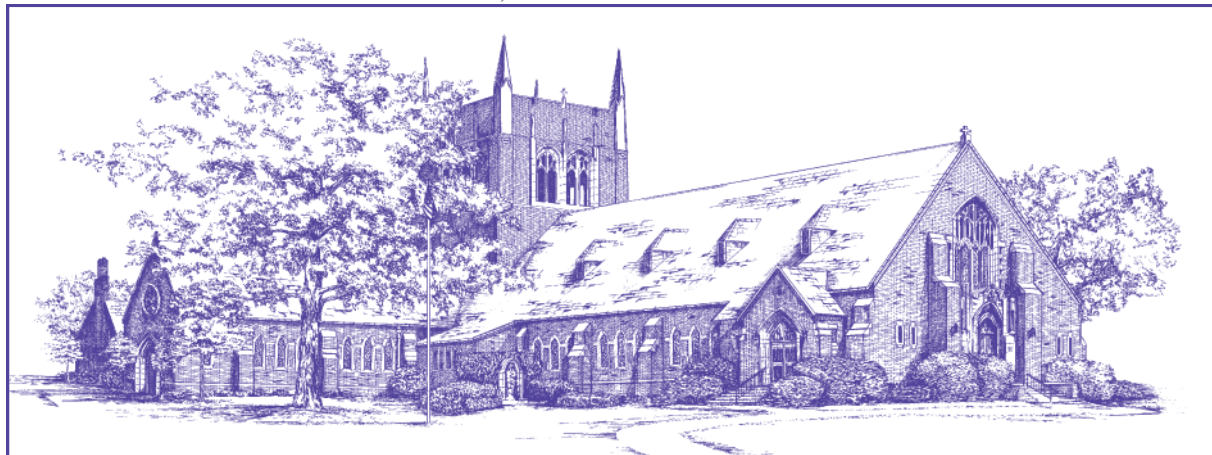


LIVING SPIRIT

✠ January 31, 2010

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REV. JAMES C. POLICH
pastor

Today begins our celebration of **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**, a time to thank God for the immense contribution our Catholic schools make to the life and growth of the Church. This year's theme of Catholic Schools Week, "Catholic Schools- Dividends for Life," expresses the unique role our Catholic schools play not only in the Church, but in all of human society. Our Catholic schools are great investments because, in teaching gospel values and virtues, they equip students to live what they learn for life.

As this logo illustrates, these dividends for life include faith, knowledge, discipline and morals. All schools are expected to impart knowledge and discipline. But only faith-based schools are allowed to teach Christian faith and morals. As the values of our

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

secular culture continue to deteriorate, Christ-centered education is needed today more than ever.

That is why our parish is so grateful to Dr. Nancy Dowdle, our principal, and the faculty and staff of St. Augustin School. These women and men have invested their lives in the faith formation of thousands of students over the years. Many of these students are now adult leaders in their respective faith communities and most of them are parents who transfer the legacy of Catholic faith and morals to the next generation. This is precisely how Catholic schools pay dividends for life.

Today we honor our teachers and ask God to continue blessing their faith-filled commitment. Join us after Mass for a delicious breakfast and Open House at St. Augustin School, and let our teachers and staff know how much you appreciate their marvelous work.

Congratulations to our second grade Religious Education and St. Augustin School students who celebrated First Reconciliation last Tuesday. We pray that all of these students will continue to rely on this sacrament of divine mercy and receive God's forgiving grace.

Thank you for your prayers for my recovery from gall bladder surgery last week. It was a simple outpatient procedure and takes only a few days to heal. After the surgery, a routine examination showed some early forming cancer cells in my gall bladders lining. My doctor recommends immediate exploratory surgery to make sure these suspicious cells have not spread to my liver. I'm feeling fine now, but I would appreciate your prayers that the Lord bring me to recovery and full health.

MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS:

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Saturday	January 30, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Residents of Villa Monica
5:00 p.m.	George Cappaert.
Sunday	January 31, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Augustin
10:00 a.m.	Francesca Martino
12:00 p.m.	Bette and Suzette DeMarco
Monday	February 1, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Edward James Nahas
Tuesday	February 2, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Charles and Alice Tupy
Wednesday	February 3, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Ramona Cernicky
Thursday	February 4, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Harry Figge
Friday	February 5, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Chandler
Saturday	February 6, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Residents of Villa Monica
5:00 p.m.	Paul Williamson
Sunday	February 7, 2010
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Augustin
10:00 a.m.	Rob and Lavern Bartholomew
12:00 p.m.	Edward James Nahas

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: FEB 6TH AND FEB 7TH, 2010

5:00 p.m.	L	K. Pierick	AS	J. Mattern
	EM	W. Douglas	AS	R. Pierick
	EM	K. Goldsmith	AS	J. Smith
	EM	A. Kelly	AS	E. Smith
	EM	T. Peiffer	Ush	J. Beckett
	EM	K. Schaffer	Ush	T. Goldsmith
	EM	R. Schaffer	Ush	T. Klapp
	EM	E. Sitzmann	Ush	D. O'Grady
	EM	D. Waddell		
	8:00 a.m.	L	P. Mitchell	AS
EM		R. Beh	AS	J. Fink
EM		J. Colver	AS	A. Simmons
EM		J. Gilchrist	AS	M. Simmons
EM		L. Gutenkauf	Ush	L. Beh
EM		G. Hoerster	Ush	M. Guthrie
EM		C. Shelton	Ush	J. Knight
			Ush	C. Shelton

Vocations Chalice: Pat and Sue Smith

10:00 a.m.	L	Emily Duong		
	EM	M. Baum	AS	E. Duong
	EM	W. Baum	AS	N. Hrubetz
	EM	P. DeMarco	AS	R. Hrubetz
	EM	G. Jones	AS	J. Means
	EM	R. Jones	Ush	B. Aciri
	EM	S. Pyle	Ush	F. Aciri
	EM	K. Riley	Ush	J. Duong
	EM	J. Romp	Ush	J. Glaser

Vocations Chalice: Matt and Ann Ahmann

12:00 p.m.	L	P. McIlhon	AS	C. Dubberke
	EM	P. Barber	AS	M. Halliwell
	EM	B. Blazek	AS	A. Hernandez
	EM	B. Currans	AS	C. Schwarz
	EM	R. denHargog, Jr	Ush	R. denHartog
	EM	R. Nwaturuocha	Ush	J. Dullard
	EM	J. Roth	Ush	J. Harrington
	EM	S. Thompkins	Ush	D. Kehm
	EM	P. Urtz		

Vocations Chalice: Linda Gebhardt

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTIN PARISH

As a church community, we offer lots of services to our members in addition to our weekly worship. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. If you would like to join or have any questions about our parish please stop by the office on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or call (255-1175).

CHOOSE LIFE? "Science can tell us what is, but it can't tell us good from bad, right from wrong. Therefore it is not anti-science to oppose embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. It is pro-science to care enough to keep this powerful enterprise within proper ethical parameters. " Wesley Smith, NRL News, June, 2008. Pray that God, who knew us before he formed us in the womb, may lead us to appreciate the beauty of unborn human life.

 **TIME, TALENT & TREASURES**

Through December, 2009, fiscal year-to-date tithe and plate income was \$571,831.20 vs. a budget of \$626,923.34. Our tithe and plate income goal for the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2010 is \$1,191,209.94

 **PARISH LIFE**

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ✠ February 2 - 9:30 a.m. - CSS leaders, Library
6:30 p.m. - Board of Ed- Library
- ✠ February 3 - 9:30 a.m. - CSS - Parish Hall-Lib
7:00 p.m. - CSS- Parish Hall
7:15 p.m. - Choir practice- Lower L.
- ✠ February 4 - 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry -
Library
12 :00 p.m.-Rosary Board- PH
7:00 p.m.- Liturgy Comm- Library
7:00 p.m - DCHS party- Parish hall
7:30 p.m.- RICA -Lower Level- BR
- ✠ February 5 - 10:00 a.m.-Mothers Play Group-
Nursery- Lower Level
- ✠ February 6 - 6:00 p.m. -Catholic School week
Spaghetti Dinner (Parish
hall and lower level)
- ✠ February 7 - 9:00a.m - 1:00 p.m. - RCIA-Lib.
Coffee and donuts after Mass

FAITH QUESTION OF THE WEEK!

