

✠ ST. AUGUSTIN PARISH ✠

LIVING SPIRIT

✠ January 27, 2008 ✠

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*He said to them,
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
At once they left their nets and followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:19-20

✠ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

MASS SCHED. / INTENTIONS JAN. 26-FEB. 3

Saturday	January 26, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Ramona Cernicky
5:00 p.m.	Alberta Burns
Sunday	January 27, 2008 — Catholic Schools Week Begins
8:00 a.m.	John McLaughlin
10:00 a.m.	Stephen Michalski
12:00 p.m.	The Parishioners of St. Augustin
Monday	January 28, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Dr. Neil McGarvey
Tuesday	January 29, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Al Smith
Wednesday	January 30, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Charles and Alice Tupy
Thursday	January 31, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Joe Young
Friday	February 1, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Donald Mangrich
Saturday	February 2, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Mary Sullivan
5:00 p.m.	Jan Hugeback
Sunday	February 3, 2008
8:00 a.m.	Tom Nolan
10:00 a.m.	James Meader
12:00 p.m.	The Parishioners of St. Augustin

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 2-3, 2008

5:00 P.M.	L	K. Pierick	AS	T. Pierick
	EM	M. Evans	AS	C. Harmeyer
	EM	K. Goldsmith	AS	H. Dickinson
	EM	A. Kelly	AS	J. Mattern
	EM	K. Klein	Ush	D. Eischeid
	EM	R. Melcher	Ush	V. Eischeid
	EM	A. Nieland	Ush	A. Peterson
	EM	T. Peiffer	Ush	T. Peterson
	EM	E. Sitzmann	MC	(Assigned)
	8:00 A.M.	L	D. Swift	AS
EM		J. Colver	AS	J. Strittmatter
EM		L. Gutenkauf	AS	S. Beh
EM		M. Guthrie	AS	M. Simmons
EM		G. Hoerster	Ush	L. Beh
EM		M. Rutledge	Ush	M. Curtis
EM		C. Shelton	Ush	C. Dennison
EM		(Open)	Ush	P. Janak
EM		(Open)	MC	Jerry Minor
VOCATIONS CHALICE:				
10:00 A.M.	L	P. McIlhon	AS	L. Pyle
	EM	B. Baum	AS	A. Pyle
	EM	M. Baum	AS	K. Johnson
	EM	P. DeMarco	AS	M. Johnson
	EM	M. Hrubetz	Ush	J. Cahill
	EM	G. McDonald	Ush	G. Carraro
	EM	S. Pyle	Ush	J. Crowley
	EM	J. Romp	Ush	J. Duong
	EM	B. Shepard	MC	DeMarco/Hrubetz
	12:00 P.M.	L	L. Gebhardt	AS
EM		M. Annexstad	AS	B. Comito
EM		A. Baughman	AS	J. McCabe
EM		L. Craven	AS	L. Donnelly
EM		B. Craven	Ush	D. Kehm
EM		B. Currans	Ush	T. Kruse
EM		R. denHartog	Ush	R. Mathieu
EM		J. Roth	Ush	K. Mericle
EM		B. Blazek	MC	(Open)
VOCATIONS CHALICE: Jon and Elena Munoz				



TIME, TALENT & TREASURES

TITHES & PLATE RECEIVED for the week ending 01/20/2008 were **\$28,791**. Our weekly tithing requirement for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2008 is **\$24,620**. Our year-to-date deficit is **\$-32,925**.



PARISH LIFE



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK — Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing a values-added education for America's young people. Catholic schools are proud of their educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in their students. The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools throughout the country. During this week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. CSW also is an occasion for schools to interest citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic Schools.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 6TH!

There will be Mass at 8 a.m., 8:50 a.m. (at School), and 7 p.m. It is a day of fast and abstinence.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 7 at 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 3, 2008 — Year A

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm Response – Matthew 5:3

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

SAVE THE DATE! We invite you to enjoy a relaxing weekend experience! **What: Christ Renews His Parish Men's and Women's Retreat. Where:** St. Pius X Catholic Church. **When:** Men's weekend is Feb. 8-9; Women's weekend is Feb. 15-16. For more information, please contact Deacon Kevin and Mrs. Rhonda Heim, 274-4321.

FROM THE DIOCESE: Support Marriage Amendment — The Iowa Catholic Conference is asking you to contact your legislator in support of an amendment to Iowa's constitution to define marriage as being between one woman and one man. Last summer, a district court struck down Iowa's law which maintains that only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid. The ruling has been stayed pending an appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court. Legislative leadership does not want to bring an amendment to a vote, so the only way to accomplish this will be to encourage legislators to contact their leadership and ask for a vote. To send a message to your legislator, go to www.iowacatholicconference.org and click on "Take Action Today."

