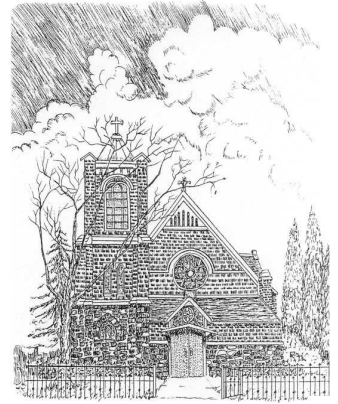


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Sunday, December 10, 2023



Date	Time	Intention	Req'd by
Saturday, December 9, 2023	5:00	✠ Cliff Moore	Pat & Karen Schroeder
Sunday, December 10, 2023	8:00	For the people of St. Augustine	
Sunday, December 10, 2023	10:30	✠ Geraldine Rachilla	Jim & Carole May
No Mass Monday & Tuesday			
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	8:30	✠ Nathan Diamond	Bernie & Cathy Diamond
Thursday, December 14, 2023	8:30	For the deacons of the diocese	
Friday, December 15, 2023	8:30	For the priests of the diocese	
Saturday, December 16, 2023	5:00	✠ Dolores Dunk	Gib & Joan Wirkner
Sunday, December 17, 2023	8:00	For the good of the parish	
Sunday, December 17, 2023	10:30	✠ Shirley Baldwin	Jim & Carole May

December 16 - December 17	Server	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, Dec 16, 5:00 PM	Amelia Hughes Rosalie Hughes John Gillman	Karen Renehan Ken Ganapini	Joan Wirkner Dave Martens Kathy Roth
Sunday, Dec 17, 8:00 AM	Will Terry (sub req.) Edward Plewka	Karen Trzcinski Tom Rey	Jessica McClorey Cindy Rey Mike Terry
Sunday, Dec 17, 10:30 AM	Blake Myers Clayton Myers Nicholas Ray	Tim Asher Bill Reichert	Tim Fox Cindy Clos Michele Lubahn

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Confession: Saturday 4:00 pm
 and Upon Request
 Baptism: Call Parish House
 Anointing of the Sick: As Requested
 Marriage: Call Parish House For Preparation
 Before Setting a Firm Date
 AA meets Sundays 7:00 pm



WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 /Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Damascus I, Pope
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
 of the Church

Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent ©LPi

Our Parish Support

Adult Envelopes (108)..... \$5840.00
 Electronic Giving (42) \$2940.00
 Loose Collection \$491.00
 Total \$9271.00
 St. Vincent de Paul (10) \$645.00

From the Pastor

Penance Service Tuesday, 7:00

Fr. August

Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE



In the Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our

family, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call our St. Augustine Society of St. Vincent de Paul (810-220-9741) so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Our next meeting is Thursday Jan 18 at 7 PM in the family center.

This Week

Monday December 11

7:00pm

7:00pm

Troop 381 Meeting (CB)

WWP Advent Celebration (FC)

Tuesday December 12

7:00pm

Advent Reconciliation Service with individual confession

Wednesday December 13

6:30pm

7:00pm

7:00pm

Parish Rosary

KofC Meeting (CB)

SCW Christmas Meeting (FC)

Thursday December 14

6:30pm

LCCC Special Ministries (FC)
Gingerbread House Making

Friday December 15

6:30pm

LCCC Special Ministries (FC)
Christmas Party

Saturday December 16

8:00am

6:00pm

Men's Fellowship (YR)

Christmas Concert

& Spaghetti Dinner (FC)



Christmas Concert & Spaghetti Dinner

December 16 at 6:00pm

Music provided by our
Music Ministry.

Come lend your voice to
the singalong!

Your freewill donation supports SVdP

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year and so we have the **chance to celebrate** our regular Sunday obligation on **Saturday 12/23 at 5p or Sunday 12/24 at 8a or 10:30a as well as a Christmas Mass listed below.**

December 24

4:30 pm Children's Nativity

7:00 pm

Midnight

December 25

10:00 am only

December 31

11:30 pm**

(Pray in the New Year)

January 1

10:00 am only

Advent Reconciliation Services

St. Augustine, Howell	7:00 pm	Tuesday	Dec 12
St John, Hartland	7:00 pm	Thursday	Dec 13
St Joseph, Howell	7:00 pm	Friday	Dec. 15
St Patrick, Brighton	10:00 am	Saturday	Dec 16
St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	7:00 pm	Tuesday	Dec 19
St Agnes & St John, Fenton		None	



