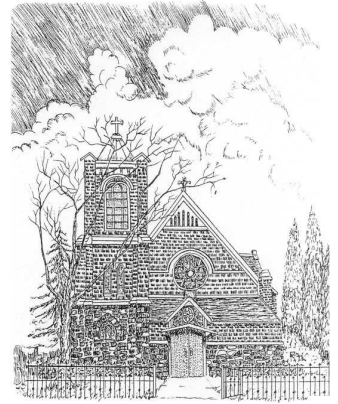


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Sunday, January 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



Date	Time	Intention	Req'd by
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	10:30	For the good of the parish	
Sunday, January 14, 2024	8:00	✠ John & Karen Chamberlain	The Scherba Family
No Mass Monday or Tuesday			
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	8:30	For the Good of the Parish	
Thursday, January 18, 2024	8:30	For Unity Among All Christians	
Friday, January 19, 2024	8:30	For the Good of the Parish	
Saturday, January 20, 2024	5:00	For the Good of the Parish	
Sunday, January 21, 2024	8:00	For the Good of the Parish	
Sunday, January 21, 2024	10:30	✠ Rosie Milavec	Elaine & Joe Jarzabek

January 20 - January 21	Server	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, Jan 20, 5:00 PM	Amelia Hughes Rosalie Hughes Joseph Kruttlin	Julie Cyrus Bea Niester	Tim Cyrus Kelly Manuelidis (sub req.) Kathy McGowan
Sunday, Jan 21, 8:00 AM	Will Terry (sub req.) Server Needed	Paul Bokuniewicz Lori Johnson	Kelly Bokuniewicz Mike Terry (sub req.) Tom Plewka
Sunday, Jan 21, 10:30 AM	Olivia Zeppa Blake Myers Clayton Myers	Tim Southerland (sub req.) Danny Zeppa	Steve Adams Claudia Southerland Lisa Zeppa

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 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 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
 Jn 1:35-42
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/ Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Day
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for
 Christian Unity
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian,
 Martyr
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

Our Parish Support

Adult Envelopes (101)..... \$6086.00
 Electronic Giving (112) \$6004.00
 Loose Collection \$478.00
 Total \$12586.00
 St. Vincent de Paul (14) \$925.00

From the Pastor

Thanks to everyone who helped us transition from Christmas. We were finished within the hour. Widespread praise was given the younger men (high school/college) who willingly lent their muscles. With only 4 more Sundays left til Lent, we'll have flowers for the taking.

Pray for the guys on retreat this weekend and see below to join the parties leading up to Lent.

Fr. Augie



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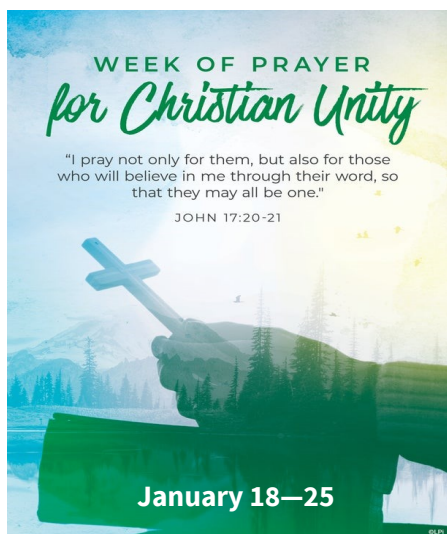
In the Gospel, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you make your gift to our St. Augustine Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

As a result of your generosity in 2023 we were able to be the hands and feet of Christ, and help our neighbors with the following assistance:

Homeless Sheltered	162 Adults & 91 Children
(Approx. 800 nights)	
Rent/Mtg Assistance	137 Families/Individuals
Automobile Assistance	51 Families/Individuals
Utilities Assistance	34 Families/Individuals

Our next meeting is Thursday Jan 18 at 7 PM in the Family Center. Feel free to join us if you are interested in learning more.



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Sunday, January 14, 2024

John 1:35-42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

This Week

Monday January 15

6:30pm

7:00pm

WWP Bible Study (FC)

Troop 381 (CB)

Tuesday January 16

2:00pm

WWP Bible Study (FC)

Wednesday January 17

6:30pm

6:30pm

Parish Rosary

Pack 383 Carnival (FC)

Thursday January 18

7:00pm

7:00pm

SVdP (YR)

OCIA (YR)

Friday January 19

Men's Retreat-Dewitt thru Sunday

6:00pm

Ladies Night Out (FC)

Saturday January 20

8:00am

Men's Fellowship (YR)



In true St. Augustine style plan for these upcoming meal 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

Ash Wednesday Breakfast Feb 14

Fish Fry Fridays

February 16 through March 29

Come enjoy and lend a hand!





