

St. Augustine Catholic Church

January 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord



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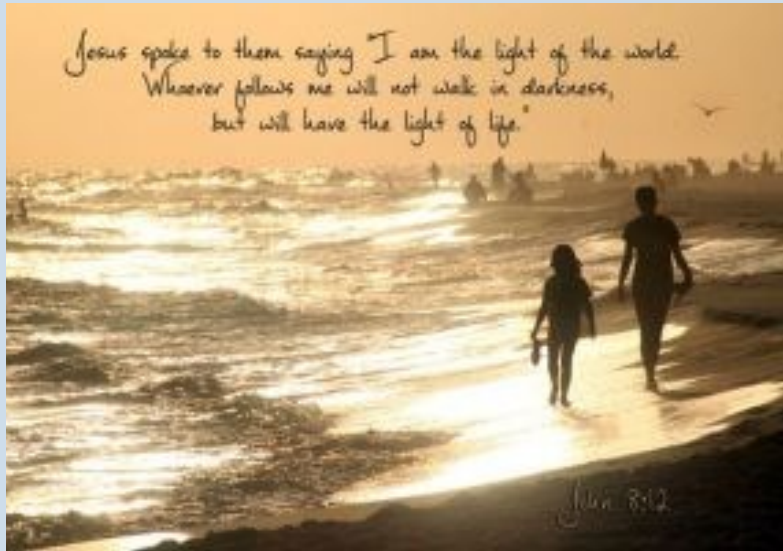
Spiritual Food for The Journey...



Walk In The Light! Be the Light shining through the Darkness

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We find today Wise men from the East following the light of a new star. The first century world was shrouded in the darkness of oppression and poverty and many were living under the brutal rule of the Roman Empire. The darkness that overshadowed the world found in it those who awaited something new, powerful and transformative. Although the people of Israel longed for the coming of the Messiah, today we see that the new born king for which the new star formed would have an everlasting rule and would bring salvation to all of humanity.

It is this manifestation of God breaking through the darkness for all creation to see and experience that we remember today. The Magi, Three Kings or The Wise men also longed and hoped for the one ruler who would bring peace and harmony. One that would rule with love for all. These kings follow the star and find the new born King in a simple home, and in poverty. They present him with precious gifts for a king, gold, frankincense and myrrh.



The hope and power of Epiphany can be for us all both a reminder and a call to walk in the Light of the Lord and to be the light amid a dark world. As we look at our city, our nation and world we see and experience the darkness that seems to overcome and shadow the light. We are inclined to seek refuge and solace in the midst of the darkness around us. But we cannot hide, we cannot shroud ourselves, nor allow ourselves to be hidden or silenced by the darkness. Rather we are called to stand strong and burn brightly to proclaim a message of Light, Hope and Peace.

**Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
only light
can do that.**
**Hate cannot
drive out hate;
only love
can do that.**

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-January 14, 2024
1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 ~ The Lord Calls Samuel
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20 ~ Temples of the Holy Spirit
John 1:35-42 ~ Jesus, Lamb of God

DECEMBER PARISH FINANCES

Budgeted Revenue:	\$50,250.00
Collection/Online/Gifts	\$56,179.01
Rent	\$ 1,000.00
21st Century	\$ 5,522.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$62,701.01
EXPENSES:	
Utilities	\$ 2,385.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 1,778.26
Operating Expenses	\$28,104.17
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$32,267.43
DIFFERENCE	\$30,433.58
Parish Assessment to Diocese	\$6,385.84



Trini and Valerie Nering —1/8

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Linda Milam, Bradford Parsons —1/8*
- William Michael Terrell, Jr. —1/9*
- Marilyn Shelton — 1/11*
- Margaret Douglas—1/12*
- Helen Davis-Whaley, Everlena Mott, Matthew Williams—1/13*

Prayer for Healing...

Foster Adams, Gloria Alsandor, Harold Adams Beamon, Annie Beck, Gerald Bond, Eugene Brassell, Patricia Cowart, Tina Crawford, Robert Crowley, Raye Dudley, Sandra Fitzpatrick, Charl Golden, David Green, Verna Green, Vivian Harris, Bernice Hayes, Darrell Hollimon, Marvin Housley, Sr., Mae Johnson, Dorothy Katoe, Mary King, Audrey McGhee, Florine McMillan, Hattie Moore, Raymond Moore, Sr., Polk Puryear, Altonette Robinson, Floyd Shavers, Mayme Tuggle, Evelyn Vavasseur, Ben Wells, Eric Wells, Bertharene Young, Joyce Young, Joseph Young

LORD, MAY OUR DEARLY DEPARTED REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE

