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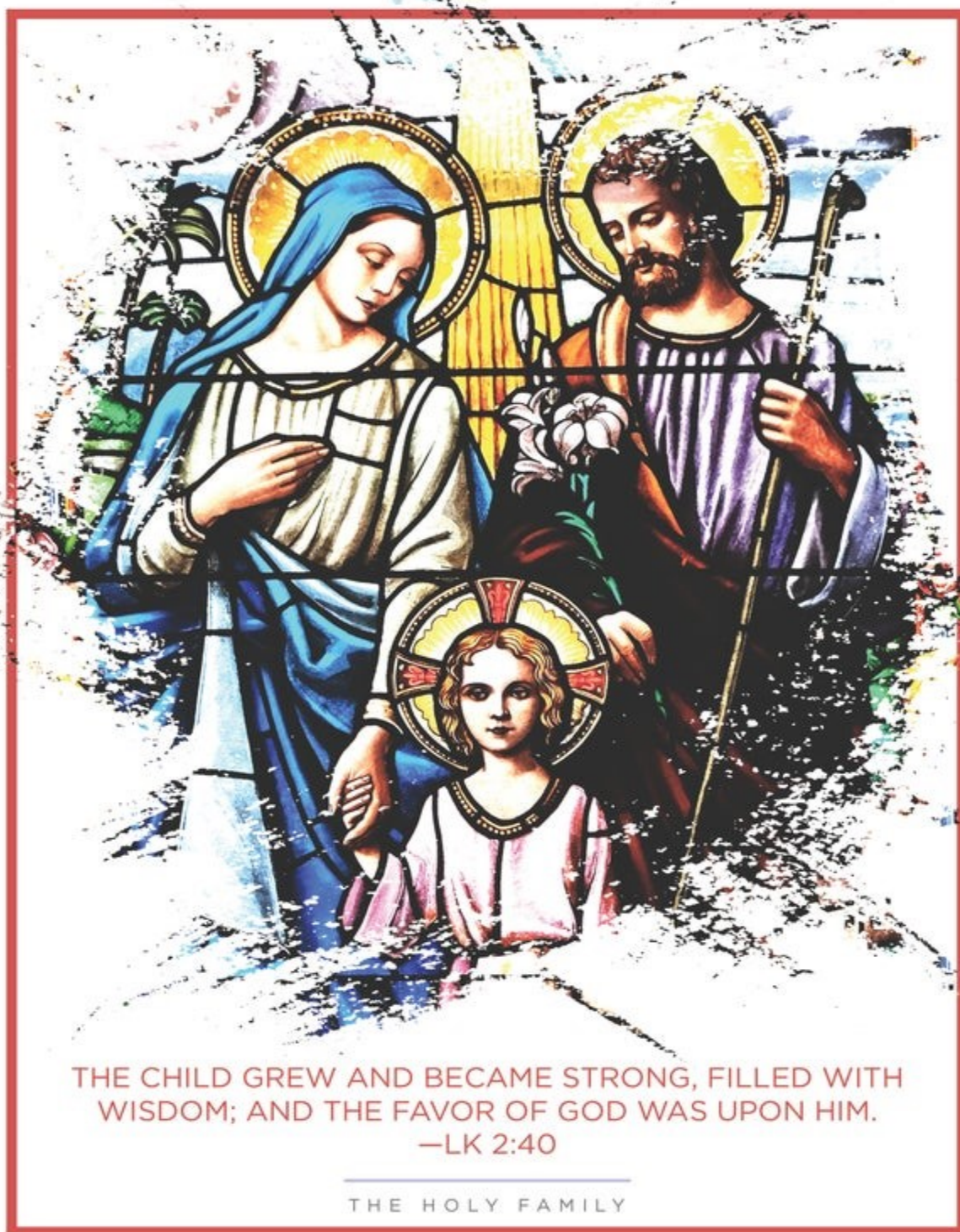