What has led you to Christ? How has your own journey been guided by the hand of God?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 7, 2010

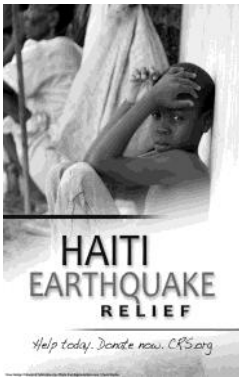
First Reading - Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Psalm Response – Psalms 138: 1-2, 2-3,4-5, 7-8

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or
15:3-8,11

Gospel - Luke 5: 1-11

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, HOT
COCOA MIX, AND TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE
AFTER ALL MASSES ON FEB. 6 AND 7.**



Thank you to all parishioners who made contributions at the special collection to aid with the relief efforts in Haiti. Contributions totaled \$9,437.00. When we labor with honesty, serve those in need, work for justice and contribute to charity, we use our talents to show our love and God's love for our brothers and sisters.

STORYBOOK PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks so much to Cassie Sheik and her Religious Education (RE) students for their contributions to the Storybook Project. Cassie and her students collected 109 new and gently used books for the program. The ultimate goal of the Storybook Project is to provide a means for incarcerated parents to stay in touch with their children via the gift of a book to their child, which is accompanied by a recording of the book by their parent. The Social Justice Committee is most appreciative of the RE students' generosity and commends Cassie's leadership in organizing their efforts.

ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER BEGINS

Season Two and another Season One of our diocesan evangelization and renewal process, **ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER** will be beginning shortly. Our parish will have sign-up forms available this weekend and next weekend. Mark your calendars for the 1st meeting which will be February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information please contact our Core Team Coordinator, Erin Wenham at steveanderinwenham@q.com or at 277-0461.

CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE--This is the theme for the Spring Christ Renews His Parish weekend. You are invited to come for a relaxing break from your busy schedule and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on your relationship with God. What a great way to enhance Lent this year. For more information, check the blue flyers in the pews and/or talk with Deacon Kevin or Rhonda Heim or contact them at 274-4321 or rsheim@prodigy.net.



The Liturgy of the Word is a great program for children that is offered at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. During this program the children at the Mass (ages 10 and under) go downstairs during the

Liturgy of the Word and read the readings with an adult and look at them from a child's perspective. It is a great way for the children to be involved and excited about the Mass. I would like to encourage parents to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cassie at 255-1175 or by e-mail at cassies@stagustin.org.



- ✧ Congratulations to the 2nd graders on their First Reconciliation.
- ✧ **Parents**- progress reports will be sent out shortly so please keep an eye on your mailboxes. Once you receive the progress reports please sign them and return them to Cassie.



OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL FOUR'S OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011.

If you have a child ready to enter Preschool 4's or Opt K in the fall, call the school office at 279-5947. Open house and registration for both is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 4th from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Opt K will have their session in room 104 and preschool will meet in room 102. No preschool 3's class at this time.

- ✧ The following school staff members will be honored for their years of service at a city-wide Catholic Mass on Feb. 3rd: Jody Beimer and Gayle Schreck-15 years, Keith Sherman-20 years, Maureen Casey and Jane Brown-25 years.
- ✧ **IMPORTANT - Parents check your e-mail for conference sign up letter.**



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (Jan. 31-Feb. 5)

This week we will observe our annual Catholic Schools Week, a 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. We will focus on our school's high quality, faith-filled education. We will honor everyone who contributes to the school's success--students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, community supporters and local leaders. Catholicism has a long and rich tradition of direct service to those in need, as well as social justice efforts to end social ills like racism and gender inequality. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy focus on things that each individual believer can do to help others, like feeding the hungry and instructing the ignorant. The seven principles of Catholic Social teaching focus on solving long-term, systemic problems in society like homelessness, poverty and violence. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" which underscores the long-standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles in life. A Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration of every family. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parishioners for their continued support of St. Augustin School. Know that having the privilege to attend St. Augustin School is the gift of a lifetime.



