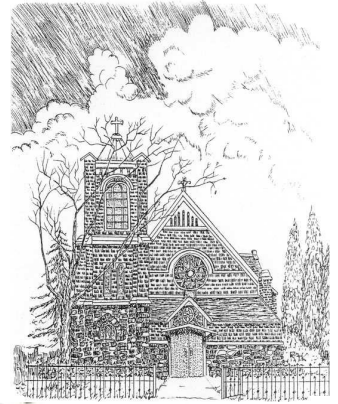


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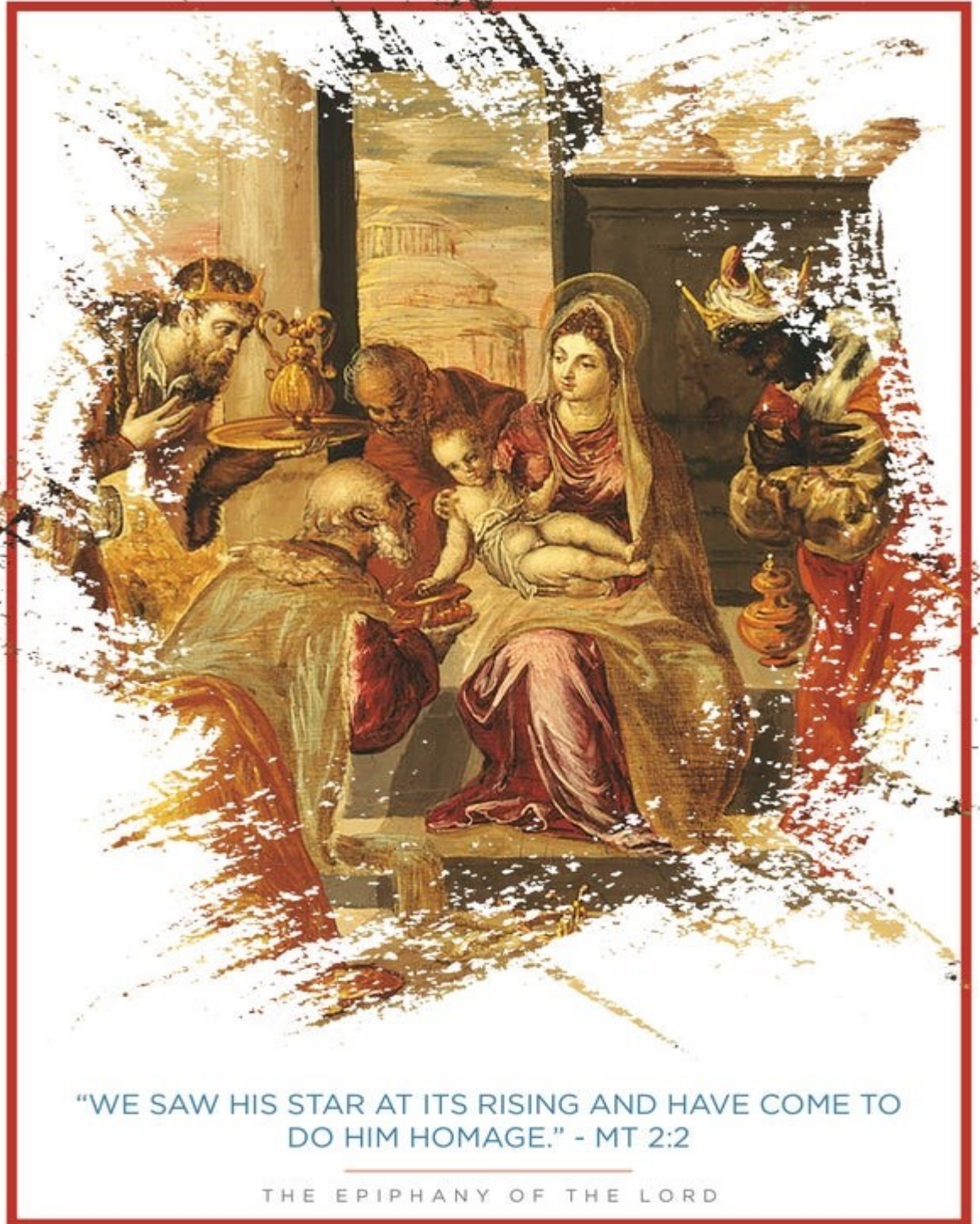
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Sunday, January 7, 2024



"WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO  
DO HIM HOMAGE." - MT 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Date	Time	Intention	Req'd by
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	
No Mass Monday & Tuesday			
Wednesday, January 10, 2024	8:30	For the good of the parish	
Thursday, January 11, 2024	8:30	For the good of the parish	
Friday, January 12, 2024	8:30	For the good of the parish	
Saturday, January 13, 2024	5:00	✠ Karen Chamberlain	Pat & Karen Schroeder
Sunday, January 14, 2024	8:00	✠ John & Karen Chamberlain	The Scherba Family
Sunday, January 14, 2024	10:30	For the good of the parish	

January 13 - January 14	Server	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday, Jan 13, 5:00 PM</b>	Reegan Kruzell Scott Hall Carisa Hall	Karen Renehan Mike Terry	Joan Wirkner Dave Martens
<b>Sunday, Jan 14, 8:00 AM</b>	Edward Plewka <b>Server Needed</b>	Tom Rey Karen Trzcinski	Jessica McClorey Cindy Rey
<b>Sunday, Jan 14, 10:30 AM</b>	Avery Southerland Emilia Southerland Nicholas Ray	Tim Asher Paul Taylor	Mike Southerland Randy Loiselle

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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 January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

##### Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
 Monday: The Baptism of the Lord  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor  
 of the Church; BVM  
 Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

#### Our Parish Support December 25

Adult Envelopes (93) ..... \$12716.00  
 Electronic Giving (3) ..... \$350.00  
 Loose Collection ..... \$1710.00  
 Total ..... \$14776.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul (6) ..... \$531.00



## From the Pastor

Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and New Year. Mine was quiet and lonely with only the dogs and some books.

Today ends the Christmas Season which means we have to undecorate the Church. The poinsettias will remain until they are no more. But the trees and the greens have to go. Easy enough until you realize that they have been drying out for two weeks. Lot's of sweeping is involved. This is where the kids have lots of fun.

*Fr. August*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE



We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please make your gift to our St. Augustine St. Vincent de Paul

so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child in our community.

Our next meeting is Thursday Jan 18 at 7 PM in the Family Center.



*In true St. Augustine style plan for these upcoming dinner dates:*

**Ladies Night Out January 19**

**Spaghetti Dinner January 27**

**Soup & Pie February 3**

**Polish Dinner February 10**

*Tickets available beginning Jan 20*

**Mardi Gras February 13**

**Fish Fry Fridays begin February 16**



*Come enjoy and lend a hand!*



## Our Parish Support December 31

Adult Envelopes (72)	\$3814.00
Electronic Giving (48)	\$1995.00
Loose Collection	\$316.00
Total	\$6125.00
St. Vincent de Paul (3)	\$2130.00

## Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 7, 2024

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.*

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

## This Week

Monday January 8

6:30pm

7:00pm

WWP Facilitator Meeting (FC)  
Troop 381 (CB)

Tuesday January 9

Office Closed

Wednesday January 10

6:30pm

7:00pm

7:00pm

Parish Rosary  
KofC Meeting (CB)  
SCW Meeting (FC)

Thursday January 11

6:30pm

6:30pm

7:00pm

Confirmation Session (FC)  
KofC 4th Degree Meeting (CB)  
OCIA (YR)

Friday January 12

Saturday January 13

8:00am

Men's Fellowship (YR)



**THE EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD**

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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

### ***Next Week***

50 Years Joseph & Toni Asher Jan 18  
 39 Years Timothy & Christine Roche Jan 19  
 19 Years Keneth & Renetta Jacob Jan 14  
 1 Year David & Julianna Parzuchowski Jan 14



