

St. Augustine Catholic Church

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent



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Spiritual Food for The Journey...

Saint Augustine Community Garden

We would like to announce and invite the community to adopt a plot. The St. Augustine Community Garden is ready for planting. There are 20 plots available for adoption. You can choose your plot and place your name sign in your plot and let's start watching the growth. Organic vegetables are a healthy way to receive nutrients, save on your grocery bill and build a sense of pride and joy as you watch and nurture your garden to produce a harvest.

Faith Filled Hearts Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala

We would like to thank all those who attended and supported our First "Faith Filled Hearts" Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala. Saint Augustine in partnership with friends, community and civic leaders came together in a never-before-seen extravaganza as we honored women and men of distinction who have been influential in making a difference in our Parish, Diocese, City and Community. Saint Augustine Parish with our partners and friends raised **\$36,572.01** from the "**Faith Filled Hearts Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala**" Congratulations on a job well done!

The Archbishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M Memorial "G" Foundation

We would like to invite **100** members to make a financial gift of \$1,000. Please note that the number is not limited to 100. One Hundred families and or individuals is our goal. This gift will support our 21st Century Fund to secure continued funding support for our Capital Improvements and Repairs and the future of St. Augustine Parish. As we address needs that have been long standing, we need to keep funding up providing ongoing revenue. We would like to invite the 100 members to make their **\$1,000 restricted gift by June 24th**. June 24th is the Ordination Anniversary of the Late Archbishop Lyke, and we would have a celebration for the contributors to the "G" Foundation to commemorate his life and dedication to St. Augustine and his leadership in the African American Catholic Community. Let's keep the momentum going, and let's come together for the benefit and good in securing the future for our Spiritual Home here at Saint Augustine Parish. Make Your Gift out to "**St Augustine Church**" in the Memo place the "Archbishop Lyke "G" Foundation".

REV STEPHAN BROWN, SVD, PASTOR



This weekend I would like to reflect with you on the Subject “Know Your Purpose, Let Your Life be a living Sacrifice.”

Today we find Jesus arriving at His hour and we are reminded of the purpose for which he came. We are reminded that the purpose for His coming and His direction is Jerusalem. As I reflect on the scriptures this week I am reminded of an old Spiritual Director Fr. Felix Eckerman, SVD. Fr. Felix used to remind me that “The main thing, is the Keep the Main thing, the MAIN THING.” You see Jesus’ hour has now arrived and nothing is going to deter him from his path and direction. Some “Greeks”, these are persons who have come the feast of Passover who were Jews that were of the Diaspora, Greek speaking Jews or Hellenists. They had likely heard about Jesus and were curious to learn from Him and probably had question. Jesus is focused on the Keeping the Main thing the Main Thing, namely going to Calvary, entering His passion, death and ultimately the resurrection. So there is no time for frivolous encounters and conversations. When told by Phillip that some “Greek” speaking Jews wanted to see Him, Jesus shifts directly to His Purpose. Jesus responds, “The Hour has come for the Son of Man to be Glorified.” Jesus is ultimately Glorified in Him like a grain of wheat dying, He gives the ultimate sacrifice in His dying so that He might rise again, glorified by His Father in Heaven.

Like Jesus we are called to Keep our eyes on the Prize, to discover and know God’s purpose for our lives and to remain on that path. Like Jesus our lives must also be a lived sacrifice, we are called to die to ourselves so that we might live for Christ. This becomes the heart of the message for us this week. Jesus says: “However loves his life loses it, but whoever hates his in this world will preserve it for life eternal.” The question arose in our scripture sharing this week, what does this mean? Why should we hate our own life? What Jesus is telling us is that we are not called to live for ourselves, to promote ourselves, to seek our own good, but rather like Jesus, we are called to die to ourselves our will and our way and to allow Christ to live through us. Our lives have meaning when they are lived in giving and service to others. This is where true purpose and happiness lies, living a life that impacts and lifts of the lives of others.