COME TO THE LEGISLATIVE MASS

The Annual Legislative Mass celebrated by the four diocesan bishops of Iowa will be held on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral. The Mass, organized by the Iowa Catholic Conference, is intended to bring Catholics together with state legislators to pray for wisdom in decision-making for all those who serve in government.

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE CONSORTIUM

Catholic Charities' Social Justice Consortium, along with other local faith organizations and advocacy groups, invite the public to attend an Immigration Reform Prayer Vigil on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Las Americas/Trinity United Methodist Church at 1548 8th St. This is an effort to let every member of Congress know that people of faith in their states and districts support just and humane reform.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH'S ANNUAL NOVENA will focus on the "Great Fathers of the Church." at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on: Feb. 5- St. Augustine of Hippo -Bishop Richard Pates Feb. 12-St. Basil the Great- Fr. Joseph Pins

"IT TAKES THREE - A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE"- Celebrate your marriage by attending this marriage event at the Des Moines Pastoral Center on Feb. 6th from 4-9 p.m. Special guests will be Bishop Richard Pates and guest speaker/author , Art Bennett. The event includes an afternoon lecture, marriage renewal Mass, and a formal celebration dinner with guest speakers. Cost is \$100 per couple with checks payable and mailed to Challenge, NA, 35303 Cabernet Circle, Waukee, IA. For questions please call Stephanie or Jim Becker at 371-6996.

10-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There will be an informational meeting at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Merle Hay and University Ave. on February 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the east meeting room. For additional information e-mail omapapaw@gmail.com or call Barb at 270-8185.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST MOVEMENT

Two informational meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th at St. Michael's Church, Harlan and on Monday, February 15th at St. Francis of Assisi, WDM. For questions please contact Mary O'Brien at 321-8519 or obrien2176@aol.com.

ST. BONIFACE SECOND ANNUAL "HAVE A HEART LUNCHEON"

Make reservations for you and seven of your friends to enjoy a salad luncheon and a style show of historic wedding dresses on Sat., Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Boniface parish hall, Waukee. You rent a table for \$80 and decorate it with your own dishes and linens in the "Have A Heart Theme." Deadline for registration is February 6th. Contact Jeannie Sheldon to reserve a table at stb.luncheon@yahoo.com or at 987-1350.



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
 Miss Cassie Sheik – Director of Religious Education, ext. 207
 Mr. Andy Ball – Business-Finance Officer/ Foundation, ext. 215
 Mrs. Patricia Neal – Marriage Prep, ext. 209
 Mrs. Patricia Neal – Music Director, ext. 209
 Mr. Kirk Peterson – Buildings and Maintenance, 669-7446
 Mrs. Robin Rose – Receptionist/Funeral/Hall Rental, ext. 200
 Mr. Kevin Von Schaumburg – Accountant, ext. 204, 8 a.m.–12 Noon
 Mrs. Cindy Sullivan– Parish Secretary, ext. 201

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND: 5 p.m. Saturday / 8 and 10 a.m., 12 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. Patricia Neal 12 months prior to wedding – 255-1175 ext. 209.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY — Mary Caponi Hamilton , Pres. – 457-4037 or mcaponi@metlife.com.

BOARD OF EDUCATION — Meets first Tuesday of the month in church library. Contact Mindi Dickinson, Chair – 279-5142.

BULLETIN PUBLISHING & SUBMISSIONS — Cassie Sheik/Cindy Sullivan—255-1175 or info@staugustin.org

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 Patti Neal, Director — 255-1175—ext . 210.

FINANCE COUNCIL — Meets every other month on the second Tuesday. Contact Jim Wallace, Chair — 277-0363.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION — Contact Melinda Grask, 577-7263 or MGrask9202@aol.com; SCRIP, Gina Noll, 229-0601.

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 Tony Klapp at 229-4507.

MOM'S GROUP – Kate Mitchell, 279-4490; Sue Honkamp, 664-9482

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

PARISH COUNCIL — Meets the second Tuesday of month in the Library at 7 p.m. Contact Emily Duong, Chair – 255-3402.

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 Greg Annexstad-277-9724 or STAUGPRAYER@aol.com.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Contact George Mosley, 279-9616.

TRANSPORTATION TO SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. MASS — To schedule transportation, call Andy Ball at 255-1175, ext. 215.