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

Next Week

66 Years Ernest & Georgiana Good Jan 25
 65 Years Peter & Maria Siebertz Jan 24
 57 Years Roy & Grace Gramer Jan 21
 24 Years Kenneth & Phyllis Mrozek Jan 27



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

Next Week

21 Evelyn Allen, Charles Fick, Terry Adkins
 22 Morgan Watt
 23 Gary L Culicerto
 24 Peter Siebertz, Edward Zurawski, Sandee Keegan
 25 Robin Dombrowski, Jill Breitling
 26 Theresa Farrell, Paul Bokuniewicz, Phyllis Mrozek
 27 Audrey Narhi, Sophia Narhi, Joseph Kruttlin

uczujmy, zanim pościmy ***Let us feast, before we fast.***

The St. Augustine Knights of Columbus invite you to their annual Polish Dinner February 10th.

Before we start the Lenten season let's enjoy some traditional Polish cuisine. The menu includes kielbasa and kraut, golabki, city chicken, pierogi, green beans, rolls and salad. A new addition to the menu this year is potato pancakes! Also new to the event, accordion player Steve Smzajac. Plus craft beer from Hartland Brewing, raffles, fabulous desserts and more.

Ticket sales start January 20 after each Mass. Price per ticket is \$25 adults and \$15 children 12 and under.

Seating will be reserved so please purchase your tickets accordingly. For more info contact the head polack in charge, Paul Bokuniewicz 810 423-5924



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 Sargent, George Hegel, Audry Gawenda, Terry Farrell, Mike Kowalski, Mary Quinn, Sue Long, Pat Moore, C.J. Callaghan, Debbie Rey, Julie Trombley, Chris Roche, Harry Scheib, John Schied, Ron Duguay



"The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way? Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person – He's alive!"
 —Vinny Flynn, Seven Secrets of the Eucharist, p. 8

Family of Faith

St Augustine Family of Faith Sunday Sessions 2024

9:00—10:15am

PK—Grade 12 & Adults

January 21

February 4 & 11

March 3 & 17

April 7, 14 & 21

May 5

~VBS June 24-28~

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

Sacramental Prep

Parent & Child participation in addition to Sunday Sessions

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, March 9 9am-12:30pm

First Reconciliation Celebration

Saturday, March 16 10am

First Communion

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 13 9am-12:30pm

Celebration Weekend

April 27/28

Confirmation

Thursday Sessions 6:30-8:30pm

Jan 11, Feb 8, April 11, May 23

Rite of Welcoming

February 4 at 10:30 Mass

Confirmation Retreat

March 9-10

24 hr Fasting Lock-in

March 22-23

Confirmant/Sponsor Retreat &

Rite of Confirmation

September 2024

“OUR LIVES
BEGIN TO
END THE DAY
WE BECOME
SILENT ABOUT
THINGS THAT
MATTER.”

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Youth Ministry

Middle & High School Grades 6-12

Youth Nights will be the last Saturday of each month beginning with 5:00pm Mass.

Saturday, January 27

Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night 6pm

Sunday, February 11

SuperBOWL Sunday
following Family of Faith

Tuesday, February 13

Mardi Gras Service Opportunity

Saturday, February 24 Youth Night

Friday, March 22 - Sat, March 23
24 Hour Fasting Lock in

Saturday, April 27 Youth Night

Saturday, May 25 Youth Night

June 16—21

(HS) DYLC

Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp

June 24—28

VBS Scuba:

Diving into Friendship with God

Friday, June 28

Youth Night at the Lake

July 12 – 14 Steubenville (HS)

July 21-26 CSYC—Damascus

Our Lady of the Fields (MS)

Saturday, August 3 Trivia Night

Coffee & Donut Sundays on the last Sunday of each month—All donations collected support our activities. Come be a smiling, serving presence.

Contact

Tim Asher (6-12)

tim@staugustinehowell.com

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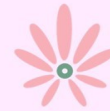
Please join the Sisterhood of Catholic Women this Friday, **January 19th** for our annual **Ladies Night Out**. There is sure to be lots of fun and fellowship with other ladies of the parish and beyond. Invite your neighbors, friends and family. Look for details below on our **Soup & Pie Supper, February 3**. It's a winter favorite!

Ladies Night Out!

Join Us for Food, Fun, and Frivolity!

LAST CALL for Advance Tickets is Wednesday 1/17

The Sisterhood of Catholic Women is hosting a night out on January 19, 2024 in the St. Augustine Family Center. We will have dinner and live comedy that promises to be a lot of fun! Advance tickets are \$30. Contact shannon@staugustinehowell.com. Checks payable to SCW. Tickets at the door will be \$35. All are welcome! Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Followed by live comedy at 7:15pm.



