes are available at Coots’ and Scott Funeral Homes or the parish office.

Why consider First Step or RCIA?

Submitted by Annette Bailey

“I’ve been coming to church with my spouse for awhile.”

“Parts of my family are members at this or that church.”

“I would like to celebrate Holy Eucharist with my family.”

“I’ve been away from church so long and I really am miserable.”

“My children are going to celebrate the Sacraments; I want to be able to fully experience this moment in their lives with them.”

“Everyone I know and relate to spiritually has a distinct identity, a core set of beliefs backed up by a living entity (their church), a spiritual home. I want that too.”

“I hate being the only one left in the pew while everyone else goes to Communion! I am committed in every other way to the Catholic Church; wouldn’t it just be the natural progression to take the next step and convert to Catholicism?”

Have you ever known anyone who had these thoughts or heard anyone say these things? Have you ever had these thoughts yourself or said these things yourself? If so, here is a suggestion:

St. Augustine and Sacred Heart are currently hosting their First Step program on the first Wednesday of each month. The First Step program is part of the inquiry phase leading up to the RCIA process which will begin this year on Thursday, September 4, 2008. RCIA is the process by which adults come to join the Catholic Faith.

Perhaps if you or someone you know has had any of the thoughts or asked any of these questions, First Step and RCIA could be the answer that you have been looking for.

The next session of First Step is Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine in the parish hall.

If you have any questions or would just like a few more details, please feel free to contact Annette Bailey, RCIA Coordinator at 282-0423 or email annette.bailey@insightbb.com

In closing, I would like to say no matter your background or circumstance, you are never too old, too young, or too anything, to learn what God may have planned for you.



Sarah Lee Evanczyk,
mother of David Evanczyk (wife Lynne)
and grandmother of Matthew, Jenny, and Christie

Louis A. Kaiser,
father of Susan Waiz (husband Rob)
and grandfather of Lena and Robert

Erma Payne

Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Have you thought about purchasing cemetery lots for your family? We ask you to support our Catholic cemetery. Lots can be purchased on a contract with ten per cent down and monthly payments. If payments are made as stated in the contract, there is no finance charge. To reserve your lots, please call the Parish Office at 282-2677.

St. Augustine Quilters

The quilters of St. Augustine are meeting on Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the basement of the parish office. Everyone is welcome, even those who do not quilt. We will teach you. If you have any questions, call Pat Dattilo at 282-9101.

Youth Ministry

HOLIDAY WORLD TRIP for Middle School Youth Ministry on Monday, July 1, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday World Theme Park, Santa Claus, IN All incoming 6th, 7th or 8th grade youths (2008-2009) are invited to participate in this fun-filled event. It is a perfect opportunity for you to get out of the house for a day of thrills, chills, and spills. Holiday World is full of rides, games, and all the water fun of Splashin' Safari. Also during the day there will be a prize patrol roaming the park giving out prizes to junior highers from our deanery. Cost is \$40.50 which covers bus transportation, entrance into the park, use of the rides, shows, and waterpark. The cost includes unlimited softdrinks during the day. Please plan to bring additional money for food, lockers, etc. Please arrive at Providence High School parking lot no later than 9:00 a.m. We will return to the Providence High School parking lot by 8:30 p.m. The cost of transportation is included in the day's price. Please register by June 1. Turn in your \$40.50, a completed annual permission/medical release form, and an event registration form.

Youth Ministry Commission - The next meeting will be the Youth Ministry Commission Evening of Reflection at Saint Augustine in the parish hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, the YMC meeting will take place in the youth center at Sacred Heart beginning at 6:30 p.m.

YAC - Sunday, June 8, 2008, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the youth center at Sacred Heart

Only one more month till Alli Storms, Bradley Starck, Emily DiNoto, and Kameron Johnson, youths from St. Augustine/Sacred Heart who are participating in the **Deanery Mission Trip**, will be traveling to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to paint houses, plan vacation Bible school, and offer other volunteer services. Elizabeth Starck will be serving as an adult leader for this deanery mission trip too. Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they prepare and travel to this service experience.

Senior High King's Island trip on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 (includes bus transportation & admission) Meet at Saint Augustine in the parish hall parking lot. Bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Bring spending money and don't forget to wear a watch for check-in times. Sign up with a friend because you all need to be in groups of at least four as you enjoy the park. Register by June 22 for the low cost of \$40 and don't delay as seating is limited. You need to have a current annual permission/medical release form on file in the youth ministry office. Final Registration (add \$10, so cost is \$50) is July 13.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Grade: _____ (08-09)

Thanks!

Barbara Renners

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Thank You

The St. Augustine Mother and Daughter committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the dinner a success. We appreciate all of the women and children who attended. We especially want to thank Fr. Tom (who was classy in his tux), John Thompson, and each of the men of the parish who served and cleaned up everything! (Jack Leuthart, Pat Raidy, Bill Gavin, Conrad Storz, Ray Boggs, Bill Barber, Jeremy Stewart, Henry Rothbauer, Jim Becker, Jim Sisson, and Joe Hochadel.) We hope we did not miss anyone.

The door prizes were donated by Walnut Ridge Greenhouse and Barber Insurance, and they deserve our thanks, too!

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment from Wesley Chapel Methodist Church's Puppet Ministry and a good time was had by all. We hope to see you next year.

Gwen Jenkins, Judy Storz, and Betty Lynn

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Caring Collection

Beginning Balance	\$ 6.70
May Collection	1,252.47
Center for Lay Ministries	250.00
Marie Robertson Ministries	250.00
Family Health Center of Clark County	375.00
Christian Appalachian Project	375.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9.17

Center for Lay Ministries

Just a reminder that the Center for Lay Ministries collection will take place each weekend at all the Masses. Baskets will be placed by the side doors for your donation. Please be generous! Thank you!

Father-Son Dinner

This year's celebration will be held on Tuesday evening, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This is a dinner honoring all men of the parish. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling the Family Life office at 282-1669. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of church the weekend of May 17-18. Deadline for reservation is Wednesday, June 4.

Congratulations!!!

Taylor Lawson was one of five Clark County public and private school finalists in the Law Day Contest sponsored by the Clark and Floyd County judges. The essay topic was "Proud To Be an American." Taylor read his essay to a panel of eight judges on May 1.