ST. AUGUSTINE

October 29, 2017
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office
Monday - Thursday - 8:30 am to 4 pm
Friday - 8:30-noon

Masses
Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 9 and 11 am
Weekdays Monday to Friday - 8 am
Holy Days - 9 am and 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:15 - 4 pm or by appointment

Marriages
Notify Fr. Mee four months in advance of the wedding
Attendance at the Marriage Preparation Program required.

Baptisms
Contact Fr. Mee or the parish office to arrange
preparation and a date for the sacrament.

Altar Servers
Contact Fr. Mee or the parish office to arrange
training for serving at the altar.

Parish Council
Lins Dorman, President

Cataldo School
Dr. Mark Selle, Principal
“He who loves knows God; he who does not love has no knowledge of God because God is love.”

Pope Francis

SACRED SCRIPTURE each day

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1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
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Sunday Collection

Week of
October 22, 2017
October
Poor: $627.00

Month To Date
$7,342
$30,953

Fiscal Year To Date
$97,685

Wine and Cheese Social
When: November 4 at 5:30 pm
Where: Rectory
Host: Lucas Family

Prayer For The Sick

Bill Campbell  Jason Rocks  Halla Miller
Paula Willette  Joan Petow  Wilson Webb
Eley Vann  Mary Lenoue  Sandy Alderma
Shari Fisher  Ashley Sutch  Doug Ward
Gloria Wilkinson  Paula Miller  Teddy Knudsen
Mable Knudsen  Shari Fisher  Michael Bennett
Chloe Campbell  Jack Pearce  Dan Taylor
Shari Fisher

If you wish to add a name please call the Parish office at 747-4421.

Stewardship
Annual Catholic Appeal

St Augustine’s goal is $87,715.00; we are currently at $66,422.00.

The Annual Catholic Appeal unites us as a community of believers. Through the Appeal, we can do far more than any one of us could alone. Our generosity helps strengthen the many ministries of the Diocese of Spokane:
- Enriching Parish Life
- Educating Our Future
- Strengthening Families
- Advancing Church Leadership

Thank you to all who have given.

Children’s Collection

Collected this week: $47.00 Total collected to date: $522.00

The Third Sorrow of the Seven Sorrows is:

The Search for Child Jesus

When Mary realized that young Jesus was not in the caravan returning to Nazareth, they turned around and returned to Jerusalem. It would be comparable for someone from a tiny rural town today to have their child lost in the midst of a city like Los Angeles, Chicago, or New York. Where do you look? To whom do you go? What do you say? They searched everywhere for Jesus, and couldn't find Him. Imagine what many of the people might have remarked "How could you be so negligent as to lose your son? You'll probably never find him now. It's the way of life here in Jerusalem. He could have been sold by now. Better go back home and count Him as gone, because you're not going to find Him." Or, "sorry, but we don't know and we can't help you. We've got our own problems, if you don't mind."

Coffee and Donuts

November 5 9 am  John and Ruth Marchetti
11 am  NEED VOLUNTEER

November 12 9 am  NEED VOLUNTEER
11 am  Andrew and Julie Happy

November 19 9 am  NEED VOLUNTEER
11 am  NEED VOLUNTEER
Thanksgiving – a Catholic Tradition

Most of us have similar notions of Thanksgiving. The Mayflower. Smiling, buckle-clad pilgrims feasting peacefully with their new best friends. Many celebrate with a family football game and gather around a table crowded with relatives, grandma’s fine china, and feathered pinecone turkeys crafted with care by kindergartners. But did you know that Thanksgiving (‘eucharistia’ in Greek) is actually a Catholic holy day with Catholic origins?

It may surprise you to know that Catholics celebrated Thanksgiving a half a century before the Puritans set foot at Plymouth Rock. On August 28, 1565, on the feast of St. Augustine, Admiral Pedro Menendez and his fleet of Spanish ships spotted land at St. Augustine, Florida. A week later, on September 8th, Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, the fleet’s chaplain, celebrated Mass in thanksgiving of their safe arrival. Joining him were 500 Spanish settlers and the Timucua Indians. They likely had no fine china or pinecone turkeys, but they did feast on salted pork and garbanzo beans!

Approximately 30 years later, on the Feast of the Ascencion, another Thanksgiving was celebrated with a Catholic Mass. Spanish explorer, Don Juan de Onate, led a 600 person expedition to present day El Paso, Texas. The goal was to map the area and convert the natives to Catholicism. Onate built a church large enough to hold his entire camp, where they shared in the Eucharist on this holy day. They then united in a meal of fish, duck, and geese.

