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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday at 4:00
Sunday at 7:30,
9:30 & 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES
7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday from
3:00 to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE
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DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
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May & October
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Mondays at 7:00 pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
staug4prayer@gmail.com

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Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Ida Baccari and Paula Andreozzi-3rd Anniversaries

Sunday, August 24-The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Nicholas Guglielnetti-6th Anniversary

9:30 AM - Ronald Gagne-5th Anniversary

11:30 AM - Edwin Rodrigo-Memorial

Monday, August 25-Weekday

7:00 AM - Christine Richard-Birthday Memorial

Tuesday, August 26-Weekday

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Wednesday, August 27-Memorial of Saint Monica

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Thursday, August 28-Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM - Stella DiManna-Birthday Memorial and Natalie Petrucci-Memorial

Friday, August 29-Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM - Christine Arakelian (L)

Saturday Vigil-The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Bud and Helen Reilly-Memorial

Sunday, August 31-The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Michael Cimini-Memorial

9:30 AM - Hobie Shackford-Birthday Memorial

11:30 AM - William and Angelina Ruggerio and Deceased Members of the Ruggerio Family-Memorial

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August 15-17, 2025 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....7,319.07
Electronic Giving	$.....2,064.63
TOTAL	$.....9,383.70
Assumption Collection	$.....1,521.00
Poor Box	$..... 338.00

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you have enjoyed these summer months with family, friends and faith. Believe it or not, the summer comes to a close for all intents and purposes this week as our students return ***back to school***. As much as I complained about having to go back to school when I was younger, I still remember the excitement of the new academic year: new clothes, new school supplies, new experiences. This week we remember our younger parishioners in prayer as they begin anew their studies.

The great Carmelite mystic, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, once said, *"When you seek truth, you seek God whether you know it or not."* While most of us are beyond the years of formal education we can all learn something new as school begins. On Thursday we will celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine, our parish patron, and certainly he can teach us much about what it means to grow in knowledge and wisdom. In his autobiography, *The Confessions*, he offers that beautiful and perennial quote: *"Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee."* He reminds us that our hearts are naturally drawn to truth, and that we will stop at nothing until we find it. What are some of the ways that we can enter more deeply into that truth and round out our education in Christ?

Many times here and often in homilies at Mass I have mentioned the importance of good spiritual reading. The great saints all teach us that spiritual reading is a sure path to growth in the spiritual life. When I was just beginning seminary formation back in 1998, I took up the practice of daily spiritual reading and have continued to include it in my spiritual regimen. Most days I am only able to get in about ten minutes or so, but it is always a gift to start the day with a good spiritual book! Why not begin a good book on prayer or the life of a saint this fall? Another great way to learn is to join others in an environment of faith, reason and fellowship. Last weekend we heard some beautiful testimonies from parishioners about **ChristLife** and how that program had a great impact on them last year. We begin ChristLife again this September, seven weeks of videos, Catholic teaching, and faith sharing in a setting that is comfortable and engaging. ***If you missed the Informational Meeting this past week, we will have another one this coming Thursday, August 28 at 6:30pm*** (the Feast of St. Augustine, no coincidence!). Why not come and find out more about ChristLife and see if this innovative program is right for you. There is plenty of time to still sign up.

However you engage in learning more about your Catholic faith this year, please be assured of my prayers and know that you are never alone on this journey of faith!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

"Train a boy in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not swerve from it." Proverbs 22:6

The future of our Church lies in the catechesis of our children today. The Religious Education Office is in need of a teacher who is willing to share their love of the faith with our fourth and sixth grade CCD children. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to this crucial ministry.
For more information, contact Mr. McGinn at 831-3503 or email **timmcginn66@gmail.com**.

Online registration for CCD classes
for grades one through nine is now available.
Please contact the Religious Education Office
to register.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which those adults seeking to enter fully into the Catholic Church may do so. If you have not been baptized or have been baptized into a non-Catholic faith and have yet to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, then OCIA is the path to continue this journey into the Catholic faith. Classes begin in early October. For more information, contact Mr. Tim McGinn at 831-3503 or email **timmcginn66@gmail.com.**

VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

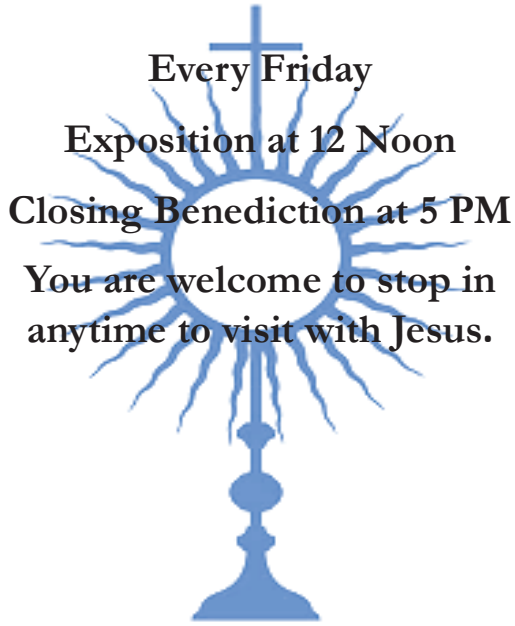
The parish is looking for individuals who can volunteer to be a projectionist for one Mass per month. We are in particular need of projectionists for the Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and 11:30am Mass on Sunday. This is a great way to be involved in the celebration of the Mass and to serve your parish community.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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

