

*The Nativity of the Lord
Christus Natus Est ~ Christ is Born*



Feast of the Holy Family

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Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Fri, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mass Schedule: All Masses are in main church
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 a.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. during the summer,
 8:45 a.m. during the school year.
Confession Schedule (in the Chapel)
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship – Collections & Tithes

Fiscal year is July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

December Budget Total	\$ 117,000.00
December Received as of 12/13/21	\$ 43,926.78
<i>1st & 3rd weeks include electronic tithes</i>	
Budgeted (Jul. 2021 - Nov. 2021)	\$ 419,000.00
Received (Jul. 2021 - Nov. 2021)	440,447.85
Variance to Budget	\$ 21,447.85



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25, 2021
 9:00 a.m. Antonio Prieto

Sunday, December 26, 2021
 8:00 a.m. Sister Martina Mataya, CHM
 10:00 a.m. Parishioners, both living & deceased
 12:00 p.m. Leon Johnsrud

Tuesday, December 28, 2021
 8:00 a.m. Carol Bland

Wednesday, December 29, 2021
 8:00 a.m. Emery Pisut

Thursday, December 30, 2021
 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kirke

Friday, December 31, 2021
 8:00 a.m. John Ruan III

Saturday, January 1, 2021
 9:00 a.m. Patty DeMarco

Sunday, January 2, 2021
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners, both living & deceased
 10:00 a.m. Dan Minor
 12:00 p.m. Rachel & Maria Hanian

Parish Office: 545 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50312, 255-1175
School Office: 4320 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312, 279-5947

PARISH STAFF:

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Victoria Bettis, Communications, communications@staugustin.org

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS:

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY - Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm, Parish Hall, Pres, Jackie Hruska, staugustinaltarandrosary@gmail.com,
BIBLE STUDY - Meets every Wednesday during school year at the school, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Emily Duong, emiaduo@aol.com, 255-3402
CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY - Meets every Wednesday during school year 9:30 am - 11:15 am, Cindy Kodis at 251-3930
BOARD OF EDUCATION - Meets 1st Tuesday of the month in Conf Room, Tim Coonan, President, timothycoonan@davisbrownlaw.com
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Meets every other 4th Tuesday of the month in Conf Room, 255-1175, ext. 205
ELIZABETH MINISTRY - open volunteer position
EUCARIST MINISTER/LECTOR/RCIA - If interested, contact Deacon Kevin or Rhonda Heim at rsheim@prodigy.net, 274-4321
FINANCE COUNCIL - Meets every other month on the 4th Tuesday, Paul Mitchell, Chair
FOOD PANTRY - Collection is third weekend of month at all Masses, contact Patrick Johnson, 515-339-5207.
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - Co-Presidents: Becky Eaton, becky.eaton12@gmail.com; Stephanie Haas, stephaniehaas@gmail.com
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall. 1st Degree Ceremony- 5:00 pm, Rosary - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm, Living Your Faith - 7:00 pm, 7:45 pm - business meeting. Contact Tom Donnelly, tjdonnellyiowa@gmail.com, 988-0491
LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB - Molly Topf, molly.olingertopf@yahoo.com
MARRIAGE & FAMILY COMMITTEE - Rochelle Quiner, rquiner@gmail.com
MOM'S GROUP - Sydney Tietz, staugustinmoms@googlegroups.com
PARISH COUNCIL - Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Matt Eide, President, mpeide@gmail.com
PERPETUAL EUCARISTIC ADORATION - Janis Falk, Janis@staugustin.org, (515) 255-1175 x210
PRAYER CHAIN - Send your prayer requests to staugprayer@gmail.com or info@staugustin.org or call the parish office at 255-1175
PRAER SHAWL MINISTRY - Meets 1st Thursday of the month, Marty Chiovaro, 274-2482 or Pat Knight at 279-9475
RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE - Mary Lopreato, youthministry@staugustin.org
SOCIAL ACTION - Ann DiDonato, 279-5149, amdidonato@gmail.com
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USHER/GREETERS - Paul Martin, 865-6550
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Mary Lopreato, youthministry@staugustin.org
 Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm meet in the lower level during the school year

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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Inspiration for the week

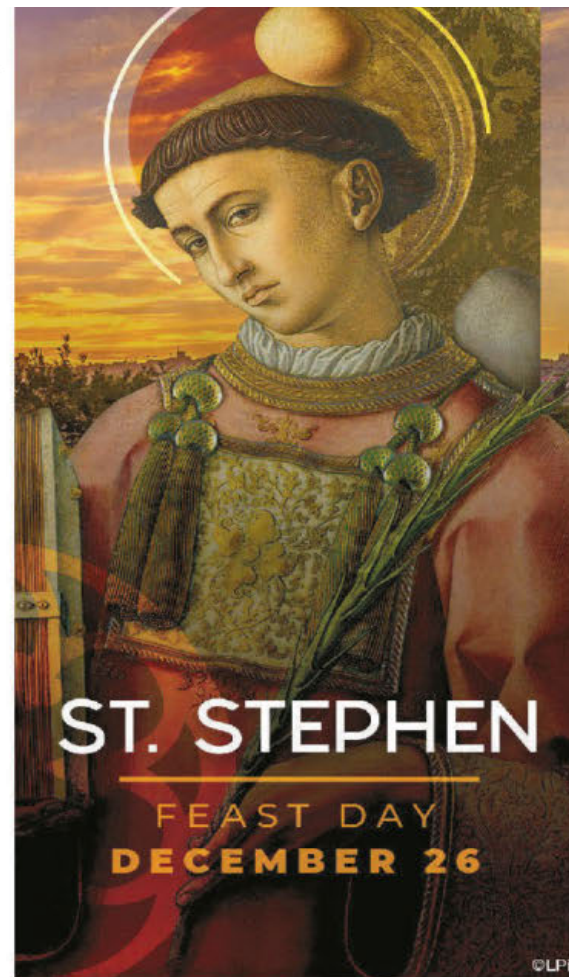
It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



