



ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

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My dear friends:

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Memorial Day is behind us, so it is officially summer! Yes, I know that it technically begins on June 20... but the temperature has finally started to go up, it's beautiful outside (at least as I write this) and school is out. Practically speaking, there is not a lot going on here at St. Augustine, which makes it feel even more like summer. The work continues slowly in the church building, but nothing too substantial to report. I have been told that the restoration of all the statues should be completed by June 19. This is rather significant because the last statue to be restored is the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and June 19, 2020 is the Feast of the Sacred Heart! There is no such thing as coincidence... only Providence! Please pray hard that the rest of the work continues as planned... if so, I hope to be back in the church by Saturday, June 20, 2020. For all of you who have volunteered already to help clean, keep the week of June 15 relatively clear...the church is really dirty!

In my last letter to you, I mentioned that the new church sign was scheduled to be placed before Memorial Day... I'm please to say that it was! Now, we just need the statue, which should hopefully arrive at the beginning of July.

Fr. Michael Grady, my Parochial Vicar, will celebrate his 1st Anniversary as a priest on Monday, June 1, 2020. I take this opportunity to congratulate him but most especially to thank him for all of the pastoral ministry, as well as handiwork, he has provided to us at St. Augustine. *Ad multos annos!*

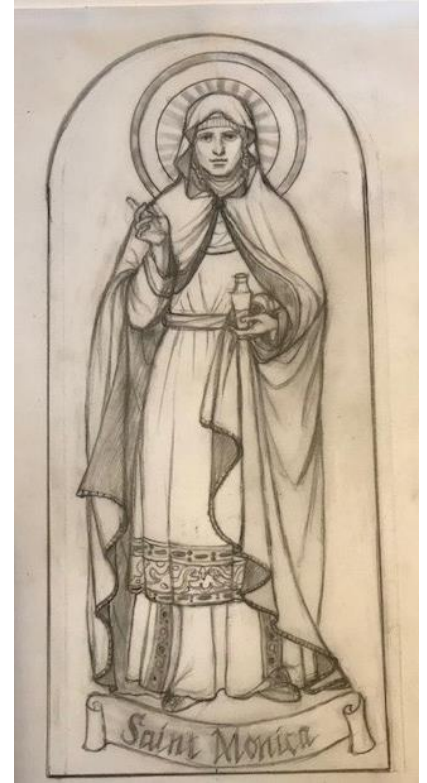
In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeannie Dorning who was buried yesterday, 26 May 2020. May she rest in eternal peace. Please pray also for her family, that htye may find consolation in the prayers of the Church, their family and their friends.

If you were not able to attend Mass this past weekend (or if you were at 11AM Mass – because I misplaced my notes) you did not have to opportunity to sign up for our new electronic communication program called *FlockNote*. *FlockNote* will allow me as the pastor, and others who are in charge of different parish groups to quickly and easily communicate with members of the parish electronically... through email and/or text messaging. I am asking everyone in the parish to sign up. You can do so by texting the word ***RestlessHeart*** to the number **84576**. If after a while, you don't like it, you can always unsubscribe to our list.

As of the writing of this letter, we have sold approximately 450 Summer Raffle Tickets! That's great, but it means we have another 3550 to go. Please encourage those you know to purchase one, two, ten, one hundred! 😊 If we sell all 4000 tickets, the parish will take in approximately \$22,000; and the 1st Place winner will take home \$14,000. As of now, the parish will get \$2,475; and the 1st Place winner will get \$1,575.



One other piece of exciting news is that the sketches for the new icons that will go in the high altar arrived for review. And while there are a couple tweaks that need to be made, I am excited to share with you the drawings (at least one). In the end, there will be three new icons – St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, and St. Monica. Here is the drawing of St. Monica. She will be positioned on the right side of the high altar reredos. She is pointing towards the tabernacle and towards the location of the icon of St. Augustine. In her left hand she is holding a clay vial which contains the tears she shed which the Lord “accepted for the conversion of her son Augustine.”



As I come to the end of this letter, I want to once again welcome all of you back to the **public** worship of our Good God. **Daily Mass is at 8AM... Sunday Vigil (Saturday) at 5PM, and Sunday Mass at 9AM & 11AM.** It was wonderful to see all of you back on the parish campus for the celebration of the Eucharist. I know there are numerous reasons why some of our parishioners were not able to be with us... know that you were greatly missed. We continue to pray for you and look forward with great anticipation to the days when you will join us again! Until that time, we unite ourselves to the Lord Jesus in prayer. This coming weekend, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost; that great moment in human history when the Lord sent us the Holy Spirit to guide and animate the Church. Our patron saint, St. Augustine, composed a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit which I share with you now, in the hope that you will pray it often:

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
 Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
 Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

We are so grateful to serve you here at St. Augustine Parish. Thank you for the prayers you have been offering for us. And, as always, thank you for your faith in our Lord Jesus and for your continued commitment to St. Augustine Parish! If you need ANYTHING – call the rectory/office – 859-431-3943.

Prayers and Blessings!

Very Reverend Daniel L. Schomaker
 Pastor

Parish Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25 – **Hattie Rauch**
 Tuesday, May 26 – **Tom Dressman, Sr.**
 Wednesday, May 27 – **Purgatorial Society**
 Thursday, May 28 – **Joseph Voskuhl**
 Friday, May 29 – **Jeanette Herzog**
 Saturday, May 30 – **Albert Suchanek**
 Sunday, May 31 – **Joseph Megerle, Sr. (9am) & Mary Ellen & Joseph Schappert (11am)**

Monday, June 1 – **People of the Parish**
 Tuesday, June 2 – **Richard Bird**
 Wednesday, June 3 – **Charles Ober, Jr.**
 Thursday, June 4 – **Purgatorial Society**
 Friday, June 5 – **Larry Foltz**
 Saturday, June 6 – **Vince Wermeling**
 Sunday, June 7 – **Annette Due (9am) & Caleb Haven (11am)**