

## Adult Education Notes

- ✠ The faith and love of Abraham! Oh that we would trust God as he did. Could you? Would you? The love and trust of Isaac too is incomparable. How can you put your trust and love up against these two? In these next thirty days try to give your love and trust to God in ways you haven't before. Believe!
- ✠ Romans is a wonderful letter of St. Paul's. There is so much encouragement and truth to explore in it. Like today's second reading, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Who can defeat us if God is with us? Rely on his goodness and faithfulness.
- ✠ The Transfiguration is the second time God shows us Jesus as His Son. The first was Jesus's baptism. Here God shows the disciples Jesus's glory that awaits him. Peter, James, and John get a glimpse of who Jesus truly is and are caught off guard and are moved to worship. Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophets. Jesus is the fulfillment of both bringing the covenant God made to fruition. Have you ever had an experience where you truly felt God's presence with you? and you didn't want to leave or lose that moment? That moment was your own personal Transfiguration where God showed himself and glory to you.
- ✠ Need a cause for prayer this Lent? How about the conversion of sinners. Mary was very adamant on this and pleaded us to pray for conversion. How the world would change if hearts were converted from self to others. Add it to your prayers.
- ✠ Become someone unafraid of your cross. We are called to pick up our cross daily and follow Jesus. Lent is the time when we can become more aware of our cross. Temptations ask us to lay it aside, give in to an easier way but Jesus tells us to take it up for His sake and gain eternal life.
- ✠ If we face temptations, it doesn't mean that God has abandoned us. Temptation actually gives us an opportunity to answer the question: Whom will we serve? When we overcome temptation, we grow in virtue. Each time that we resist these temptations, we become stronger in our faith. This is why God allows these tests in our spiritual lives.
- ✠ What is it that makes your soul beautiful? Prayer. What is it that keeps you from sin? Prayer. What is it that fills you with hope? Prayer. What is it that leads you on the road to holiness? Prayer. Prayer is the key to all things. Without prayer, each and every day, you are directionless in life and are left to your own wisdom and ability, which is a frightening state to find yourself in (Faustina's Diary #146).
- ✠ Do you pray? Not just every so often, at Sunday Mass or before meals. But do you truly pray every day? Do you spend moments alone speaking to God from the depths of your heart and let Him speak back to you? Do you allow Him to initiate a conversation of love with you every day and throughout the day? Reflect, today, upon your habit of prayer. Reflect upon whether you can honestly say that your daily conversation with God is the most important conversation you have each day. Make this a priority, the number one priority, and all else will fall into place.

### Pastoral Care at St. Francis Hospital

During this time when there is no Catholic priest at St. Francis Hospital, please contact the parish office and notify Father Coon when you will be in the hospital. Maybe you could arrange for a time to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before you enter. If it is an emergency and you have an unplanned trip to St. Francis Hospital, please notify the hospital staff that you are "Catholic" and that you would like to visit with a member of the hospital's Pastoral Care. Pastoral Care will then contact a priest to anoint you if needed.

### ***CONGRATS DEBBIE KEITH!***

Winner of the sjsa\_youth monthly raffle in February (over \$200 in local gift certificates) March prize is a refurbished patio table with Saint Medals and other trinkets preserved on table top. Raffles in vestibule to both churches and can be turned in to sjsa\_youth lock boxes in back of both churches. Winner to be drawn March 26/27.

### From the ST. JOHN PCCW:

I want to thank everyone who thru this holiday season saved the fronts of their Christmas cards. I sent a box containing over 1000 card fronts to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder, Nevada. I also mailed off two envelopes, containing several thousand stamps to the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Indiana. Thank you for taking time to do this for these worthwhile projects. Also, PCCW will be having their Annual Rummage Sale this summer so please start saving items you no longer need to donate to our sale.

*May you have a Blessed Lenten Season.*

### Frozen Dressing Fundraiser

**Just in time for Easter!!**

**Bag of Raw, Frozen Dressing to fit a 9x13 Pan**

**Orders will be available for pick up at St. Augustine School on March 27 & 28 after Masses**

**\$25 per bag**

**Return order form with payment to the Parish Office or email order to [parishoffice4106@gmail.com](mailto:parishoffice4106@gmail.com).**

**Order Deadline in Friday, March 12, 2021**

**Proceeds benefit St. Anne's Ladies Sodality**

### St. Augustine Annual Dinner Auction

St. Augustine Home and School's 28th Annual Dinner Auction be virtual and is scheduled for March 13-19 with item and carryout meal pick up on March 20th.

This year's theme is "St. Augustine STAcation".

We are offering a Carry-Out Meal on March 20, 2021 from 5-7 pm. Menu: Ribs, Chicken Breast, Pork Loin, Baked Beans, Potato Casserole and Salad. Deadline to purchase a meal is March 11, 2021. Contact Becky Collier, 573-587-2305 and an order form will be emailed to you.

### **The RCCW will be hosting a Saturday Retreat at IC in Jackson on Saturday, March 27, 2021.**

Coffee and pastries at 8AM,

Mass with Father Randy at 9AM.

Registration at 945 followed by a presentation on St. Joseph by Father.

Business Meeting at 11 and finished by noon.

All PCCW members are welcome to attend.

### Position Openings at St. Augustine School

Pre-School Teacher Aide opening: St. Augustine School is seeking applications for a pre-school teacher aide. A qualified applicant would be a practicing Catholic with experience and love for children. Hours would be approximately 9 am to 1 pm daily. Pay is \$10.30 per hour. Math/Science Teacher and 5th Grade Teacher: St. Augustine School is seeking a full time Middle School (Grades 6-8) Math and Science teacher and 5th Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 School year. The teacher candidates must have or be eligible for the appropriate teaching certificate with preference given to active Catholics. The candidates must complete a VIRTUS class and background screening. Call Sarah Cato, Principal at 573-264-4644 ext 202 with questions or for a paper copy.

### Principal Opening at St. Augustine School

St. Augustine Catholic School is seeking a Principal for the 2021-2022 School Year. The unique role of the Catholic School principal is defined by the primary responsibilities of Leadership in the Community of Faith, Instructional Leadership, Managerial Leadership, Interpersonal Relationships, and Professional Growth. Candidates should have a minimum of a Master's degree in Educational Administration, or a Catholic School Administration Certification or a plan to pursue principalship certification approved by the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools. The Candidate should have prior teaching experience. The Candidate must be a practicing Catholic and possess a teaching certificate on the level of principalship, elementary or secondary. Applications can be found online at [dioscg.org](http://dioscg.org)>Ministries and Offices>Schools/Education>Employment or from St. Augustine School's office. Submit applications by email to Fr. Michael at [parishoffice4106@gmail.com](mailto:parishoffice4106@gmail.com) or in person to the Parish Office. Call Fr. Michael, 264-4106 for information.