THE ANNUAL ST. AUGUSTIN HOME & SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER is Saturday, February 2, after the 5 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages will be served. Cost for children under 3 years old is free; children 3-11 yrs old, \$4; 12 years and older \$7. Please send your RSVPs and payment to the St. Augustin School Office, 4320 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312 in a sealed envelope marked "Spaghetti Dinner." Checks are payable to St. Augustin Home and School Association. Movies will be shown at St. Augustin School following the dinner.

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT DAY is January 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Center. Anne Marie Cribbin is this year's retreat leader. Anne Marie is from Washington, D.C., and is hilarious. Check out her website: www.annemarietricribbin.com. Please RSVP to Terry Clark, Program Coordinator, St. Thomas More Center, 515-309-1936 or email to: terry@stmcenter.com.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The following times are our **greatest need** in order to keep our **24-hour commitment approved by the Vatican:**

- ✠ Sunday — 3 a.m. / 7 a.m.
- ✠ Monday — 10 a.m. / 11 p.m.
- ✠ Tuesday — 2 a.m. / 3 a.m. / 2 p.m. / 3 p.m.
- ✠ Wednesday — 1 a.m. / 2 a.m. / 5 a.m. / 1 p.m.
- ✠ Thursday — 8 p.m.
- ✠ Friday — 3 a.m. / 1 p.m. / 10 p.m.
- ✠ Saturday — 1 a.m. / 2 a.m. / 2 p.m. / 4 p.m. / 7 p.m.

Spend time in our Adoration Chapel and watch how your life and faith will deepen in God. Call Al at 277-5445, Sister Clare at 274-6082, or Pamela at 255-1175 (days) to **reserve your hour** with Jesus.

CHOOSE LIFE! Writing in the world's most prestigious bioethics journal, *Hastings Center Report* (2007), Brown University professor Jacob M. Appel argues that assisted suicide should not only be available to the terminally ill, but also to people with a "purely psychological disease" if the suicidal person "rationally might prefer dignified death over future suffering." As with abortion, euthanasia advocates started small and are now gradually expanding the "right" they advocate. —*NRL News, 8/07*

SEATS ARE FILLING UP FAST FOR THE CHRISTOPHER WEST CONFERENCE! Don't miss out! Register yourself and a family member or friend for the Created and Redeemed Seminar. Christopher is a world-renown teacher of Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, a beautiful message of God's gift of love and sexuality. This is a universal message for people of all faiths, whether one is single, engaged, or married. Christopher will bring his enthusiasm, humor, and common sense to St. Augustin Church in Des Moines on the evening of Feb. 22 and the day of Feb. 23. For only \$25 per person, you will hear eight talks, have lunch and snacks, and receive a resource study guide. Space is limited, so register soon. You can register by calling Jennifer Settle at 515-255-1175, or online at www.dmtheologyofthebody.blogspot.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ✠ Religious Education classes for grades 1-8 will be held on Wednesday, January 30, from 6:45-8 p.m. in the school. Parents who volunteered to be class parents will have a meeting that evening at 7 p.m. in the library to help plan the Ash Wednesday soup supper.
- ✠ Congratulations to our parish second graders as they make their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, January 29 at 7 p.m. in the church! May you experience God's love and mercy in a new way!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**COMPENDIUM-CATHECHISM, PART THREE:
The Life of Christ
Man's Vocation: Life in the Spirit**

Why does the Magisterium of the Church act in the field of morality? It is the duty of the Magisterium of the Church to preach the faith that is to be believed and put into practice in life. This duty extends even to the specific precepts of the natural law because their observance is necessary for salvation. #430

THE STUDY OF THE UNITED STATE CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS will take place on Thursday, January 31 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. in parish library.

SCHOOL NEWS

- ✂ Today we begin our annual observation of Catholic Schools Week, the time set aside each year to celebrate Catholic education. We will spend the week marveling at the success of the nation's 7,800 Catholic schools, the excellence of our students and the difference we make in our communities.

During the week, we'll focus on our school's high quality, faith-filled education. We'll honor everyone who contributes to the school's success—not only students, families, faculty, and staff, but also volunteers, community supporters, and local leaders.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools Light the Way" combines the concepts of God's light in the world and the light of knowledge we strive to kindle in our students. The stained glass logo, underscores the faith-filled education we emphasize.
- ✂ Today we are having an Open House after Mass until 1:30 p.m. Please stop by our School and visit the classrooms. Meet with our teachers and see our accomplishments.

