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A Roman Catholic Parish serving the community since 1929.

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 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 and the Deceased Members of the Olobri Family

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

Monday, January 5-Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Peter D. Olobri

Tuesday, January 6-Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Wednesday, January 7-Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Frank and Doris Brady

Thursday, January 8-Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM - In Honor of the Holy Family and Guardian Angels

Friday, January 9-Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM - A Special Intention

Saturday Vigil-The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM - 10th Anniversary-Thomas L. Dwyer

Sunday, January 11-The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM - 50th Anniversary-Anna Rosa

9:30 AM - 30th Anniversary-Teresa Catoni

11:30 AM - 15th Anniversary-John R. Cosentino, Esq

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December 20-21, 2025 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	6,701.36
Electronic Giving	$	2,520.52
TOTAL	$	9,221.88
Christmas Poor Box	$	5,466.00

December 27-28, 2025 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	7,515.15
Electronic Giving	$	2,367.97
TOTAL	$	9,883.12
Poor Box	$	278.00

Dear Parishioners,

In my ministry in the Church as a priest I have had many wonderful opportunities to serve the people of God. In 2008, I was asked to serve as Vice Rector of the American College of Louvain in Belgium. It was an exciting assignment that allowed me to be involved in forming young men for the priesthood and to pursue further studies in moral theology. Living in Belgium also allowed me to learn a lot about two of the local specialties: chocolate and beer! For instance, the popular beer Stella Artois is made right in Leuven, Belgium, the town where I lived for three years. The origins of that beer, I discovered, are closely intertwined with the Solemnity of the Epiphany that we celebrate this weekend.

The brewery itself dates back to 1366, over 400 years before our country was even founded! In Belgium there is a long tradition of making a special Advent and Christmas blend that would only be available for the season. In October of 1925 the Artois Brewery came up with a seasonal beer that quickly became a success. They named it "Stella," which is Latin for "star" and took their inspiration for that name from the Gospel of St. Matthew! The Magi followed the star that God had revealed and it led them all the way to Bethlehem. "Stella" was such a big hit with the Belgians that the brewery decided to make that beer all year round, and it eventually became a part of the name of the brewery.

Does everyone who enjoys a Stella Artois beer know that its origins are directly related to the Gospel of St. Matthew and the star of Bethlehem? Probably not. Does everyone in our culture realize how much of an impact the Gospel of Jesus Christ has had on our way of life and the things we take for granted each day? Certainly not, but we have the privilege and the responsibility of reminding them. By the way we live the Gospel and the way we share our faith with those around us we can help them to discover the joy and purpose for which we have all been created. The word "epiphany" means manifestation or appearance. Let us pray for all those around us who do not yet know Jesus, that they will have an epiphany in their lives this year, and come to discover the love God has for all of us in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

All CCD classes are cancelled this Sunday, January 4 in observance of the New Year holiday.
All CCD classes will resume their normal schedule on Sunday, January 11.
All CCD classes will be cancelled Sunday, January 18 in observance of the MLK, Jr. holiday

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 11.

Readings for the Week of January 4

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

Monday
Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-12 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday after Epiphany
1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday after Epiphany
1 John 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday after Epiphany
1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17 Lk 4:14-22

Friday after Epiphany
1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday after Epiphany
1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Jn 3:22-30

Sunday
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

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

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.

For schedule updates and locations contact the diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at 401-278-2518 or visit dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG

"Let not your heart be disturbed…
Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.
Am I not here, your Mother."
Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

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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.

Mother of Life Center
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Gratitude from Mother of Life Center

We are prayerfully thankful for the vital participation of the kind people of Saint Augustine Church in our Autumn Rose Sale.
Your combined donations of nearly $2,000 are treasured evidence of your loving enthusiasm for our pro-life ministry.
Furthermore, your participation enabled us to sell nearly 6,000 roses throughout the diocese during the month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Respect for Life.
May God abundantly bless you.

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

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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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, **January 11** 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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Hope everyone had a Holly, Jolly Christmas!

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