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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)

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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.

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DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
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the 7:00 am Mass

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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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH–DECEMBER 28, 2025

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 29-Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM - Memorial-Doris Whitley

Tuesday, December 30-Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Wednesday, December 31-Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM - Memorial-Edward and Grace McDermott

Vigil-The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 PM - Christmas Flowers Donors

Thursday, January 1-The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM - A Special Intention

10:00 AM - Memorial-Gia Noviello

Friday, January 2-Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7:00 AM - A Special Intention

Saturday Vigil-The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM - 7th Anniversary-Dale Ryan

Sunday, January 4-The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM - Annual Collection Donors

9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Peter D. Olobri

11:30 AM - 44th Anniversary-Christopher Riley
2nd Anniversary-Thomas Riley

Because of the Christmas bulletin deadlines, the December 20-21 Collections will be reported next week.

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Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I wonder if you would still receive that greeting commonly in our culture, several days after December 25. For many, Christmas begins right after Thanksgiving (if not right after Halloween!), and ends after the evening of December 25 is over. For us as Catholics, of course, things are *different*. We celebrate ***the Octave of Christmas***, an entire eight-day extension of the Incarnation that ends on January 1 with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. While the Octave of *Easter* extends that celebration for what is essentially an eight-day solemnity, the *Christmas Octave* typically includes only two solemnities: The ***Solemnity of Christmas on December 25th*** and the ***Solemnity of Our Lady on January 1st***. The Feast of the Holy Family is often placed on the Sunday between Christmas and January 1st, so we also observe that as a solemnity.

The main point, of course, is that Christmas is far from over! Please do not put away your Nativity Scene! Leave your tree up and let those lights shine as we celebrate this wonderful Octave of Christmas and rejoice that Christ has been born among us! The entire Season of Christmas, in fact, goes well beyond the Octave. This year the ***Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, January 4*** and then the season ends on ***January 11 with the Baptism of the Lord.***

What are some of the very practical ways that we can celebrate the Incarnation and welcome Christ with joy this year? One suggestion would be ***to pray the rosary before the Nativity Scene*** in gratitude for the child born in Bethlehem and what He means to our families and our faith. If you do not have a Nativity Scene in your home, you are most welcome to visit your other home, St. Augustine's! We will have the Nativity Scene out for the entire Christmas Season. Another practical and awesome suggestion would be to ***come by St. Augustine's for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays between 12pm and 5pm***. That child born in Bethlehem (which literally means "house of bread") comes to us in the Bread of Life, the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist . Like the shepherds who came to adore Him in that humble cave on Christmas morning, may we also find the time to worship and adore Him here in our own church.

Finally, we could celebrate the coming of Christ among us by offering ourselves in service and charity wherever we are most needed; are there people in your life right now who could use some encouragement, a helping hand, a smile or a word of hope? May the Holy Spirit fill your heart this Christmas Season and may that Gift overflow in all that you do and say. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

All CCD classes are cancelled this Sunday, December 28 in observance of the Nativity of the Lord.

All CCD classes will be cancelled Sunday, January 4 in observance of the New Year holiday.

All CCD classes will resume their normal schedule on 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 Sunday, January 4.

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

Readings for the Week of December 28

Sunday
The 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

Monday
The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday
The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday
The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Num 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Friday
Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Saturday
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3-6 Jn 1:29-34

Sunday
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

For those who have registered the first session of Following Christ will begin on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm in O'Brien Hall

Session 1: Introduction and Daily Personal Prayer

The Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes Friday, January 9 through Sunday, February 1. The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of St. Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America.

The Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings.

The schedule and locations will be available soon. Contact the diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at 401-278-2518 or visit dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG

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Roman Catholic Counselors Needed

A growing number of Catholics are asking for counseling that reflects Catholic values and spirituality in addressing their needs and concerns. The Diocese of Providence is hoping to add to our referral list of Catholic-oriented counselors. Those interested should be a practicing Catholic, embrace the teachings of the Catholic Church and have a valid license to practice counseling.

For further information, please contact Peter Magnotta at 401-278-2517 or pmagnotta@dpvd.org.

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This diocesan program helps struggling families who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm.

If you would like to help 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

"Wherever there is someone hungry, sick, in prison, there is Christ Himself, who is waiting for our visit and our help." Pope Benedict XVI

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour this 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!

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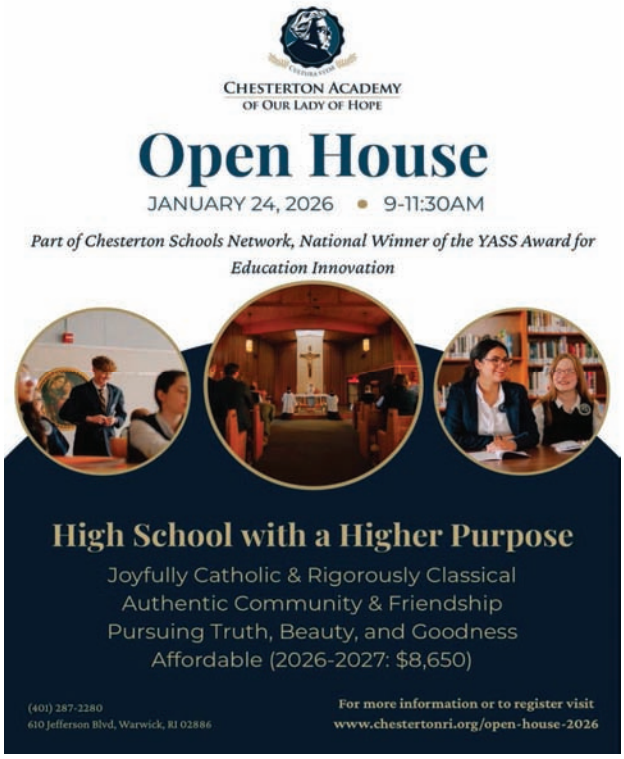

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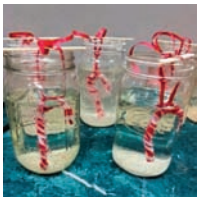

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