

*A few thoughts
from the pastor's pen*

Dear Parish Family of St. Augustine:

If I have my information correct, Sister B here at St. Augustine's and Mrs. Dohle at St. Mary's both completed their official time as principals of our schools. I just want to join with Fr. Stan and our parishes in thanking both of them for all their hard work as principals and for all they have done to help the merger of our schools begin and continue in such a positive fashion. God bless you, Sister B and Mrs. Dohle!

Here are the Gospel readings for the week:

SUNDAY 07/06: Matthew 11:25-30

MONDAY 07/07: Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY 07/08: Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY 07/09: Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY 07/10: Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY 07/11: Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY 07/12: Matthew 10:24-33

God Bless you all!

Father. Bill

From the Associate Pastor:

A Relevant Saint

If this were an "ordinary" weekday in Ordinary Time and not the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church would be celebrating the Memorial of St. Maria Goretti. (Sundays and major solemnities take precedence over any other feast-days.) Yet, it may be important for us to remember Maria, a rather contemporary martyr.

The story of St. Maria Goretti (1890-1902) is familiar to most Catholics of a certain age and era. Twelve-year-old Maria resisted the advances of a young neighbor and was subsequently stabbed fourteen times as she fought off an attempted rape. She died two days later, forgiving her attacker "for the love of Jesus." Unfortunately St. Maria's story could have been a headline in the newspaper any day this past month. That makes her very relevant to our times.

In some accounts of St. Maria's martyrdom, her attacker cited certain books and periodicals as having fueled his disordered passions. At the start of the twentieth century, such materials were traded in secret and kept hidden away. Now, at the beginning of the twenty-first century, access to hardcore material is available at our fingertips. All we have to do is turn on the home computer. St. Maria Goretti reminds us to be vigilant of what we view, especially on-line and even on radio and television. Mass media broadcasts trash at a phenomenal rate. We cannot let this undercut our modesty, our chastity, our integrity or that of our children. Commit your media usage to St. Maria Goretti today!

It should also be noted that St. Maria is a patron against poverty. She lived in impoverished, sharecropper situations and her attacker had a nothing-to-lose attitude fostered by his own family's poverty. Remember pornography is not a victimless crime and often the models are humiliated and exploited in order to subsist. In honor of St. Maria Goretti make a donation or do some advocacy work to fight the poverty which reduces people to humiliating, endangering "work."

At St. Maria's canonization, Pope Pius XII noted, "Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are all called to the pursuit of Christian virtue." St. Maria Goretti help us insure the virtue of our homes!

— *Father Stan*

Gift Bearers



July Gift Bearers

- 07/05 Sat. 4:30 p.m. — Greg & Linda Gundlach
- 07/06 Sun. 8:00 a.m. — Chuck & Pam Stout
- 10:30 a.m. — David & Sandy Cange
- 07/12 Sat. 4:30 p.m. — Betty Gardner & Carol Dunn
- 07/13 Sun 8:00 a.m. — Yvonne Hayes & Wanda Knepper
- 10:30 a.m. — Jim & Jean Richter
- 07/19 Sat. 4:30 p.m. — Nancy Lombardo & children
- 07/20 Sun. 8:00 a.m. — Ladies Sodality
- 10:30 a.m. — Joseph & Aimee DiGiovanni
- 07/26 Sat. 4:30 p.m. — Norma Friederich & Clara Lichenbrock
- 07/27 Sun. 8:00 a.m. — Robert & Heather Ledee
- 10:30 a.m. — Youth Mass with Jim Law

PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon. 07/07 — Quilting. 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
- Blood Drive 3:00 p.m.
- Tue. 07/08 — Boy Scouts — 7:00 p.m.
- Thur. 07/10 — Quilting — 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
- Fri. 07/11 — Fish Fry — 4:30 p.m.
- Bingo — 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. 07/12 — Healing Mass — 8:00 a.m.

Welcome

We welcome into our family of faith, Colton and Kylie Ott, infant twins of Christopher and Crystal Ott. Colton & Kylie were baptized last Sunday. And God's blessing to Jocelyn Kaffer who will be baptized Sunday by her great uncle, retired Bishop Roger Kaffer of Joliet.

Welcome Bishop Kaffer !