Although these Thanksgivings bear little resemblance to those we enjoy today, there is a rich history to this holiday. But let’s not forget Thanksgiving is indeed a holy day. Abraham Lincoln asked us to observe the last Thursday of November “as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God.” As is the tradition at St. Augustine Parish, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and give thanks to God on Thanksgiving morning. We hope you will join us for Mass at 10:00 am.
Kids Corner
In November, we celebrate All Saints’ Day. Saints are people who follow God’s call and live their life to the fullest by using their gifts for God’s glory. Every saint has a different story because God gave all of them different talents and interests. There are musician saints, soccer saints, baking saints, and so on. What kind of saint would you like to be? We are all called to be saints, and there are probably a number of saints who have something in common with you. Do you have a favorite hobby? Let your parents help you find out who the patron saint of that hobby is. You can ask that saint to help you share God’s love by doing what you care about. On this page, you will meet a few of the saints we celebrate in November. Try to find these saints in our church’s windows.

Saint Spotlight

St. Elizabeth of Hungary and Blessed Ludwig of Thuringia
Nov. 17: Patron of Bakers, Beggars, and Brides

The Story of the Roses: Elizabeth was a young princess who really loved the poor. She often snuck out of her fancy castle to bring fresh-baked bread to the beggars on the streets. Some people didn’t like that at all. “There she goes again, throwing away our money!” her mother-in-law, the queen would say. Elizabeth’s husband, Prince Ludwig, loved his wife very much. He supported her holy work, but of course he also wanted to protect her and their children from those who didn’t like what Elizabeth was doing. One cold winter day, he found Elizabeth out on the streets, hiding something in her dress. “My love, are you sharing our treasures again?” he whispered with a worried expression on his face. “You know that’s not safe. Please, show me what you are hiding.” Elizabeth obeyed, but God was about to surprise them both. As the princess opened her bundle, God changed the appearance of the goods in her lap so they looked like a beautiful bouquet of roses! The royal couple exchanged a smile. “Well, well, well,” Ludwig said. “I’ve never seen such lovely flowers, and to think it’s the middle of winter! Go in peace, my dearest. Now I know that God is protecting you better than I could. I don’t need to worry anymore.”

Family Fun: On Saint Elizabeth’s feast day, bake something with your family and find a way to share it with the poor people in your community.

Other Saints of November

Nov. 4: Saint Charles Borromeo
Patron of Religious Teachers and Seminarians

Family Fun: On Saint Charles’ feast day, sit together as a family and take turns teaching each other something about what Catholics believe.

Nov. 13: St. Frances Cabrini
Patron of Hospital Workers and Immigrants

Fun Fact: Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be declared a saint!

Nov. 22: St. Cecilia
Patron of Music

Family Fun: On Cecilia’s feast day, sing a prayer together as a family.

Quiz!
Take this little quiz to find out how much you know about the saints of November. Then, test your parents to see how much they know.

1. St. Frances Cabrini
2. St. Charles Borromeo
3. St. Cecilia
4. St. Elizabeth of Hungary

A. This saint heard music in her heart when she prayed.
B. This saint really loved her husband and learned that loving people is a way of loving God.
C. This saint had a stutter and was a great student.
D. This saint was almost always sick but was still strong enough to build many hospitals, schools and orphanages.

Answers: 1D, 2C, 3A, 4B
The Dream of Gerontius

For Catholics November is a special month during which we recall those who have gone before us. The first day of November, *All Saints Day*, is when we celebrate all the saints, known and unknown to us, who now share in the glory of heaven. The second day of November, *All Souls Day*, is when we remember all who have gone before us, who have the hope of heaven, but are not quite there yet. Where are these souls who have not risen to heaven and have not fallen into hell? They find themselves in a place the Church calls purgatory. In this day of instant gratification, we want to believe all souls go immediately to heaven. The Church has other ideas. The teaching of purgatory can be a hard pill for some Catholics to swallow. Why would a loving God keep one out of heaven and confined for a time in purgatory? Well, perhaps for the same reason a loving mother keeps her child out of the house and on the porch until he wipes off his muddy boots. Being held on the porch does not call into question the mother’s love, but rather the state of the boy’s boots; being held in purgatory does not call into question God’s love, but rather the state of one’s soul. No sin of any sort: rancor, envy, or jealousy is allowed to hitch a ride into heaven on the soul of the faithful departed. The place of cleansing for the departed soul is purgatory; it is where all sin is purged away. Purgatory expresses in human terms the incredible love and care our God shows us. It could be said it is God’s way of providing an *overtime* for those stifled by sin during the *regulation* time of this world.