If you have a prayer request
email **staug4prayer@gmail.com**

Your intention will not be published but will be prayed for by the St. Augustine intercessors. If you would like to become an intercessor, contact Kathy Hollenbeck at the above email for more information.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every Friday

Exposition at 12 Noon

Closing Benediction at 5 PM

You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

Let Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament,
speak to your hearts.
It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek.

Pope Saint John Paul II

Readings for the Week of August 24

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30
Monday
1Thess 1:1-5, 8-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday
1 Thess 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday
Memorial of Saint Monica
1 Thess 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12 Mt 23:27-32
Thursday
Memorial of Saint Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thess 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51
Friday
Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
1 Thess 4:1-8 Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mk 6:17-29
Saturday
1 Thess 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30
Sunday
The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Lk 14:1, 7-14

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME WED SEPT 17
7PM – 830PM
PREPARING FOR REMEMBRANCE MASS,
THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS
NEW VOICES MOST WELCOME!
SEE STEPHEN IN THE LOFT AFTER MASS.
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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 on **Saturday, September 27** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

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

Men of St. Joseph International

The Saint Augustine chapter of the Men of Saint Joseph would like to invite new members to join us to strengthen our relationship with the Blessed Trinity through the study of the scriptures & fellowship with other Catholic men. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, September 27** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members!

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ChristLife Information Night

Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:30pm

Join us in O'Brien Hall
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"Discovering Christ"
beginning September 18, 2025

Refreshments served!

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this past weekend.
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newborn babies most in need.

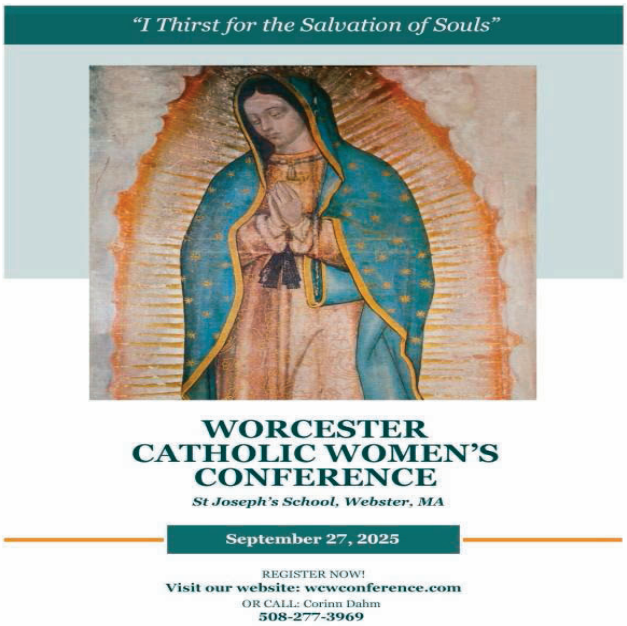
Office of the Bishop

Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewdowski, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Providence

Our Second Great Marian Procession, led by Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., begins at 9:00am on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from Saint Mary Church, 538 Broadway, Providence, and processes to the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, 30 Fenner Street, Providence, where Bishop Bruce will celebrate Holy Mass followed by a reception, gathering in the Lower Cathedral.

This special event welcomes the participation of every Marian advocate in the diocese!
Bring your rosary, your faith, and your love for the Virgin Mary!

Register the participation of your Marian group/ parish/ school/ organization/ individuals by visiting **https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/GMPReg**.



The 7th Annual Worcester Catholic Women's Conference
will be held at Saint Joseph's in Webster MA on Saturday, September 27, 2025.
Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders.
Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate Mass.
To register visit **www.wcwconference.com**.

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Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year (semester/term)
we implore your mercy.
Bless the students, teachers, and staff of Name,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.
Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
forever and ever.
Amen.

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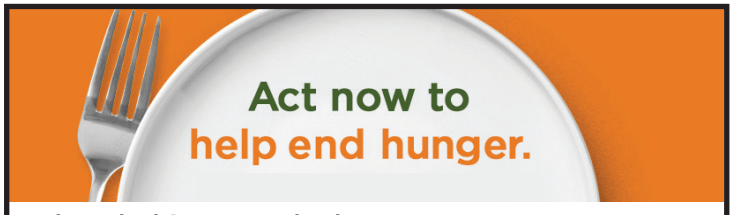

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