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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
Please call the Rectory
one year in advance.

DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal,
Fridays immediately following
the 7:00 am Mass

May & October
Rosary & Latin Benediction
Mondays at 7:00 pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
staug4prayer@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 22-Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, December 23-Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Jared Copeland

Wednesday, December 24-Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - no intentions

Vigil-The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM - no intentions

Thursday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight - no intentions

8:00 AM - no intentions

10:00 AM - no intentions

Friday, December 26-Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

7:00 AM - Kenneth Ezovski (living)

Saturday Vigil-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 PM - 6th Anniversary-Joseph DiLucia

Sunday, December 28-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM - 2nd Month's Mind-Terence G. Flynn

9:30 AM - Memorial-David Costantino and Deborah Iadevaia

11:30 AM - Memorial-John and Dorothy Langton, Ronald Perillo and Kathleen Laprade

December 13-14, 2025 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	6,463.50
Electronic Giving	$	2,173.81
TOTAL	$	8,637.31
Retirement Fund for Religious	$	2,005.00
Poor Box	$	1,681.00

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, in the homily, I mentioned Pope Francis' 2019 Apostolic Letter, *"**Admirabile Signum,** On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene."* As we approach the Christmas mystery in a few short days, I would like to reflect on this great gift. We begin our display of the Nativity Scene this weekend; if you do not have your own Nativity Scene at home please know that the one we have here at St. Augustine's belongs to you and is waiting here for you each day of the Christmas Season!

In ***Admirabile Signum***, Pope Francis reflects on the dark and starry sky that hovers above the place where Christ was born. He writes, *"We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Lk 1:79)."*

He then goes on to mention the sheep and the shepherds who are always an essential part of each Nativity Scene. He says, *"Unlike so many other people, busy about many things, the shepherds become the first to see the most essential thing of all: the gift of salvation."* How can we become more like them this Christmas? Next Pope Francis goes on to note other traditional and non-traditional figures that may appear in that humble place: the beggar, the blacksmith, the baker, musicians (Stephen Romano and our choir?!), women carrying jugs of water and children playing. Everyone has a place in this wonderful and vibrant setting.

Finally, Pope Francis focuses on the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph in the Nativity Scene, devoutly awaiting the coming of the Christ Child. Then, suddenly, wonder of wonders, the final moment arrives: *"When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all."*

This Christmas, He opens His arms to you and I and welcomes us into a life that will never end. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

CCD classes for grades 1 through 6 will meet this Sunday, December 21 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

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

All CCD classes will be cancelled
Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 4
in observance of the Nativity of the Lord
and New Year's Day holiday.
Classes will resume Sunday, January 11.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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 this Sunday, December 21

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.

Readings for the Week of December 21

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

Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent
1 Sam 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent
2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

The Nativity of the Lord Vigil
Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

The Nativity of the Lord Midnight
Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Titus 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Friday
Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17 Mt 10:17-22

Saturday
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1-8

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00pm

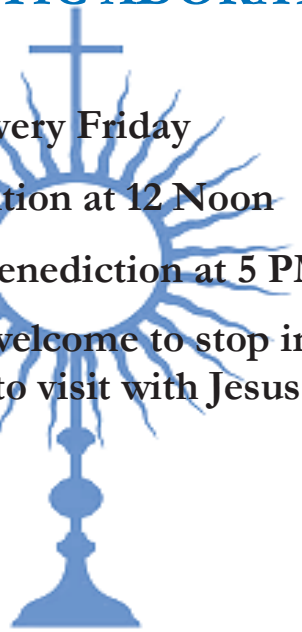
Musical Meditations at 11:30pm
Parish Choir and Instrumentalists

Solemn Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, December 25
8:00am and 10:00am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every Friday

Exposition at 12 Noon

Closing Benediction at 5 PM

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

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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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.

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.

Interested in learning more
about volunteer opportunities
with Diocesan Prison Ministries?

Contact Tim Maynard
Prison Ministries Institutional Chaplain @dpvd.org

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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, **December 28** 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, January 24** 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, January 24** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members!

The Knights of Columbus collected a full car load of personal care items for our Veterans in need. We are grateful to all our generous donors.

Christmas Joy!!!

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