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Sunday, December 31, 2023



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

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Date	Time	Intention	Req'd by
Saturday, December 30, 2023	5:00p	✠ Ronald Loiselle	Pat & Karen Schroeder
Sunday, December 31, 2023	8:00a	✠ Dennis Owocki	
Sunday, December 31, 2023	10:30a	✠ Geraldine Rachilla	SCW
Sunday, December 31, 2023	11:30p	✠ For all deceased mothers	
Monday, January 1, 2024	10:00a	For the good of the parish	
No Mass on Tuesday			
Wednesday, January 3, 2024	8:30	For the Women Religious of the Diocese	
Thursday, January 4, 2024	8:30	For the Seniors of St. Augustine	
Friday, January 5, 2024	8:30	For the Families of St. Augustine	
Saturday, January 6, 2024	5:00	✠ Francis & Isabel Giffel	Gib & Joan Wirkner
Sunday, January 7, 2024	8:00	For the Children of St. Augustine	
Sunday, January 7, 2024	10:30	For the People of St. Augustine	

January 6 - January 7	Server	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, Jan 6, 5:00 PM	Joseph Kruttlin Jeannie Kruttlin John Gillman	Ken Ganapini Bea Niester	Mary Kay Fedak Kathy Roth Dave Martens
Sunday, Jan 7, 8:00 AM	Will Terry Edward Plewka	Paul Bokuniewicz Lori Johnson	Steve Adams Kelly Bokuniewicz Tom Plewka
Sunday, Jan 7, 10:30 AM	Declan McCarty Aiden McCarty Blake Myers	Danny Zeppa Bill Reichert	Carole May (sub req.) Claudia Southerland Hallie McCarty

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Sandy Narhi..... 517-204-6611
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Terese Beste jhn654@gmail.com
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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 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/ Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
 Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God,
 New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
 Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
 Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord ©LPi

Our Parish Support

Adult Envelopes (xx) \$
 Electronic Giving (xx) \$
 Loose Collection \$
 Total \$
 St. Vincent de Paul (xx) \$

Not available at the time of publication.

Watch for details next week.

From the Pastor

Thanks everyone for your help in decorating the church. Many hands did indeed make light work. We were done by 1:00. Special thanks to the older kids that showed up. All the old muscles really appreciated your youth.

Christmas season is short this year. Everything has to come down next week.

Tomorrow, Monday is a holy day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Because it's on Monday the obligation is dismissed. But we'll celebrate it anyway. Sunday night mass at 11:30pm to pray in the new year with breakfast to follow, and 10:00am on Monday.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE



Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During the New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, our St. Augustine, Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor. **THANK YOU ST. AUGUSTINE PARISHIONERS!**

Our next meeting is Thursday Jan 18 at 7 PM in the Family Center. **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!**

Dear Friends of St Vincent de Paul,

For many years you have generously donated your VGs receipts to help us fund our work. Unfortunately, VGs no longer offers this particular means of support so we will no longer be able to use your VGs receipts.

Please continue to bring us your Alpine receipts as we are able to redeem them for a 1% rebate. We appreciate your generosity and your continued prayers for the people we serve and for each of us.

Thank you,

St. Augustine St Vincent de Paul

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Cycle B

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

This Week

Monday January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Happy New Year

Tuesday January 2

Office Closed

Wednesday January 3

6:30pm Parish Rosary

Thursday January 4

7:00pm OCIA (YR)

Friday January 5

9:00a—5:00p Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday January 6

8:00am Men's Fellowship (YR)

Sunday January 7

9:00am Family of Faith (FC)

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

January 5, 2024

Exposition will be at 9:00 am.

Live worship music during the 4:00 pm hour
Benediction and Reposition will be at 5:00 pm

Please sign up in the white binder as we will need each hour covered from 9 am to 5:00 pm. Even if you don't sign up, ALL are welcome and encouraged to come for any portion of an hour.





