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

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7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

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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
of the Miraculous Medal,
Fridays immediately following
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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 Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Joseph Aloisio

Sunday, December 14-The Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Martin J. Feid
9:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Paul Barrette
11:30 AM - Ted Ulrich (living)

Monday, December 15-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, December 16-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - 18th Anniversary-Joseph Mollicone

Wednesday, December 17-Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Anthony Sivo

Thursday, December 18-Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial-Lorraine Thorne

Friday, December 19-Late Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Tom and Barbara Reilly

Saturday Vigil-The Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - 4th Anniversary-Albert Menna

Sunday, December 21-The Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - 11th Anniversary-Stella DiManna
Birthday Memorial-Natalie Petrucci
9:30 AM - Memorial-Louis Soares
11:30 AM - Memorial-Gia Noviello

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ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE

Thank you to all our generous parishioners for your gifts to the Annual Collection. To date $82,257 has been raised for the replacement of the Air Conditioning System. A special Mass for all donors will be celebrated on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 7:30am.

December 6-7, 2025 Collection

Budget Envelopes	$	9,164.49
Electronic Giving	$	2,879.72
TOTAL	$	12,044.21
Monthly Building Maintenance	$	2,299.00
Poor Box	$	342.00

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate **"Gaudete Sunday."** *"Gaudete"* is the Latin word for "rejoice," and we find the inspiration for this celebration in the Entrance Antiphon for the Liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent: **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near"** (*Philippians 4:4-5*). We light the rose candle on the Advent wreath, and the rose colored vestments come out of storage as we embrace the joy of the Savior, who is now so near!

Gaudete Sunday also ushers in that final push towards Christmas in which we find a change in the very structure and content of the Sacred Liturgy itself. For instance, from December 17 until the end of the Christmas Octave the Church gives us set Mass readings and prayers particular to the mystery that we are celebrating. December 17 also begins the "O Antiphons" in "Vespers" (Evening Prayer) that all priests, deacons and religious have promised to pray. The "O Antiphons" are all taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and they represent the Messianic titles found therein: **December 17—*O Wisdom of our God Most High***; **December 18—*O Leader of the House of Israel***; **December 19—*O Root of Jesse's stem***; **December 20—*O Key of David***; **December 21—*O Radiant Dawn***; **December 22—*O King of all nations;*** **December 23—*O Emmanuel***. I am sure that you recognize these titles and recall that hauntingly beautiful Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The song itself is inspired by the "O Antiphons" and reminds us of the amazing news that God became man in order to "ransom" captive humanity.

Of course, as we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, I am well aware that many of you are struggling through difficult and challenging times, which can even make this season we are in seem like a burden. We can remember the final words of St. Paul in the antiphon above, and his reasoning for why we can rejoice and have hope: **"The Lord is near."** Even in our darkest moments—in fact, especially in our darkest moments—God draws near. He shines His light into our hearts and reminds us that He loves us so much that He came to rescue us, save us, and redeem us and that there are brighter days to come.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

CCD classes for grades 1 through 6 will meet this Sunday, December 14 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

CCD students in grades 3 through 8 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Sunday, December 14 at 10:30am.

Confirmation I and II students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, December 14 at 12:30pm.

CCD classes for grades 7 through 9 will meet Monday, December 22 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in O'Brien Hall.

All CCD classes will be cancelled Sunday, December 28 in observance of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered alternate Sundays during the 9:30am Mass. This is an opportunity for the Word of God to be addressed to children in grades K through Six as an age-appropriate and personal invitation to participate in the Mass.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated next Sunday, December 21

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 infor-

Readings for the Week of December 14

The Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Monday of the Third Week of Advent
Num 24:2-7, 15-17 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
Gen 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Friday of the Third Week of Advent
Judg 13:2-7, 24-25 Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday

Exposition at 12 Noon

Closing Benediction at 5 PM

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

Jesus whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech Thee, send me what I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on Thee face to face in light
And be blest forever with Thy glory's sight.

from Adore Te Devote by Saint Thomas Aquinas
translated by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Join us for Adoration and Faith Sharing
3:30pm - 4:15pm
O'Brien Hall

It would bring great joy to Father Jacob during this blessed Christmas season to hear from his beloved Saint Augustine Family. Cards and letters may be sent to:

Fr. YAKOBURAJU GARIKIMUKKULA
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Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who have given gifts to help make our church's sacred space beautiful during this holy season.
There is still time to give a gift in memory of loved ones using the Christmas Flowers budget envelope.
A special Mass for all donors and their intentions will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

Bambinelli Sunday

Each year children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square in Rome for "Bambinelli Sunday."

The families bring with them the figure of the Christ Child from their family crẻche (Nativity scene) at home, and the figurines are blessed by the Pope.

Following this tradition, we'll be celebrating our own "Bambinelli Sunday" here on the

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20-21.

You are invited to bring to Mass your figure of the Christ Child from your home crẻche. We'll offer a blessing of these figurines at all Masses.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Wednesday. December 24

4:00pm and Solemn Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

8:00am and 10:00am

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Sunday, December 28
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Lullaby by Phillip Stopford

on the steps of the Rhode Island State House (mall side)
Please join us to pray for an end to abortion
in Rhode Island and to hold vigil for the thousands of unborn babies whose lives ended this year
as a result of legal abortion in our State.

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This diocesan program helps struggling families who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. If you would like to help families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or www.heatRI.com to donate online.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour this Sunday, **December 14** 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 on **Saturday, December 20** 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

MOSJI

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 and fellowship with other Catholic men. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, December 20** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members!

Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus Star Council Award 2024-2025

This prestigious honor is for the Knights' work in the categories of Faith, Community, Family and Life. Congratulations...and Thank You!

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The Student Council packed and delivered 41 food/grocery gift card baskets to the St. Augustine Faith Formation Office for those in need this Thanksgiving.

Thank you to the SAS Community for your generous donations.

Catholic Principals' Day !

Thank you, Mr. Shaughnessy for all you do for our school community!

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