Monday, we will Light the Way in our Community.
 Tuesday, we will Light the Way in our Students.
 Wednesday, we will Light the Way in our Nation.
 Thursday, we will Light the Way in our Vocations.
 Friday, we will Light the Way in our faculty, staff, and volunteers.
- ✂ Early dismissal on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 11:30. A 2 p.m. Mass will take place in the church. No aftercare, due to staff attending the 2 p.m. Mass.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY LOOKS AT JESUS'

PASSION — Christ the King Parish, 5711 SW 9th St., Des Moines, will be hosting a 6-week Lenten Bible study on Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering. The study, which examines the scriptural basis for the Mel Gibson movie *The Passion of the Christ*, has been widely distributed around the world and translated into several languages. It is written by Jennifer Phelps, a St. Augustin parishioner who also is editor of a number of major Bible studies written by such Catholic authors as Dr. Scott Hahn, Mark Shea, and Steve Ray. Jennifer will be leading the Christ the King study. Participants will view a section of *The Passion of the Christ* each week and discuss related Scripture passages, and Jennifer will present a short lecture to supplement the written materials and discussion. The study will be from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday nights beginning January 31. A \$10.50 advance registration fee covers the cost of the study booklet. For more information or to register, please call Georgia Ryan at 287-4334.



PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office – 515-255-1175 / Parish Fax - 515-255-7969
Parish Office Hours: (Mon.—Fri.) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
School Office – 515-279-5947 / School Fax 515-279-5947

STAFF

Rev. James C. Polich – Pastor, ext. 202
 Rev. Emmanuel Agwuoke – Parochial Vicar, ext. 203
 Rev. John Lorenz
 Rev. Mr. Kevin D. Heim, Deacon; RCIA and Baptism, ext. 208
 Dr. Nancy Dowdle – School Principal, 279-5947
 Ms. Jennifer Settle – Director of Religious Education, ext. 207
 Mr. Andy Ball – Business-Finance Officer/ Foundation, ext. 215
 Mrs. Barbara Cortesio – Music Director, ext. 210
 Mrs. Susan Kehoe – Pastoral Minister and Wedding Prep, ext. 209; Cell 988-8907
 Mrs. Pamela Meis – Office Manager, ext. 201
 Mr. Kirk Peterson – Buildings and Maintenance, 669-7446
 Mrs. Robin Rose – Receptionist/Funeral Arr./Hall Rental, ext. 200
 Mr. Kevin Von Schaumburg – Accountant, ext. 204, 8 a.m.–12 Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND: 5 p.m. Saturday / 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon - Sunday
DAILY: 8 a.m. Monday - Saturday

Website - www.staugustin.org / Email - info@staugustin.org

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday – 9 to 9:30 a.m.;
 or anytime by appointment—255-1175

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM — Baptisms are celebrated after the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Call Deacon Kevin Heim at 274-4321 to schedule a Baptism.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY — One of the parties to be married must be registered in St. Augustin Parish. Contact Mrs. Susan Kehoe 12 months prior to wedding – 255-1175, ext 209.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY — Gina Noll, Pres. – 229-0601.

BOARD OF EDUCATION — Meets first Tuesday of the month in church library. Contact Mark Rice, Chair – 224-9768.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS — Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Contact Marilyn, 270-6121; or Leone, 981-0105.

CHOIR — Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. Contact Barbara Cortesio, Director — 277-5046.

FINANCE COUNCIL — Meets every other month on the second Tuesday. Contact Paul Bognanno, Chair — 274-2725.

HOSPITAL VISITS — Please contact the parish office (255-1175), if you or a loved one are hospitalized.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Meets the third Thursday of the month in the parish hall at 7 p.m. Contact Matthew Hrubetz at 255-9041.

MERCIFUL MEALS — During an illness or after a birth, request temporary meal assistance by calling Monica May at 988-1039.

MOM'S GROUP – Erin Wenham, 277-0461; Emily Melcher, 401-6639

NEWCOMERS — Welcome! To register in our parish, please call our church office, 255-1175.

PARISH COUNCIL — Meets the third Tuesday of month in the Library at 7 p.m. Contact Bob Beh, Chair – 244-6684.

PARISH HALL RENTAL — For hall rental or information, please call Robin Rose at 255-1175.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION — He asks us, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" Contact Al Reynolds at 277-5445.

PRAYER CHAIN — Send your prayer requests to Don and Rose Hauser – 277-7494 or dg-rlh@juno.com.

RCIA — Please call Deacon Kevin Heim, 274-4321, for more info.

TRANSPORTATION TO SUNDAY 10 A.M. MASS — Need assistance getting to and from the Mass? Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass? Call Andy Ball at 255-1175, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.