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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT– MARCH 9, 2025

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The First Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Thomas Boyle-1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 9-The First Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - John Smolley-23rd Anniversary
9:30 AM - Patricia Scandariato-Memorial
11:30 AM - Evelyn Fusco Earley-Memorial

Monday, March 10-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, March 11-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Antonetta Maceroni-Memorial

Wednesday, March 12 Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Edward V. Chavez-Memorial

Thursday, March 13-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Anne Morrisroe-2nd Anniversary

Friday, March 14–Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Dorothy Sormanti-15th Anniversary

Saturday Vigil-The Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - William and Antonette Menna-Memorial

Sunday, March 16-The Second Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
9:30 AM - Amedeo Paci-Birthday Memorial
11:30 AM - Nicola and Francesca Gizzarelli-Memorial

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March 1-2, 2025 Collection

Budget Envelopes	$.....9,938.09
Electronic Giving	$.....2,160.65
TOTAL	$.....12,098.74
Monthly Building and Maintenance	$.....2,673.00
Poor Box.....	$.....802.00

A Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten journey has begun once again. With God's grace we embrace the sacred practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and strive to grow closer to God as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection. Lent is always an exciting time to begin a new season of renewal. It can also be a source of discouragement, however, when we fail to always live up to our plans and expectations.

There is a great story about a world-class athlete from the early 2000's named Paula Radcliff. Paula is a long-distance runner from England, and she was expected to win the Gold Medal for her country in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. She started the race the way she always did, by running far ahead of the pack. Time and again she had used this technique to give herself an advantage over the other runners. Seeing her so far ahead, they felt like they could never catch her, and they were often right! Athens in 2004 was no different; she sprinted far ahead of the pack and stayed there for over 24 miles. But then something went terribly wrong. She began to have stomach cramps and suddenly slowed down and eventually stopped all together. With only two miles left to finish the race, Paula Radcliff sat down on the side of the road, put her head in her hands and quit.

It was a huge disappointment for her, but the fans in England took it much worse. They ridiculed her and continued to criticize her in the days following the Athens Marathon. It became so intense that Paula felt she had no choice but to leave the country! She went to an obscure town in the United States and simply disappeared . . . until three months later when she showed up at the starting line of the New York City Marathon! Immediately many commentators said it was a mistake, that she had no business running so soon after her failure at Athens. They said, "If she fails to finish this Marathon, she will be finished for good!" But Paula Radcliff didn't just finish that New York City Marathon. She won it! She would later say, "I learned more from my failure in Athens than any runner has ever learned."

Lent is not about being successful or perfect in every spiritual practice. It is a long race towards Easter that helps us to learn more about ourselves and God. So if you fail, and we will all fail, do not be discouraged. Get back up and run again, because Jesus is waiting for us all at the finish line!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Be sure to tune in to
Father Mahar's weekly sermons at
www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.org on the
Living Sacrifice podcasts

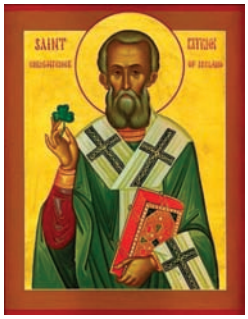
Faith Formation

CCD Classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, March 9 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers to encounter the mercy and love of Christ during the celebration of their First Penance on Sunday March 16 at 2:00pm.

Readings for the Week of March 9

The First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26: 4-10 Ps 91: 1-2, 10-15 Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13
Monday of the First Week of Lent
Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18 Ps 19: 8-10, 15 Mt 25: 31-46
Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
Is 55: 10-11 Ps 34: 4-7, 16-19 Mt 6: 7-15
Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
Jonah 3: 1-10 Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11: 29-32
Thursday of the First Week of Lent
Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138: 1-3, 7-8 Mt 7: 7-12
Friday of the First Week of Lent
Ez 18: 21-28 Ps 130: 1-8 Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday of the First Week of Lent
Dt 26: 16-19 Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5: 43-48
The Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18 Ps 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3: 17- 4: 1 Lk 9:28-36