62 Years David & Barbara Lamb Dec 16
3 Years Bradley & Mary Swartz Dec 12

Next Week

47 Years Barry & Vicki Sherk Dec 18
43 Years David & Karen Trzcinski Dec 20



- 10 Lindsey Laier
- 11 Edward Mierzwa, Erik Siebertz, Jeffery Salazar, Viola Hayes
- 12 Donna Kiehl, Lawrence Quinn
- 13 Thomas Baucus, Bridget Koledo, Alexis Samples
- 14 JoAnn Blake, David Donakoski, Mary Alexander, Crystal Hughes
- 15 Maggie Wright, Wade Goble, Scott Hall
- 16 Joan Carless, Jacqueline Boscher, Darlene Burke, George Hawes, Donald Dubuque, Terri Sabala

Next Week

- 17 Karen Kiker, Rebecca Erway, Zachary Hildreth, Caroline Gerwolls
- 18 Donna Narhi, Carlene Ryan, Randy Loiselle, Nolan Saffold
- 19 Chester Opolski, Evelyn Tomaszynski, Edwin Wickman, Bryan Saffold
- 20 Beatrice Niester, Christopher Doyle, Danny Zeppa, Elizabeth Siwik, Rosalie Hughes, Rosalie Long
- 21 Richard Chouinard, Lisa Goble, Jessica McClorey, Sullivan Pace
- 22 Robert Maniez, Gary King
- 23 Steven Hall, Emily Trenkle, Karen Haran, Kenneth Mrozek, Nicholas Ray



Last Sunday the Sisterhood of Catholic Women welcomed the Advent season by hosting our annual Advent Tea. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, with beautiful music, warm friendship and delicious food. We invite you to

become involved and be a part of the Sisterhood, planning and enjoying such events. We gather in friendship and support for one another, we encourage spiritual growth, and support charities within our Parish and community. Come and see what we're all about, our next meeting is this Wednesday, December 13.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Benjamin Kehn, BMC (SW/AW), USN
Theresa Kehn, 2LT USA
Jack Parzuchowski, 1LT USAF
Jonathan Horwath, CTR1, USN
Andrew Hasenfratz, 1SG USA
Lance Hasenfratz, SSG USA
Adrian Roedel, SrA USAF
Nicklas Ramljak, CPL USMC
Joshua Scheib, MM(SW/AW), USN
Terry McGowan, SGT USA
Brian Murphy, CS1 USCG
Nikolas Masters, LCpl USMC
Aaron Denison, E1 USA
Carolyn Kehn, CPT USA



Please call or email the office if there are any additions or corrections for our service

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:



Brian Carless, Cathy Diamond, Kelsi Spurlin, Stephanie Taylor, Gregory Salinas, Nick Hiers, Lareina DePalma, Barbara Clinsmith, Carol Tykocki, Don Mann, Wendy Spurlin, Jason Raines, Jared Campbell, Richard Elsarelli, Karen Schroeder, Dolores Loftus, Luciano Rinna, David Collins, Karen Schauwecker, Delphine Kurta, Alana Chamberlain, Keegan Sergent, George Hegel, Audry Gawenda, Terry Farrell, Mike Kowalski, Mary Quinn, Sue Long, Dennis Owocki, Pat Moore, C.J. Callaghan, Debbie Rey, Julie Trombley

Men's Fellowship

**Saturday morning at 8:00 am
in the family center.**

We enjoy bagels and coffee.

We laugh, converse and worship.

Contact Jason Raines (517) 518-2062

Come and join us!

Knights of Columbus

**Next Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 7pm**

**Knight of month is Danny Zeppa
Family of month is Larry & Mary Quinn**

If you want to find new ways to help this parish and our community, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. For information, contact Larry Quinn at (989) 859-5997

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Family of Faith

At Home Family of Faith materials are available for pick up in the parish office or following all weekend Masses.

**Sunday Sessions
2023-2024**

9:00—10:15am

PK—Grade 12 & Adults

**December 17
January 7 & 21**

Our participation in Mass each weekend and in the life of the parish is vital to our growth as a family of disciples.

Your mission begins.