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

### ***Next Week***

14 Carol Shepard, John Schied, Otto Radzikowski  
 15 Patricia Moore  
 17 Stephanie Taylor  
 18 Lorraine Dodds, Jennifer Overly, Erin Loomis,  
 Dennis Tomaszynski  
 19 Lisa Dunville, Dana Hawes, Nicholas Errer,  
 William Errer  
 20 Jason Raines, Liam Diehl



The Sisterhood of Catholic Women's meeting is next week, Wednesday, January 10th in the Family Center. Rosary is at 6:30 pm in the church. Our meeting begins at 7 pm. The Sisterhood comes together to build and nurture relationships, celebrate our joys, encourage and support each other through difficult times, support charities and help one another grow in Christ. If you would like to know more about who we are and what we do, we encourage you to come to a meeting.

## **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 Sergeant, George  
 Hegel, Audry Gawenda, Terry Farrell, Mike Kowalski,  
 Mary Quinn, Sue Long, Pat Moore, C.J. Callaghan,  
 Debbie Rey, Julie Trombley, Chris Roche



## **WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED**

David & Julie Bittner  
 Chad & Becky Erway  
 David & Peggy Galka  
 Andy & Sarah Goggins  
 Allen & MaryBeth Jarosz  
 Kathleen Mulholland  
 Brian Ross & Family  
 John & Kylie Rush and Family  
 Richard & Annette St Louis  
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 John & Jan Stevenson  
 Cheryl Thomas

## **WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

If you have found St Augustine to be your parish home, please contact Fr Gregg at the parish house to get registered. This allows us to prepare mailings and plan for ministries more effectively with you in our number.

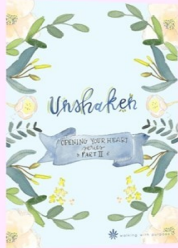




## walking with purpose

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

### 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!**

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



# 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! Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 6:30pm BYOB. Followed by live comedy at 7:15pm.

# Giving WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD



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

Knights Of Columbus Council 13450  
Social Hall  
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1/28/2024 from 9:00AM - 3:00PM

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





## Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

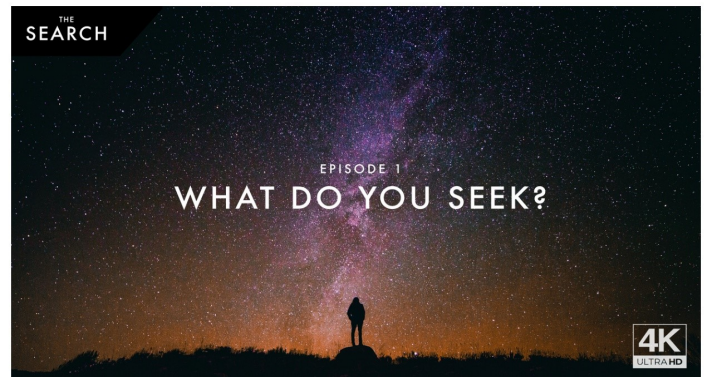
**Knight of the month is Steve Masters**  
**Family of the month is Robert & Susan Long**

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

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## What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignacius press

**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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**New to the Parish? Change of Address?**

**Name:**.....

**Phone:** .....

**Drop in collection basket and we'll call you.**  
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# Family of Faith

## Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

## Prayer

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

## Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did. ©LPi



**Sunday Sessions**  
**January 7 & 21, 2024**  
**9:00—10:15am**

*PK—Grade 12 & Adults*

**Confirmation Session**  
**Thursday January 11**  
**6:30-8:30pm**



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Praise from a current participant:

*"We are very grateful for Stella Maris Catholic Homeschool Collaborative. Our two sons, ages 10 and 7, truly enjoy all their classes and activities at Stella Maris and look forward to Collaboration Day every week. As a parent, being able to actively participate during Collaboration Day has been a very enriching experience as well. As a homeschooling family, it is important for us to have a community of like-minded families with whom to share the joys and challenges of home education. At Stella Maris, we have found this community and hope to meet many more families in the near future." ~V.H.*



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