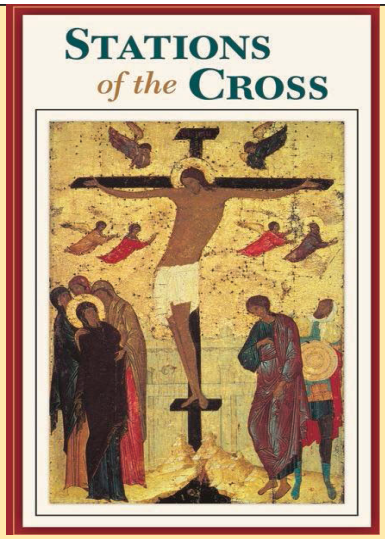
Saint Joseph ~ Saint Patrick Dinner
Sunday, March 16
12:30 pm O'Brien Hall

Please join other members of our parish family as we celebrate the feast days of these two saintly men on **Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 PM in O'Brien Hall.** Our menu will include a choice of **Corned Beef & Cabbage** with potatoes and vegetables **OR Pasta and Meatballs**. Salad, Irish soda bread, and Italian bread will be available for everyone. For dessert we will have a special treat - **Zeppole di San Giuseppe** - as well as cookies.

Cost: Adults-$20; Children-$10; Max per Family -$60. (Dinner Choice must be made at the time of purchase.) **Tickets will be available until March 9th** by purchasing them at the rear of the Church after all Masses.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

The parish is looking for individuals who can volunteer to be a projectionist for one Mass per month. We are in particular need of projectionists for the Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and 11:30am Mass on Sunday. This is a great way to be involved in the celebration of the Mass and to serve your parish community. Training is available. For more information, please contact Mr. McGinn at timmcginn66@gmail.com or call 831 -3503.



Retrace the steps of Jesus on His way to Calvary Fridays during Lent 7:00 PM

Adoration and Faith Sharing

Fridays beginning March 21
3:30 - 4:15pm in O'Brien Hall

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly is an invitation to participate in a sacred journey -a spiritual pilgrimage - the first Eucharistic Consecration. And what pilgrimage is complete without companions? Share this life-changing experience with others and together you will form a very special bond. There's no better way to encourage and challenge one another to walk toward Eucharistic Glory –toward Heaven. Join us every Friday beginning March 21.

Adoration prior to and following meeting.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
30 Minute Meditation
Benediction

March 10: Fr. Ryan Connors
"Lent in the Jubilee of Hope"

March 17: Fr. Christopher Mahar
"Saint Patrick and the Light of Hope"

March 24: Fr. Patrick Ryan
"The Necessary Virtue of Hope"

Parish Mission with Fr. Nathan Ricci
"Seeking Virtue with Saint Joseph our Guide"

March 31: "Joseph, the Saint of Fortitude"
April 1: "Joseph, the Saint of Humility"
April 2: "Joseph, the Saint of Chastity"

April 7: Fr. Yacob Raju Garikimukkula
"Hope and the Ambassadors of Christ"

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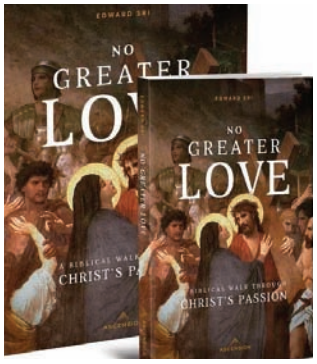
Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you. Grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

O'Brien Hall
Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm
March 11, March 18, March 25, April 8 and April 15



"No Greater Love" Study Set available for purchase at ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love
Parish assistance is available for this purchase.

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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour this Sunday, March 9 after the 9:30AM Mass in O'Brien Hall. Get to know the people you attend Mass with! Parents of CCD students - enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids are in class.

To find out more about becoming a Knight email Mike Geraghty at mjg1geraghty@hotmail.com

COR CHRISTI

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 10557 in conjunction with the Men of St. Joseph are excited to share the implementation of ***Cor***, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Augustine parish. ***Cor*** exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. The next gathering will be announced soon.

For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

Please join the St. Augustine Council of the Knights of Columbus, Men of St. Joseph, and our friends at Relevant Radio for the

Five First Saturday Devotions

On the first Saturday of each month from January – May

The Fourth Devotion will be on Saturday, April 5, 2025

Beginning with Confessions at 3:00 PM – (continuing until 3:45), the Rosary in music & song at 3:00 PM,
15 Minutes of Private Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 3:30 PM, and
Holy Mass with reception of the Holy Eucharist at 4:00 PM.
This is an opportunity to fulfill the requests of Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima and obtain all the benefits promised to those who do.

The remaining First Saturday Devotion will be on May 3.

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Thursday

March 20

9:45-11:30am

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