Contact Shannon Scherba (PK-5)
faithformation@staugustinehowell.com 810.588.7665

Tim Asher (6-12) tim@staugustinehowell.com
with questions or with conflicts

**CHILDREN'S LIVING NATIVITY - CHRISTMAS
EVE DECEMBER 24 @ 4:30PM -**



Please contact the office to let us know if your children are interested in participating in this year's Living Nativity. There are speaking and non-speaking roles available and open to kids from Preschool - 12th grade. Rehearsal will be Friday, December 22 at 6:00pm in the Church.



ADVENT



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MASS INTENTIONS



You may have noticed that in the front of our bulletin we list a Mass Intention for each liturgy. These Mass Intentions are

requested by friends and loved ones to remember the deceased (on their birthday, date of death or other special date) or to pray for the intentions of the living, be they ill or perhaps celebrating a life event like a birthday or wedding. You can make a request for a Mass Intention by contacting the parish office. You will receive a card with the name and date of the Mass Intention for mailing to family members or friends. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. This money goes into our general fund and supports purchases of worship supplies such as candles, flowers, etc. Our 2024 calendar is wide open for your intentions. Please contact the office today.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine John the Baptist is preaching today. He is preaching not only to you, but to people watching television at home. You and your family are down by the river having a picnic. John says, "Tell God that you are sorry for your bad behavior." John warns, "Stop sinning. Follow God's commandments." You say: "Count me as a child of God. Wash me with the waters of God's baptism."

Prayer

Lord, I repent of my sins. Bathe me with your waters of forgiveness.

Something to Draw

Draw John the Baptist baptizing you and your family in the Jordan River.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will tell God that I am sorry for my sins. ©LPi

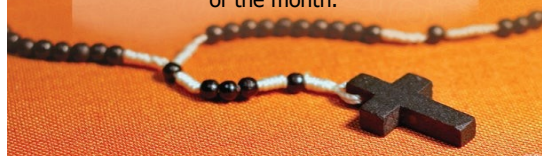


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St. Augustine Advent Tea 2023

Everyone is invited to participate in our parish online Rosary every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:00pm on the parish zoom conference line by computer or by cell phone. Please join us in praying the Rosary together from the privacy of your own chosen location, with shared and private intentions and blessings. The link is published in the parish email every Wednesday. For information contact Ben Kiehl (586) 322-4514
We gather "live" as well before daily Mass and on the second Wednesday of the month.



The Gift of the Eucharist:

Retreat for Revival St Augustine Men's Retreat at St Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt

January 19-21, 2024

The Catholic Church is in year 2 of a three year Eucharistic Revival. We say the Eucharist is the source and summit of



our faith...but why? And what does that mean for you? This retreat will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how the Eucharist is meant to transform every one of us.

These weekend retreats, in addition to those talks, we'll have the normal opportunities for Mass, Reconciliation, and a special focus of Eucharistic Adoration. Consider being in the building and being able to go to Adoration during the overnight hours. You're invited to an encounter with the Eucharistic Lord.

A suggested donation of \$200 will be asked for during the retreat, or you can make your donation when you register online. If you cannot afford the full donation, we just ask that you give what you are able. **Contact Mike Terry 810-423-0218 to hold a spot for you!**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 10, 2023



The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



The incredible true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Chris Stefanick Show

Check out this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show to learn the amazing story Our Lady of Guadalupe.

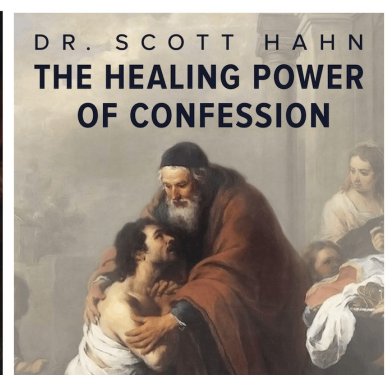
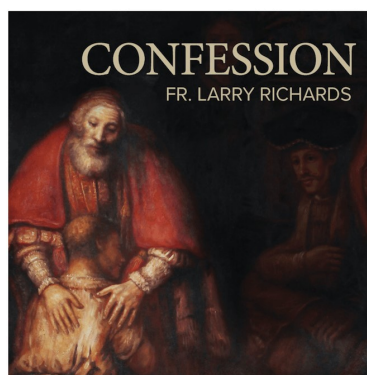


Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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