Recently a parishioner shared how she and her organization were working with the children from Hamilton Elementary. She spoke with great passion and excitement of all that they are doing to help the lives of children in need. She shared with hope and enthusiasm further engagement and impact for the lives of the children in our neighborhood and community. Here is where the meaning of today’s scriptures come alive. Each of us is called to this responsibility, simply coming to St. Augustine to get what you can get out of the service, or from the parish and going home is not only insufficient, but it is also unacceptable, the true Christian must seek to give their lives for others. Each day is a dying to ourselves, of giving our lives in service to a sister who is struggling, a brother who is in need, a child who is lost or hurting, a young person who is discouraged. We must come out of ourselves, our own desires and make a difference in the life of another. To take up our cross and follow Jesus, must mean a daily journey with Him, though the pain and struggles, a diurnal trek that causes us to look back upon our day and see how we have made a difference in others lives. How is someone’s life better because we encountered them, looking past their appearance and circumstance to see them in a better and greater way because they have met you, encountered you and you made a difference in their life.

Women's Morning of Spirituality

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

Catholic Church of the Incarnation

360 BRAY STATION ROAD, COLLIERVILLE, TN



WITNESS SPEAKER
Jeni McBride



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mallory Smyth with
Walking with Purpose

*Do not be conformed to this world
but be transformed
by the renewal of your mind.*

Romans 12:2

7:15 Breakfast served in Gym **8:15** Program in Sanctuary

12:15 Mass with Bishop David Talley

Leading us in Song: Marie-Stéphane Bernard and Silvia Vega

Register at womensmorning.com

Flame of Love Rosary • Chaplet of Divine Mercy • Adoration • Reconciliation

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PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday's Readings-March 24, 2024

Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Stand Firm

Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Christ was Obedient

Mark 14:1—15:47 ~ Jesus is Sentenced to Death



◆ *Darrell and Ellen Katoe 3/21*



Jasmine Bolton, Carla Ray —3/17

Paige Harris —3/18

Jared Bolton, Joyce Bolton — 3/19

Christopher Bailey, Zachary Chambers —3/22



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, Sharl 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, Ben Wells, Eric Wells, Bertharene Young, Joyce Young, Joseph Young

LORD, MAY OUR DEARLY DEPARTED REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE

March 17 ~ Curtis Williams, Juanita Peyton

March 18 ~ Georgia Easley, Mildred Lewis, Solomon Kimbrough, Corine Johnson, Jacquelyn Walker, James Gordon

March 19 ~ Rosie L. Taylor

March 20 ~ Selma Cumby

March 21 ~ Thelma Pickett, Carol Parker, Lonnie Kelly, Lenard Wells

March 22 ~ George Jobes, Sr., Ivory Flagg, Sr., Cicroe Ray, Jr.

March 23 ~ Isaac Newton, Jr., Daisy Rainey, Nathaniel Betts, Marjorie Hampton, Thelma Gayden, William McChriston, Jr.





Announcements



Don't forget we will only have 1 Mass on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 10:00am and 1 Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

A sign up sheet for Holy Thursday Night Watch is in the Narthex. This is an opportunity for you to be present with the Lord.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th from 12pm-2pm. Parishioners are asked to donate candy and filled or unfilled eggs NLT March 24th. Volunteers are also needed. Signups are in the Narthex or on the St. Augustine Church app.

“Save the Date for the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Mothers Day Spring Breakfast on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at 9am in the gym.”

Please remember to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal. It doesn't matter how small the amount; we just want 100% participation. Thank you.

Harmony in Bloom: A Jazz Brunch Celebrating Springtime.

St. Augustine's youth group is celebrating the ongoing joy and renewal that comes with Easter and the spring season. The 2024 Jazz Brunch will be held April 14th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the gym. There will be a tasty menu, refreshing drinks and live music. Beginning March 17th, tickets can be purchased in the Narthex at the end of each mass. \$25 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Hope to see everyone there!

Ahh, The Magnificent Signs of Spring! Birds Chirping, cool breeze, Daylight Saving Time, spring showers, bees buzzing, butterflies fluttering, and of course the magnificent sounds of music. Here's where St. Monica Sodality blends right into this narrative. We are having our annual Spring Concert, Sunday, April 28th 2024 @ 3 P.M. We are so elated and excited to have the privilege of presenting the illustrious, inspiring, dynamic, Cordova High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Adrian Maclin. Our Spring Concert will be held in the W P Porter Gymnasium. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any St. Monica member. Our proceeds are donated to the Church. You have the date, time, place, and the price, so gather all of your relatives, friends, and visitors and bring them to this amazing and exhilarating concert. Refreshments will be served immediately after the program.