11 Years Jake & Jacqueline Thompson Jan 5

Next Week

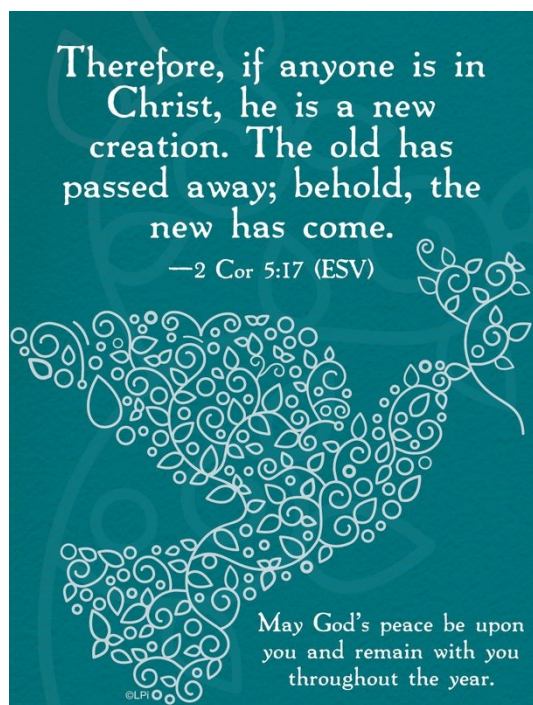
61 Years John & Mary Ploucha Jan 12
42 Years Kenneth & Linda Light Jan 11
29 Years Emmanuel & Kelly Manuelidis Jan 7
5 Years David & Theresa Rago Jan 12



1 Keith Hasenfratz
2 Janet Fauer
3 Matthew Mondro, Chad Hall, Kelly DeNicolo
4 Debra Kinjorski
5 Sharon Karagozian, Josephine Joki
6 Geraldine Falkner, Luke Gorkkiewicz

Next Week

7 John Condra, Mark Olivo, Olivia Zeppa
8 Julie Dunlap, Aiden Dickerson
9 Thomas Smith, Kathy Dinser, Pornsiri Siwik
10 Tim Fox, Deann Zimmerman, Stephanie Penneau
11 Andrew Narhi, Julie Trombley
12 John Kucharski, Blake Samples, Mary Therese Murphy-Quinn



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
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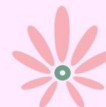


Please call or email the office if there are any additions or corrections for our service

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, Pat Moore, C.J. Callaghan, Debbie Rey, Julie Trombley, Chris Roche



walking with purpose

St. Augustine Catholic Church

Women's Bible Study



7 Week Bible Study

Monday Evenings 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

January 15/16, 2024 to

February 26/27, 2024

Gather together with women of all ages to grow in the knowledge of our God and our faith and to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. As we study and open our hearts to God, He transforms us. Walking this journey together, we grow in our friendships with each other. We invite you to join us for "Unshaken", Part Two of the Opening Your Heart Series.

Book Fee is \$12—Contact Julie Trombley at 586-770-3143 or Cheryl Quin at 517-404-7698

Family of Faith



Sunday Sessions
January 7 and 21, 2024
9:00—10:15am
PK—Grade 12 & Adults
Confirmation Session
Thursday January 11
6:30-8:30pm

CHILDREN'S LIVING NATIVITY
 Thank you to all who participated in bringing this
 year's Children's Nativity to life; especially
 Mike & Jacqui Southerland.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest 2023

There were 29 posters turned in
 plus a few special ones that
 were not eligible for the
 contest.



Ages 5 to 7
1st Liam Dickerson
2nd Adeline Long
3rd Natalie Kiker

Ages 8 to 10
1st Henry Long
2nd Abigail Long
3rd Aubrey Rush

Ages, 11 to 14
1st Alice Long
2nd Edward, Plewka
3rd Lucie Penneau



Sharing the Gospel

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed his nose, snuggled his little cheeks, and sang songs to him. But a lot of people thought her baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the baby, too. When it was time to name him Jesus, Mary knew he was the Savior.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for letting everyone know that Jesus was more than a special baby. He was the Savior.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Mary giving baby Jesus snuggles.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents what they enjoyed about you as a little baby.
 You might also want to look at some baby pictures together.

