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I'd like to express my thanks to Jerry and Claudia Johnson who donated the champagne, the many families and individuals that so generously brought in the cupcakes and those who set up for the fiesta and put them away later. I'd like to acknowledge Steve Miller, Tiffany Blackburn and Maureen Wikander for handling the important details of the event, and to Andrea Coleman and Sondra Arnsdorf, who mobilized the Pastoral and Finance Councils respectively, and who contributed to the success of the fiesta. Thanks also to Paul McWilliams our Director of Music and our Choir, added to the prayerfulness of our Liturgy.

"How good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live in unity!" says the Psalmist. You've shown once again what a welcoming and inclusive Community we are. Many visitors who came and participated in the Liturgy and the fiesta commented on it and expressed their appreciation and gratitude to me. I promised to pass that on to you which I do so now with joy.

No machine has extra parts; all parts are needed and serve their purpose. In the same way, we, too, who are a body, the Body of Christ, have no extra or extraneous parts. **All belong and all are needed for this Body to be complete.** Like a mosaic that is made up of several pieces, we, though many, are one body, the Body of Christ. Let's welcome and accept one another supporting and sustaining each other in their growth in health, happiness and holiness.

May St. Augustine's Church continue to be **"a place to belong, a way to believe and a path to become what God wants us to become!"**

Prayers, Wishes and Blessings!

Rev. William Rosario

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

For Children:

When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

Attention Parents!

Beginning on Sept 21, St. Augustine will be offering two programs for kids during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass. **Children ages 2-4 are invited to attend the new "Kinder-Church" program.** There will be music, a Bible story, arts and crafts, and playtime geared to their age level. Parents are welcome to attend with them if they desire. **Children ages 5 and up will continue to be welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) sessions** with the gospel reading, discussion, and arts and crafts geared toward their level. All children will be invited forward for a blessing and dismissal at the same time during mass and then will be divided by age group after that. If your child(ren) have been a part of the program in the past, please talk with them about this upcoming change to help us make the transition as smooth as possible. Please contact Rebeccah Pelle with any questions: rebeccah.pelle@gmail.com

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has been said that **coming together is beginning, working together is progress and being together is success.** This statement speaks to the "Love the Lot" work day last Saturday and the Parish Feast on Sunday where so many of us gathered and celebrated our unity.

We, as a Parish Community, came together to celebrate the feast of our patron St. Augustine. And what a wonderful coming together it was! We prepared to celebrate St. Augustine and our Community by **"loving our lot"**. We joined hands and efforts by cleaning and beautifying the sacred worship and community space, preparing our hearts and our environment for our Parish Feast. My thanks to Douglas Castro who proposed the plan and pursued that we did it last weekend.

On Sunday, following the 10:30 am Eucharist, it was a joy to see so many of our Community connect and commune with one another. Parishioners took time to be present to one another, getting to know each other. The cupcakes, champagne and the other delicacies provided just the right atmosphere for it- light and easy.

My heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our Staff, members of the Pastoral and Finance councils and parishioners that conceived of this gathering, planned for it and executed it. They were so generous with their time, energy and enthusiasm. **Their presence was the best present.**

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Mission Statement

We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.

Kindly keep the following parishioners in your prayers as they have been placed in **Hospice care**:

Juanita Morris, Kay Irwin, Hortense Atkins and Marilyn La Placa.

Condolences to Nathaniel Putman whose mother, Karlee Koller, recently passed away. Please feel free to send cards to him in care of St. John's Abbey, PO Box 2015, Collegetown, MN 56321.

Presence

At any time of the day or night we can call on Jesus.

He is always waiting, listening for our call.

What a wonderful blessing

No phone needed, no e-mails, just a whisper.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Sylvia Lope, Pat Nolan, Marilyn La Placa, Rose Domaguing, Juanita Morris, Gail Smith, Mildred Burns, Mary Flynn, Madeleine Shannon, Jerome Jacob, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Lakey Zerihun, Gloria Bautista, Ruth Johnson, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Matthew Laubach, Mary Lou Ihrig, Jannet Johnson, Frances Landeza, Carmon Woodyard, Hortense Atkins, and Roseanne Johnson

And those who have died in past year:

LaJohnne Alexa Swann, Karlee Koller, Miriam Vargas, Fernando Marrufo, Geneva Reese, Fr. John G. Elliott, Desmond McGirl, Albert Donabedian, Jerome Mitchell, Paul Sagan, Eugene Alan Merlin, Cristóbal Kauffman, Michelle Arnsdorf-Fie Vivian Breen Manka, Fr. Tom Edwards, Rose Camberos, Adella Rose, James Jacob, and Lee Weathersby III

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 30th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, August 31st, 8 a.m.

Sunday, August 31st, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 31st, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 24th, 2014: \$ 4,142 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship \$184.08

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Conference:
Accepts Donations of Non-perishable Food, Bottled Water. Leave donations in the SVdP basket in vestibule.
Thank you.

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Eucharist

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 p.m.

Please join members of the Social Justice Ministry

To pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1st Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2014: September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Dates to Remember

Sunday September 21st, CLW Preschool track (2 - 4 years) begins

Sunday, October 5, Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 20th, Baptism Prep Class, 7 p.m. in the Rectory

Sat & Sunday October 25th & 26th, Baptisms



The Hospitality of God

At its root, true hospitality is a spiritual discipline that reminds us of how we ourselves have been received by Christ. Hospitality can be extended in countless ways: A smile, an introduction, an invitation are all small exercises that, as with any exercise, are building blocks to something greater. The more one practices hospitality, the better one can welcome and receive others.

In a perfect world parish leadership would set the tone for welcoming visitors through programs and structures. But individuals who are part of a less-hospitable parish don't have an excuse: It's the job of each one of us to reach out, even just a little bit, to the people around us, both those we recognize and those we don't. Even if there's no social time after Mass, it's still possible to strike up a conversation or introduce oneself to someone sitting in the next pew.

Heather Grennan Gary
U.S. Catholic

Let us pray for the
Christian communities
in the Middle East, that
they may continue to
live in the land where
Christianity was born.

Pope Francis



Almsgiving Opportunities

Here are opportunities to make Christ more widely known through our financial gifts. Envelopes (with information flyers) are available in the vestibule.

- Bishop's Appeal 2014, Parish Scanlon Music Fund, St. Vincent de Paul Society 5th Sunday of the Month, Water.org