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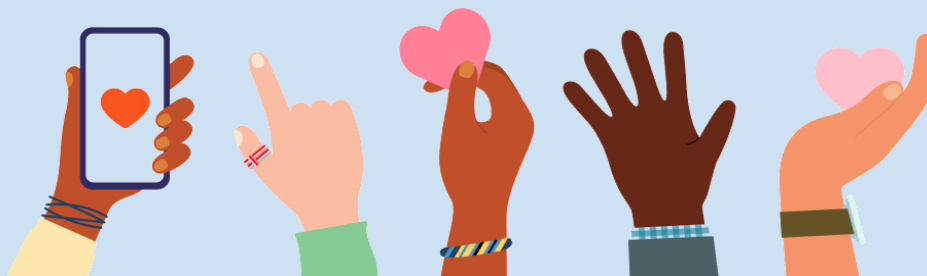
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ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
12 PM-2 PM**

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easter trinkets and filled or unfilled
easter eggs NLT March 24th.
Collection boxes will be in Narthex

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP IN NARTHEX OR ON ST. AUGUSTINECHURCH APP





St Benedict

AT AUBURNDALE

DO YOU HAVE AN 8TH OR 9TH GRADER ATTENDING A PUBLIC SCHOOL?

St. Benedict at Auburndale, our Diocesan, CoEd High School, has openings for 9th and 10th grades in August. **Families can receive a \$9,000 scholarship**; Additional scholarships are available for Catholic families.

Registration for the scholarships is happening NOW! Please follow the steps below:

1. Apply for St. Benedict (www.sbaeagles.org/applynow)
2. Apply for the ESA Scholarship (www.tn.gov/education/esa)
3. Apply for St Benedict Scholarship (<https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3CF1Q>)

If you would like to visit to St. Benedict to complete your paperwork, we have laptops and staff ready to help. Our address is 8250 Varnavas Drive, Cordova, TN. 38016) Call Mrs. Hidrobo, 901-260-2872 or email: hidroboy@sbaeagles.org to schedule a time.



Federated Colored Catholics Organization (FCC)

The Federated Colored Catholics (FCC), originally the Committee against the Extension of Race Prejudice in the Church, then the Committee for the Advancement of Colored Catholics, was a Black Catholic organization founded in 1925 by Thomas Wyatt Turner. It was a kind of spiritual successor to Daniel Rudd's Colored Catholic Congress movement (1889-1904), providing an organized voice in an era of nearly unchecked anti-Blackness and systemic racism. After a hostile take-over, it folded in the 1950s.

The FCC was originally founded in December 1925 as a small group advocating for Black uplift, and later expanded within the local area before becoming a federated group of chapters in various other cities.

They engaged in a number of social justice efforts, including a concerted push for more Black priests, who at the time were extremely few. (US seminaries had been entirely closed to Blacks until the late 19th century, and to a continuing extent thereafter.) The FCC's main target in this regard was the Society of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a mostly White order that ministered specifically to African-Americans. At the FCC's meeting in 1928 in Cincinnati, several of the first openly Black Catholic priests were mentioned in the program, including Frs. Augustus Tolton, John Henry Dorsey, SSJ; Charles Uncles, SSJ; Stephen Theobald, Norman Dukette; Joseph A. John, SMA; and Augustine Derricks, OSST.

The clashes between the FCC and the Josephites would eventually lead to the expulsion of FCC firebrand Marcellus Dorsey (brother of Josephite priest John Dorsey) from the Knights of Peter Claver, a Black Catholic fraternal organization the Josephites helped found in 1909.

Two White Jesuit priests, John LaFarge Jr. and William Markoe, later became major backers of and leaders in the FCC, eventually pushing the organization into a more interracial direction—against Turner's will. The group would eventually splinter over this conflict, with LaFarge establishing the short-lived Catholic Interracial Council of New York, which spawned several other chapters.

The FCC would itself die off in 1952, eventually succeeded by other national Black Catholic organizations such as the National Black Catholic Congress.

MASS TIMES

Weekday

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday ~ Friday

12PM Chapel

1st Friday

10:30 AM Chapel

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4PM

Sunday 8AM and 11AM