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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



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Dust off your cookbooks, it's almost time for SOUP & Pie!

The Sisterhood of Catholic Women will be hosting their annual **Soup & Pie Supper on February 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Please support this event by entering your homemade soup in our competition for a chance to win the coveted "Golden Ladle" or simply join us for an evening of great food and fellowship.

To enter a soup, please sign up after Mass or text Margaret King 810.347.9926. Free Will donations will be accepted at the door.

Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative

LCUI is now at a combined total of **3,509 BABIES SAVED** within the **THIRTY FOUR** Ultrasound machines we have assisted in placing throughout the State of Michigan as of January 1st 2024.

As we begin this New Year let us all reflect on the many blessings we have been granted. Now might be a good time to change the things we can and ask for His guidance and Grace as we move throughout the year. "For With God All Things Are Possible".

LCUI is a 501 C3 Non-Profit Organization. Please follow our progress for a complete list of these Pregnancy Centers at: www.lcultrasound.org or at www.facebook.com/lcultrasound

**Knights of Columbus
Next Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 7pm**

**Knight of the month is Tom Burks
Family of the month is The LaJoice/Myers Family**

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



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!

**Buck & Carolyn will be playing at
the Fowlerville Senior Center
on Thursday, January 25 from
12:30—1:30 pm Come join the fun!**



**St. Agnes is hosting a
FIREKEEPERS CASINO BUS TRIP**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:00 am– 5:30 pm

Price: \$50

For \$50 per person you will receive round trip transportation, \$25 in free play and \$5 to use towards dining, slot play or use in the gift shop.

The Blue Lake Charter bus will leave the St. Agnes Church parking lot at 10:00am sharp.

Please join us in the LPC at 9:00am for a delicious full, hot breakfast prior to heading off to the casino.

Anticipated arrival time back in Fowlerville is 5:30 pm.

Please call the office at 517-223-8684 to sign up or for more information.

Seats are limited - first come first served.

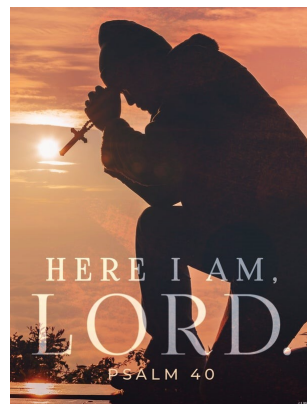


JOB OPENING

The Catholic Foundation is seeking candidates for temporary employment.

Responsibilities will include **data entry and charitable gift processing**; paid training will be provided. Training will begin the week of February 19 and scheduled hours may continue through June 2024. Shifts of 4 to 8 hours, Monday - Friday may be scheduled and part-time or full-time options will be considered subject to availability of qualified candidates. Candidates with availability beginning after February 19th may also be considered. If you know of anyone who would be interested in data entry work who has availability 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday, please contact Julie Gill, Donor Services Manager of the Catholic Foundation, at 517-253-8792 or donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org

In addition, resumes are now being accepted for a **Donor Services Specialist, Facilities Manager, and Administrative Assistant for Marriage and Family Life Ministries.** To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our careers page: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>



New to the Parish? Change of Address?

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Phone:.....

Drop in collection basket and we'll call you.

Boy Scout Troop 381 Spaghetti Dinner

Location: St. Augustine Family Center

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM, immediately following Mass

Costs:

Adults: \$15

5-12 years: \$5

4 & under: Free

Tickets are available after each Mass.

Tickets are available at the door for \$18

All proceeds collected will go towards enhancing the Scouting opportunities and experience. Our dedicated scouts will serve your dinner. While you enjoy your meal, our scouts would like to share with you a slide show of this year's activities. This is just an example of the type of scouting experience we thank you for supporting.

Please come and support our Troop and allow us to share a small piece of our program with you. If you or your child are interested in being a part of our program, don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the troop leaders below.

Thank you!

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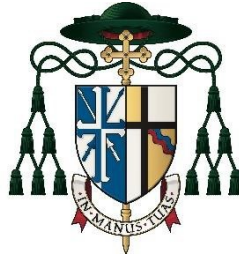
SCAN ME



Blood Center of Michigan

Pastoral Letter on
Christian Stewardship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



*“As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.
(1 Peter 4:10)*

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord. Led by faith and reason, the magi have travelled from the east in order to seek the newborn king of the Jews. Now we begin to glimpse the salvation that has been prepared for all the peoples of the earth. Jesus Christ will not only be the glory of the Jewish people but also “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Luke 2:32). This is the essence of today’s epiphany.