**Make a friend,
 Be a friend,
 Bring a friend to Church.**





The Sisterhood of Catholic Women wish you a blessed and joy filled New Year! Begin the new year by joining us - experience spending time with old friends, making new ones, and join us in planning activities for our Parish family, as well as doing acts of charity for our community. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our next meeting is January 10, 2024

Knights of Columbus Next Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 7pm

Knight of the month is Steve Masters
Family of the month is Robert & Susan Long

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

www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus13450



Ladies Night Out!

Join Us for
Food, Fun,
and Frivolity!

The Sisterhood of Catholic Women is planning a night out on January 19, 2024 in the St. Augustine Family Center

We will have dinner and a show that promises to be a lot of fun!

Advance tickets are \$30 and will be available after each Mass as well as in the office. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$35

All are welcome!

Men's Fellowship

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

We laugh, converse and worship.

Contact Jason Raines (517) 518-2062

Come and join us!

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NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

**Sunday
January**

28

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



ST. AUGUSTINE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

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1/28/2024 from 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome. Call 866-MIBLOOD, visit www.versiti.org/MI, or scan the QR code to schedule your appointment.

Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while supplies last.



The Gift of the Eucharist:

WEEKEND RETREATS FOR MEN AND WOMEN



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

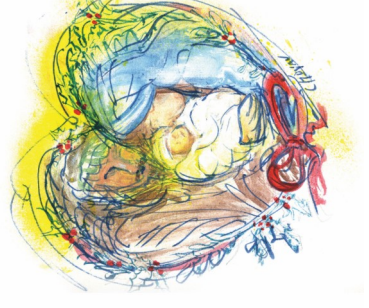
source and summit of our faith...but why? And what does that mean for you? This retreat will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how the Eucharist is meant to transform every one of us. These weekend retreats, in addition to those talks, we'll have the normal opportunities 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!**

January 2024

St. Augustine Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed - Happy New Year 	2 Office Closed - Happy New Year	3 6:30p Parish Rosary	4 7:00p OCIA (YR)	5	6 8:00a Men's Fellowship (YR)
7 9:00a Family of Faith Sunday Session	8 Office Closed 6:30p WWP Facilitator Meeting (FC) 7:00p Troop 381 (CB)	9	10 6:30p Parish Rosary 7:00p KofC Meeting (CB) 7:00p SCW Meeting (FC)	11 6:30p Confirmation Session (FC) 6:30p KofC Fourth Degree Meeting (CB) 7:00p OCIA (YR)	12	13 8:00a Men's Fellowship (YR)
14 Respect Life Ministry	15 Office Closed 6:30p Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Unshaken (FC) 7:00p Troop 381 (CB)	16 2:00p Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Unshaken (FC)	17 6:30p Parish Rosary 6:30p Pack 383 Carnival (FC)	18 7:00p SVdP (YR) 7:00p OCIA (YR)	19 Men's Retreat - Dewitt 6:00p Ladies Night Out hosted by SCW (FC)	20 Men's Retreat - Dewitt 8:00a Men's Fellowship (YR)
21 Men's Retreat - Dewitt 9:00a Family of Faith Sunday Session	22 Office Closed 6:30p Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Unshaken (FC) 7:00p Troop 381 (CB)	23 2:00p Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Unshaken (FC)	24 6:30p Parish Rosary	25 7:00p OCIA (YR)	26 LCCC Special Ministries Karaoke	27 8:00a Men's Fellowship 6:00p Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Troop 381 6:00p Youth Night: Spaghetti & Games
28 Coffee & Donuts Blood Drive	29 Office Closed 6:30p Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Unshaken (FC) 7:00p Troop 381 (CB)	30 2:00p Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Unshaken (FC)	31 6:30p Parish Rosary			



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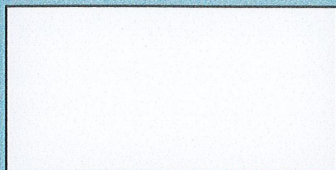
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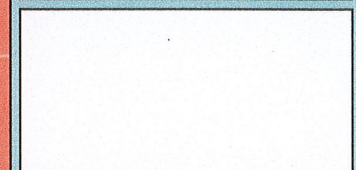







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