CHRIST OUR LIFE

SAVE THE DATE!

September 24 & 25, 2022
Wells Fargo Arena Des Moines



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

The Feast of the Holy Family

Monday, December 27, 2021

6:30 p.m. Men's Group - CR

7:00 p.m. Mothers of
Seminarians -LL

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice - LL

7:30 p.m. Flower Crown Ministry - LL

PH-Parish Hall LL-Lower Level CR-Conference



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

(Matt 26:40 RSV)



Hours of Greatest Need:

Mon. 11 am, 6 pm, 7 pm

Tues. 1 pm, 4 pm, 10 pm

Wed. 12 pm, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm

Thurs. 10 am, 11 pm

Fri. 7 pm, 8 pm

Sat. 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

Sun. 3 am, 4 am, 5 am

CALL or TEXT: Janis Falk at (515) 255-1175, ext. 210 or email her at janis@staugustin.org.

PARISH OFFICE NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Closes at noon January 31

Closed January 3rd

Happy New Year!

BUS RIDES TO AND FROM MASS

The Knights of Columbus are offering pickup and return rides home for our 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

Interested in a ride? Call Cindy in the Parish Office at (515) 255-1175 during regular office hours.



Please Join Saint Augustin



*Mary, The Holy
Mother of God*

*Not a holy day
of obligation
this year*

*January 1st
9:00 am
(no 5:00 pm Mass)*

*Sunday Masses on January 2nd
8:00 a.m., 10:00 am., Noon*

WILL YOU HELP?

St. Augustin Parish provides dinner to the residents of the **St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter** on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our Parish has enthusiastically embraced this monthly meal and many families have been doing it for many years.

We are soliciting names of individuals, groups or families interested in joining this rewarding mission in 2022. This includes planning and delivering the meal to 30-35 adults/children living in the shelter.

Meals can be homemade or as simple as delivering pizzas or fried chicken.

If you are interested in helping in 2022, please contact Michael Woody at CriticMCW@gmail.com.

**Meals
for the
Shelter**



*Are you new to our Parish?
Welcome!*

Please introduce yourself to us and join us for coffee & donuts in the Parish Hall after our 8 am & 10 am Sunday Masses. For questions and to register, contact Cindy in the Parish Office at (515) 255-1175, ext. 201. You can also find our registration form online at www.staugustin.org.



St. Augustin Youth
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Faith, Fellowship, Food, Fun

Inviting all High School students to join us in the lower level on Wed. evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

For more information contact Mary Lopreato at: youthministry@staugustin.org.

Let's have some fun!

The Feast of the Holy Family



The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.* She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



Items will be in the east parish hall entrance Jan. 8th & 9th. You can also pick-up items in the parish office before Jan. 11th.

Wood bead rosary in white bag
Girls' olive-green coat (Cat & Jack)
Girl's black winter jacket
Toddlers' girl's leopard vest
Girls pink fleece
Children's mittens, gloves, and stocking hats
Several children's books
Baby burb cloth
Black snow boots

Women's black/white head scarf
Women's watch
Black & ivory lady's veil
Men's black winter jacket
Men's Hollister wind breaker
Ladies & men's winter hats & gloves
Spanish prayerbook
Large hand magnifying glass
Several umbrellas
And more.....



Please remember
St. Augustin in
your year end
giving!



Grow With Us ST. AUGUSTIN SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM PRE KINDERGARTEN 4's +
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN 5S

6:45 PM - 7:45 PM KINDERGARTEN (ALL DAY)

RSVP to Mrs. Watters (515) 279-5947

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY PLEASE



It all starts here

The Feast of the Holy Family

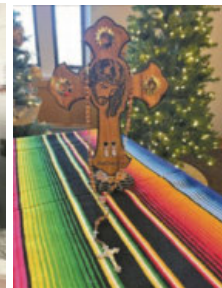


Blessing of Our Advent Wreath



Nativity in Our Chapel

*Our Lady of Guadalupe
Taco Breakfast*



Thank you to everyone who donated and/or helped pack our shoebox gifts this year! Because of your generosity, approximately 400 at-risk children ages 0-18 in Polk County will receive wonderful Christmas presents this year.



Cindy's work is never done! Along with Paul Cognac, there was Christmas tree shopping and spreading hay in the stable to prepare for the nativity.



Many thanks to the Altan & Rosany who work with Father Pisut to bring his vision to life for a beautiful Advent and Christmas season.



St. Nicholas & Father Pisut visit the students at school.

The Feast of the Holy Family

Father Pisut's 2021 Christmas Open House



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