Sacred Scripture doesn’t actually contain the name nor the number of magi. It is tradition that suggests to us that they were a triumvirate of kingly travelers known as Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior.

What scripture does tell us is that the magi were “overjoyed at seeing the star” which led them to the child with Mary whereupon “[t]hey prostrated themselves and did him homage” before they “opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11-12).

What do these facts reveal to us? I think it is this: That there is an innate human need to offer praise, worship and sacrifice upon encountering Almighty God.

This has been true of all cultures and in all generations. This is true of you and me. The founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491 -1556), identifies this shared human reality in the first foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

“The human person is created to praise, reverence and serve God, and by so doing to save his or her soul.” (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This is why we were loved into existence by God. He is our beginning and, by virtue of our cooperation with the grace of God, our ultimate end. Why then were other things created? Saint Ignatius answers that question in the second foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

“The other things on the face of the earth are created for human beings in order to help them pursue the end for which they are created. It follows from this that one must use other created things in so far as they help towards one’s end, and free oneself from them in so far as they are obstacles to one’s end.” (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This rightly ordered use of created things is foundational to what we call stewardship. Christian stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and, thus, being grateful and generous in response to that divine beneficence. It is the wise and generous marshalling of our time, our talent and our treasure so as to love God more deeply, serve others more unstintingly and, in doing so, accrue an ever more abundant life unto ourselves (John 10:10).

God first. Others second. Ourselves last. Thereby lies our path to happiness in this life and salvation in the next. As Our Lord himself advises: “[S]eek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides” (Matthew 6:33).

The new year is often a time for taking stock of our lives. It therefore seems appropriate to conduct a threefold

examination of conscience as to how we are living Christian stewardship with particular regards to the use of our time, our talent and our treasure for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

First, time: Do I give my first and last thought of each day to Jesus Christ, my alpha and omega? Do I prioritize time each day for meditative prayer spent in the presence of Our Lord? Do I ensure there is time in my week for Sunday Mass or, even, daily Mass as well as regular confession? Do I recognize that prayer is more important than activity and that if I am too busy to pray I am too busy?

Second, talent: Am I desirous to know God's plan for my life and to follow it wherever it leads? Am I aware that God has bestowed certain talents and charisms upon me which I am to deploy generously in order to save my own soul and serve those other members of the Body of Christ who are depending on me for their salvation? (1 Corinthians 12). In making career choices, am I primarily motivated by the will of God or by the love of money or desire for worldly prestige? Do I work with an order and diligence that recognizes all honest human tasks can be sanctified or do I do my work badly, waste time or cause others to waste time?

Third, treasure: Do I recognize the truth that everything I have is a gift from God and that giving back to God will help orient my

entire life to Him and his plan? Do I give the first fruits of the wealth I've been entrusted with to the service of the Church and those in need? Do I place my trust in God by giving sacrificially in imitation of the widow and her two coins (Luke 21:1-4) or do I only give from my surplus, trying to meet my own needs first rather than prioritizing God in all I do?

In the weeks and months to come I will focus some of my teaching on Christian stewardship, and how living the call to stewardship is fundamental to growing as a missionary disciple, helping us all foster greater Christian stewardship in our daily lives. One point worth noting now, however, is this: Stewardship is primarily about our need to give rather than giving to a need.

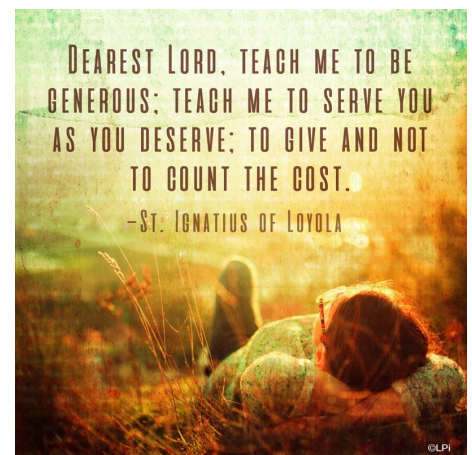
I have based much of this catechesis on stewardship upon the thought of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Hence, it seems appropriate to conclude this pastoral letter with his *Suscipe* prayer. *Suscipe* is the Latin word for "receive". Let us pray:

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen.

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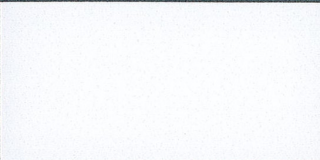
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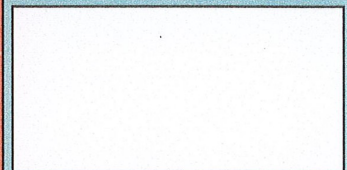






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