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As we continue to be an open and inviting Community, let us as, our Parish Mission states, “We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world”, offer to those who come to us a share in the grace of Christ which fills this Church.

On this beautiful occasion, I would like to extend my wishes and appreciation to our Staff – my close collaborators, to the members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils and to all the liturgical and non-liturgical ministers. A special word of thanks to all of you for your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

On a personal note, I’d like to thank you for accepting me as your Parochial Administrator; for cooperating with me in the various ministries and for allowing me to lead you, while at the same time being a fellow-pilgrim with you, in our spiritual journey together.

Wishes, prayers and blessings!

Rev. William Rosario

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus
To a person who had not heard of him?

For Children:

Who do you tell people Jesus is?

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 Rebecca Pelle with any questions: rebeccah.pelle@gmail.com

Sacred Space Daily Prayer for August 24, 2014

Presence

I pause for a moment and think of the love and the grace that God showers on me, creating me in his image and likeness, making me his temple....

Freedom

If God were trying to tell me something, would I know?
If God were reassuring me or challenging me, would I notice?
I ask for the grace to be free of my own preoccupations
and open to what God may be saying to me.

Consciousness

I remind myself that I am in the presence of the Lord.
I will take refuge in His loving heart. He is my strength in times of weakness. He is my comforter in times of sorrow.

The Word of God

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I wish all of you “a happy feast of St. Augustine”, the patron of our Parish, and I pray that through his intercession you and your family may be blessed by God with health, happiness and wholesomeness.

Kindly allow me to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making our Parish what she is, “a place to belong, a way to believe and a path to become...” what God wants us to become. It’s thanks to you that our Parish Community continues to be a welcoming Community – welcoming people to Sunday liturgy regardless of their situation in life, whether they’re single, widowed, divorced, remarried, in an ecumenical or interfaith marriage, gay or lesbian or sharing a home without marriage. All are welcome in this place – whether they’re immigrants or newcomers, whether they’re fully able or differently-abled, healthy or sick, old or younger. Everyone belongs here – whether they’re struggling with their faith or firm in their commitment. It’s thanks to you, dear parishioners, and your generous embracing of everyone that our Parish Community maintains an open door and an open heart to them.

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St. Augustine Feast Day

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.

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, Collegeville, MN 56321.

Father, open our minds and our hearts so we can be more understanding of the obstacles faced by so many hurting people. Help us to be more like Jesus in accepting people for who they are and not for what we think they should be. We ask for this grace through Jesus, Your Son and our model. Amen.

From stories of Jesus, Franciscan Media

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

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 23rd, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 24th, 8 a.m.

Sunday, August 24th, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

LaJohnne Alexa Swann (+)

Sunday, August 24th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners and Benefactors

Stewardship – Weekly Offering

August 17th, 2014: \$ 3,576 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent dePaul Stewardship \$52.62

Propagation of the Faith \$2,484

The Assumption \$504

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.

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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

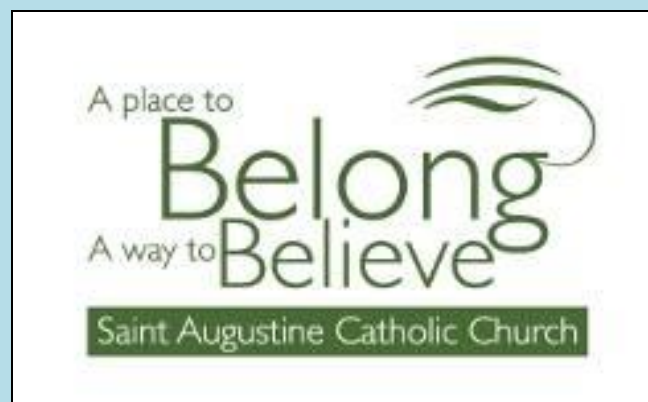
Sunday, August 31st, SVDP Fifth Sunday

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



Welcome to St. Augustine's Parish, Fr. Freddie Thomas

Fr. Freddie Thomas comes from the Diocese of Simla-Chandigarh, North India. After being ordained on August 27, 1994, he started the pioneering work of the Jhundan Mission in Punjab, with 33 villages under his care. He started work at the grass root level with social work to elevate poverty, work for women and children and bring education to the poorest in his mission. He is the founding Director of the Catholic Enquiry Center of his Diocese (an evangelization program through print media) and the Diocesan Director of the Biblical Apostolate from 1995 till he went to Rome for his Licentiate in the Sacred Scripture in 2003.

During his studies in Rome, Fr. Freddie has been visiting the Archdiocese of Kansas City Kansas and the Diocese of Buffalo for his summer ministry. After his return from Rome he has been a professor of the Sacred Scripture at the Holy Trinity Regional Major Seminary, Jalandhar, Punjab. He has taught 11 subjects both from the Old and New Testament for six years besides being Pastor of 3 different parishes.

Fr. Freddie has now joined the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley for a Masters program with the intention of pursuing his doctorate in the Sacred Scripture. We are very happy to welcome him at St. Augustine's and wish him the very best for his studies.



CONGRATULATIONS FR. FREDDIE

ON YOUR

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

August 27, 2014

ad multos annos!

Twilight by the Lake Returns August 21

Thursday, August 21, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland
CTLCathedral.org**

The Twilight by the Lake series of community mixers is back by popular demand. Don't miss out on an opportunity to exhale, relax and mingle on the Cathedral Plaza while enjoying live music, a beautiful lake view and complimentary appetizers.

This FREE event takes place the third Thursdays of August (21st), September (18th) and October (16th), 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Open to the community - everyone is welcome! Docent-led tours of the Cathedral will be available. August surprise: Guess which member of the band is the brother of Diana Bitz, the Safe Environment Coordinator for the diocese! Kicking off our August 21 Twilight event is The Last Minute Band. From their website: “*Last Minute is a 10-piece R&B cover band playing old-school Soul and Rhythm and Blues from the 60's and 70's to the present. Our show is full of fun, good time, music and plenty of chances for dancing! Lead singer William Hill teams with Azeeta, Jessica and Natalie to recreate the excitement of the golden age of American Soul music. A solid rhythm section punctuated by vibrant horns brings it all home.*”

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