

*A few thoughts  
from the pastor's pen*

Dear Parish Family of St. Augustine:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. We pray that these holy apostles intercede for us all that we may be strong in our Catholic Faith! Friday is Independence Day...let us pray for our country, and in gratitude for God's many blessings.

Here are the Gospel readings for the week:

- SUNDAY 06/29: Matthew 16:13-19
- MONDAY 06/30: Matthew 8:18-22
- TUESDAY 07/01: Matthew 8:23-27
- WEDNESDAY 07/02: Matthew 8:28-34
- THURSDAY 07/03: John 20:24-29
- FRIDAY 07/04: Matthew 9:9-13
- SATURDAY 07/05: Matthew 9:14-17

God Bless you all!

*Father. Bill*

**Gift Bearers**



**June Gift Bearers**

- 06/28 Sat. 4:30 p.m. — Ralph & Arlene Musec
- 06/29 Sun. 8:00 a.m. — Jim & Gloria Bedwell
- 10:30 a.m. — Youth Mass with Jim Law

**Early Bulletin Deadline**

**Because of the July 4th Holiday on Friday, production of the bulletin has been moved up a day. Please have all information faxed, emailed or dropped off at the rectory by noon Monday, June 30. Thank You.**

**St. Mary-St. Augustine School**

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is now open 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!

I/we would like to become members of St. Augustine's Parish:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(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.

*From the Associate Pastor:*

**A Time for Pioneers**

Early July, the start of the summer season, truly is a time for pioneers. As a nation, we remember our national heritage. As a parish, we have an air of pioneer excitement and adventure as our new St. Mary-St. Augustine School continues to take shape and gain momentum, a pioneer venture in Catholic education in the city of Belleville. And as a Church, we celebrate the July 1 feast of a U.S. Catholic pioneer, Blessed Junipero Serra, OFM.

A native of Spain, Junipero – whose name means "jester of God" – was a Franciscan friar who at age 55 undertook the most noteworthy ministry of his life: founding the 21 missions along the coast of present day California. Father Serra limped along the coast, converting native Americans and establishing missions. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Blessed Junipero is the patron of the men and women who belong to Serra International, a Catholic organization devoted to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A public word of thanks to the Serrans and their friends – so many of our St. Augustine's parishioners – who showed their support for Belleville area priests at a special dinner last week!

On Tuesday, you might recall the Serrans, their patron and their prayer for the perseverance of vocations: "O God, You have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received." Amen and thanks be to God for pioneers!

*– Father Stan*

**Congratulations**

We are happy to welcome into the Body of Christ Kaylee Kiefer, who was baptized at St. Augustine's on Saturday, June 21st. She is the infant daughter of Kenny and Kelly Kiefer, who are the first couple that Fr. Stan married and who brought their first child back to "daddy's" home parish for baptism. Gods blessings for many years to come!

This Fall St. Augustine and St. Mary Parishes hope to offer the RCIA for those interested in becoming Catholic. Start praying now to see if God is calling you to the Church.

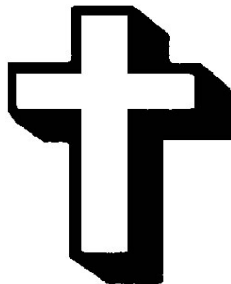
**Blood Drive Monday, July 7,  
3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

If you have given blood on or before May 12, 2008, you are eligible to give blood again on July 7, 2008. Please refrain from drinking tea two weeks before giving blood as it depletes your iron. Free Fredbird T-Shirts for all blood donors.



**“May I never boast  
except in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.”**

*(Galatians 6:14)*



Pope Benedict XVI has declared this the Year of St. Paul, beginning Sunday, June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, marking the 2,000 anniversary of the birth of the Apostle to the Gentiles, St. Paul of Tarsus. To celebrate this milestone of faith, St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, with the help and cooperation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, has set up and will bless a large wooden cross on its grounds. May this cross remind us of Paul's efforts to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, to all people.

### ***Our Pauline Year Prayer***

“We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.” Amen (II Thessalonians 1:11-12)

***Please join in the blessing  
of our Pauline Year Cross  
immediately after the  
10:30 a.m. Mass***

### **First Friday, July 4, 2008**

This year, the First Friday of July occurs on Independence Day, July 4. St. Augustine's will observe a special holiday adoration schedule. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on July 4 from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. There will be no afternoon exposition or Mass. If your work schedule does not allow you to attend the usual First Friday Adoration and Mass, please come the morning of July 4!

### **St. Peregrine Devotion**

July 3 is the first Thursday of the month. The devotion to St. Peregrine will be held following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Queen of Peace. St. Peregrine is the Patron Saint for cancer patients. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **New Parish Council Representatives**

Recently, a second vacancy opened on the parish's Pastoral Council with the resignation of Mike Horcher due to personal commitments. Deb Elfrink's term of office is concluding this month. Since two candidates, Jim Law and Richard Sullivan, had been nominated for Pastoral Council elections, they were chosen by acclamation at the June 24 council meeting to fill these two vacancies on this parish advisory board. Congratulations and God's blessings to Jim and Richard. Heartfelt thanks to Deb and Mike!

**What Do You Want ?  
What is it going to take to  
get you and another couple  
to volunteer to chair  
St. Augustine's Bingo?**

You — whoever you are, Yes you sitting in the pew reading this bulletin (probably during the homily— caught you). What is keeping you from volunteering for this important work? In this coming fiscal year, Bingo revenue will still play an important part in the finances of the parish, but we need a new Bingo chairperson.

You need only to imitate Dennie's devotion and spirit of service, you can bring your style to the task. You can bring your own style and a couple of helpers. Call Fr. Stan, 233-3813 or stop by the rectory and share your ideas, concerns and abilities for this position.

**What are you waiting for?**