Second Weekend of July — July 12 & 13

4:30 p.m. — Jacob Meister Brittney Zipfel
 8:00 a.m. — E.J. Berg Noah Ledee
 10:30 a.m. — Matt Shea Adam Cowgill
 Molly Cowgill Caroline Cowgill

Mass Intentions For The Week



Tue. 07/08 6:30 p.m. — Leo Wagner
 Henry Egnatz
 Mr. & Mrs. William Schwalb, Sr. & Family

Wed. 07/09 6:30 a.m — Augusto Climaco
 Louis Heizer
 Frank & Mary Theis

Thur. 07/10 6:30 a.m — Alice Pinion
 A Special Intention
 Alphonse & Charles Laskowski

Fri. 07/11 8:30 a.m. — Quentin Huber
 In Thanksgiving—NE
 Charles & Dorothy Haase

Sat. 07/12 8:00 a.m. — Healing Mass for Sick
 Parishioners and those listed on the Prayer Chain

4:30 p.m. — Catherine Biven
 Eleanor Geber
 Florence E. Dahm

Sun. 07/13 8:00 a.m — Victor Reznack
 Helena Kleinat
 Deceased Members of Born, Mueller &
 Wylie Families

10:30 a.m. — George Reuthermann
 Bonnie Wicklein
 John Ziombra

Word Of Life
For our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI,
in thanksgiving for his devotion
to the Gospel of life:
We pray to the Lord

No matter where you roam this summer , when you return home, please remember to catch up on your envelopes. We miss you when you are away, but we still need your money.

Food Pantry Needs

The shelves in our food pantry are quite low, and our requests for help are increasing. We ask your help in restocking the shelves. Items that are in the most demand right now are, macaroni & cheese, tuna helper, canned fruit, cereal, spaghetti, chili, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, cake mixes, personal hygiene items, dish soap. Any items that you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate. Thank You for all that you do for St. Augustine's.

July Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Mass	Lector	Ministers
4:30 p.m. Sat.	W. Knepper	G. Gundlach A. Schurman L. Lambert
8:00 a.m. Sun.	R. Palsmeier	G. Komora M. Buescher C. & P. Stout A. Enskat D. Feder
10:30 a.m. Sun.	C. Bossung	F. Calvarese R. Chancy L. Twigg D. Burnham

Athletic Association Golf Tournament

Get your team together...it's time again for the annual golf tourney. Saturday, August 2nd at Clinton Hills Golf Course, \$75.00 For question or reservations call Margy Pearson, 236-0507, or 920-7679.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
 OUR PARISH PICNIC IS
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone who supported last weekends Quilt/Cash Bingo. Whether you quilted, played bingo, volunteered your time to help work, brought a dessert, or bought a raffle ticket. You helped make the day a big success! The winners of the quilt raffle are The Patrick Hayes family who won the handmade baby quilt, and Sharon Rickert won the queen-size quilt. Congratulations to both of our lucky raffle winners, and to all of the lucky players who took home some very beautiful quilts!

PARISH SUPPORT	
June 28 & 29	
Loose —	458.25
Envelopes —	6,899.00
Children —	2.00
Building Fund —	55.00
Total —	\$ 7,414.25
School Income —	
Tuition —	1,079.05
Annual Fund —	14,000.00
Grand Total —	\$22,493.30

In response to a recent announcement regarding the purchase of a new stove for the rectory a parishioner generously donated a check to help cover those expenses. In these times of trying to keep up with utilities and other expenses, this donation was greatly appreciated! Thank You!!

**Vacation Bible School
“Power Lab”
Monday– Friday
July 14—18
9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Cathedral
McCormick Center**

VBS needs your help with supply donations for the craft projects and activities. The following items are needed. Black Permanent markers, craft glue, dot stickers, hula hoops, 1 wading pool, 1 bottle of baby shampoo, 6 spray bottles, crepe paper, drinking straws, 6 pool noodles, small plastic buckets, splash balls for water games, balloons, paper plates, 2 liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Coke or Root beer, masking tape, ping pong balls, plastic beach balls, rolls of toilet tissue, fine tip markers, pencils, Windex, sponges, lime juice, paper cups, red ink pads, trays, flashlights.

Cash donations are always welcomed. You can send them to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket clearly marked “VBS”.

If you have any questions please contact Jane Friederich 234-3960.

St. Mary-St. Augustine School

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is still being accepted for the new Catholic School in Belleville. “St. Mary-St. Augustine” For more information on becoming an SMSA Angel, call the school office 234-4958. We are looking forward to a great school year filled with faith, enthusiasm, and learning!

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(Please complete this form and give it to the priest, to an usher, or mail it to the Parish office at 1910 W. Belle St., Belleville, IL 62226)

Thank You.