For those who doubt purgatory is an expression of God’s love, I recommend the poem, “The Dream of Gerontius” by 19th century convert, Cardinal John Henry Newman. In the poem, we find Gerontius (Greek for “old man”) dreaming of his death. Gerontius is guided by his guardian angel to the Judgment Seat of God, where he is so awestruck by the light emanating from it, that he darts toward it. But unready to enter into such brilliant light, the soul of Gerontius is “scorched and shriveled; and now it lies passive and still before the awful Throne.” While this is a purifying encounter for the soul, it becomes so weakened by the experience that a time of healing is needed in the recuperative waters of purgatory. The poem ends with the guardian angel laying Gerontius gently into the penal waters and whispering to Gerontius’ soul:

“Sinking deep, deeper, into the dim distance.
Angels, to whom the willing task is given,
Shall tend, and nurse, and lull thee, as thou liest;
And Masses on the earth and prayers in heaven,
Shall aid thee at the Throne of the most Highest.

Farewell, but not forever! Brother dear,
Be brave and patient on thy bed of sorrow;
Swiftly shall pass thy night of trial here,
And I will come and wake thee on the morrow

In this month of November, let us join the angels and saints praying for our loved ones who have passed and yet wait to enter into the splendid light of heaven.

Fr. Brian A. Mee
Guess Who?

This little guy used to walk to Sacred Heart grade school with his two older sisters, Peggy and Molly. Guess who?

A native Spokanite, Fr. Brian Mee grew up with his four siblings in Spokane’s Perry District. The Mee family was active in Sacred Heart Parish, where the children attended Sacred Heart School. After grade school, Fr. Mee left home to attend Mater Cleri Seminary in Colbert. Upon graduation, he continued his studies at Gonzaga University while living at Bishop White Seminary. Here he earned a B.A. in Philosophy. He was then sent to Rome for his theological studies, where he earned advanced degrees from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Pontifical Gregorian University, and the College of Sant’Anselmo.

Fr. Mee was ordained in 1978 at Sacred Heart Church. In his priestly ministry, he has been a pastor, a teacher at DeSales High School in Walla Walla, the spiritual director at Bishop White Seminary, and the vicar of finance for the Catholic Diocese of Spokane. He also served with the diocese mission in Guatemala and spent twenty years as a member of the Benedictine monastic community at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon.

Saint Cecilia
November 22

Coffee and Donuts
Sundays 10 am and noon

Bible Study
Tuesdays 9:30 am
Tuesday 6 pm
Thursday 9:30 am and 7 pm

Quilters
Wednesdays 10 am

Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 7 pm

RCIA
Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Religious Education Classes
Sundays 10 am

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Faith Formation
For more information regarding Faith Formation programs, please contact Ivana Mullner at 747-7972 or imullner@dioceseofspokane.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
RCIA meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Pearson Hall. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, needs to be confirmed, and/or wants to become a fully initiated member of the Church, please contact Ivana Mullner at 747-7972 or imullner@dioceseofspokane.org.

ST. AUGUSTINE MUSIC MINISTRY
Janet McCullough, Music Director
842-2176 jmccullough@dioceseofspokane.org

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL - Thursdays, 7 pm, in the loft
Contact Janet McCullough for more information.

Online Book Fair link: www.scholastic.com/fair
This link brings a search for local book fairs. Type in “99203” under the zip code, and select “View Fair Homepage.”

Around Town

October 30 - Trunk or Treat
Empty lot across from St. Anne’s Children and Family Center
25 W. 5th Ave. from 4 - 6 pm
Free family fun activities and treats.

November 2 - Silent Day of Prayer
Immaculate Heart Retreat Center 9 - 3 pm

November 2 - All Soul's Day Mass
Bishop Skylstad will preside at the annual All Souls Day Mass with Candle Lighting at the Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel

November 4 - Mass of Remembrance
Hosted by Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross Funeral & Cemetery Center at 9 am. All are welcome.

November 10 - Veteran's Day Holiday Observed
Offices and schools are closed.

November 11 - "In the silence of the heart God speaks."
Immaculate Heart Retreat Center 10:30 am

November 11 - Trinity Catholic School Annual Benefit Auction
In the Gonzaga Prep Gym 4:30 pm

November 11 - Turkey Bingo
Our Lady of Fatima Parish 6 pm

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