- January 7 ~ Mary Hines, Claude Talford**
- January 8 ~ Willa Moss**
- January 9 ~ Willena Young, Doris W. Stewart**
- January 10 ~ Ronald L. Barnes**
- January 11 ~ Bedford Mitchell, B. Bernadette Taylor, Elbert Beteet, Jr.**
- January 13 ~ Marion S. Mayo, Freddie M. Smith, Floyd Lemon, Doyle E. Bradburn, Sr.**



***What is Happening at
St. Augustine Church***



Announcements

Mrs. Vernell Brooks passed away on January 1st. She was the mother of Mrs. Laverne Randolph. The funeral arrangements are as follows: Visitation will be held on Friday, January 12th at Ford Funeral Home on Winchester from 4pm til 6pm. The funeral will be held on Saturday, January 13th at Oak Grove Baptist Church, 183 Joubert Avenue beginning at 11:00am. May the soul of Mrs. Brooks and all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in eternal peace.

St. Augustine, we are on our way. Tickets for the 2024 Faith Filled Hearts Gala are going fast. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of something great for our parish. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.com or you may come and purchase in the office. If you are unable to attend, you are still able to make a donation, no amount is too great or too small.

The new Diocesan PRE program is up and ready. If you are the parent/guardian of children ages 6 to 13, there will be a mandatory meeting on January 28th after the 11:00am Mass in Mizicko Hall.

Rayven Walker will represent St. Augustine in the NAACP Teenager of the Year Contest. Please support her by purchasing a membership. They will be on sale in the Narthex after each mass.

Have you ever considered becoming a Catechist? If so, we need you. We are preparing for the upcoming new PRE program and need some dedicated teachers to assist in teaching our children about their faith. Please contact the Church office if you are interested in volunteering.

We are in need of Sacristans. If you are interested in volunteering and becoming a sacristan, please call the Church office.

We are need of more counters on Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering and becoming a counter, please call the Church office.

BAPTISM





*The Parish Community of
St. Augustine Catholic Church
Cordially Invite You to the 2024*

"Faith Filled Hearts"

Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala

Saturday, February 24, 2024
The Great Hall & Conference Center
1900 S. Germantown Rd.
Germantown, TN 38138

*Honorees: The Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, SVD
The Honorable A.C and Mrs. Ruby Wharton
Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley
Mrs. Bertharene Young and the Late Sullivan Young,
Mrs. Grace Meacham*



Rejoicing from the Heart

Mass

Sat. 4PM Vigil Mass

Gala

6PM Cocktails & Silent Auction
7-10PM Dinner-Awards-Dancing

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For Door

Don't Wait—Purchase Your Tickets Now!!

2024 is fast approaching. To ensure that you are seated with your family, go on [www. Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) and search for St. Augustine.

This fundraiser is to support our parish financially. We are a “Beacon of Light” on the hill in South Memphis. This endeavor will help us to continue to flourish and support our parish and the community.



SAINT JOSEPH FREINADEMETZ , SVD

Joseph Freinademetz was born on April 15, 1852, in the Dolomite Alps of northern Italy. While Joseph was studying theology in the diocesan seminary of Bressanone (Brixen), he began to think seriously of the foreign missions as a way of life. He was ordained a priest on July 25, 1875, and assigned to the community of Saint Martin. However, the call to missionary service did not go away. Just two years after ordination he contacted Fr. Arnold Janssen, the founder of a mission house which quickly developed into the Society of the Divine Word.

With his bishop's permission, Joseph entered the mission house in Steyl, Netherlands, in August 1878. On March 2, 1879, he received his mission cross and departed for China with Fr. John Baptist Anzer, another Divine Word Missionary. Five weeks later they arrived in Hong Kong, where they remained for two years, preparing themselves for the next step. In 1881 they travelled to their new mission in South Shantung, a province with 12 million inhabitants and only 158 Christians.

In 1898, Freinademetz was sick with laryngitis and had the beginnings of tuberculosis as a result of his heavy workload and many other hardships. So at the insistence of the bishop and the other priests he was sent for a rest to Japan, with the hope that he could regain his health. He returned to China somewhat recuperated, but not fully cured. When the bishop had to travel outside of China in 1907, Freinademetz took on the added burden of the administration of the diocese. During this time there was a severe outbreak of typhus. Joseph, like a good shepherd, offered untiring assistance and visited many communities until he himself became infected. He returned to Taikia, the seat of the diocese, where he died on January 28, 1908. He was buried at the twelfth station on the Way of the Cross, and his grave soon became a pilgrimage site for Christians.

Freinademetz dedicated his life to proclaiming the gospel message of God's love for all peoples.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

