

St. Augustine's Liturgy Committee News

The April meeting of the Liturgy Committee was held on April 5, 2006. Plans are being finalized for the April Liturgies and the May Liturgical Calendar is being set. We again ask everyone to think about special Masses or Services that you would like to see happen in our parish. Talk to Fr. Andy or the Liturgy Committee Chair, Wanda Knepper. The phone number for either person is the rectory, 233-3813.

MAY PARISH LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Each month in the parish mailing you will find a sheet of information like this one. One side will have the Parish Liturgical Calendar for the following month showing you what will be happening at some of the masses and informing you of the various prayer services that you will have the choice of attending. Some of these have been in place for a long time but there will also be something new offered from time to time. Please post the calendar in your home for your future reference.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On the First Saturday of each month from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. we will have the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass. This is entirely voluntary and no one/group will be especially assigned. We hope you are considering becoming one of the "Adorers". This would be a fine time to pray for your 'special intention'. We all have something special to pray for from time to time. We may have people from outside our parish participating and then staying for 4:00 p.m. Mass. Perhaps some of our parishioners would like to come a little early for some special prayers. If you enter church during those hours please be aware and perhaps a little more reverent.

MAY CROWNING-MAY 3

The annual May Crowning of our Queen Mother Mary will be held by the school children at the All School Mass at 8:25 a.m. on May 3. Parishioners are welcome to attend this simple ceremony and dedicate the month of May to Mary. After the mass, there will be bagels and juice in the school hall. Please feel free to come.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS—MAY 14

All mothers will be honored at the 8:30 a.m. mass on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 14. We encourage families to attend together with their mother and rededicate their family to live as the Holy Family lived in peace and harmony, praying with their mother to be able to live prayerful and holy lives. There also will be the annual rose sale by the Pro-Life group and a rose may be purchased and placed on the altar in honor of your mother or you may present the rose to her on 'her day'.

CONFIRMATION

Although Confirmation will be held at the Cathedral on May 4, our parish will celebrate with our confirmants on Sunday, May 7, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Confirmation Class will be seated up front and will carry up the gifts. After the Mass a group photo will be taken and Confirmants and their families will be guests at a small lawn reception after mass. They will be in our prayers.

GRADUATION MASS

Monday morning, May 22, 2006, at 8:25 a.m. we will have a special Mass for our St. Augustine of Canterbury School Eighth Grade graduates. Parishioners are invited to attend and congratulate our newest graduating class as they move on up the road to higher education. We wish them well and pray for their continued success.

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY FEASTDAY-MAY 27

On Saturday, May 27, 2006, we celebrate the Feast Day of our parish Patron Saint—St. Augustine of Canterbury, with a special prayer at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Augustine was born in Rome and was a monk and abbot of Saint Andrew's Abbey in Rome who was sent by Pope Gregory the Great along with 40 brother monks to evangelize the British Isles in 597. Before he reached the islands, terrifying tales of the Celts sent him back to Rome in fear, but Gregory told him he had no choice and so he returned to England. He established and spread the faith throughout the land; one of his earliest converts was King Aethelberht who brought 10,000 of his people into the church with him. Augustine was ordained a bishop in Gaul (modern France) by the Archbishop of Arles. He helped re-establish contact between the Celtic and Latin churches. Anglican Archbishops of Canterbury are still referred to as occupying the *Chair of Augustine*.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL MASS ON MAY 28

We will be honoring our parish service men and women at the 8:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, May 27. There will be special music and song. We will have a color guard from the Catholic War Veterans Butz-Jobe Post #370. At the doors of the church there will be tables with cards and pencils on them. On entering the church you may stop at the table and write your special service man or woman's name on the card and post it on the bulletin board standing near the altar before mass. This can include veterans as well as active personnel. We will remember them in our prayers during the week in thanksgiving for their service to us and our country and pray for their safety.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Did you notice the children being called to attend the special Children's Liturgy on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 10:30 a.m. Youth Mass? This will be happening each month at the Youth Mass. Volunteers will invite those children in the age range of 4 years to 14 years to attend a special explanation of the readings of the day that will be geared especially to their level of understanding. The Children will attend mass with their families before the readings. Father will invite them to join the volunteers in a walk to the rectory basement for their "special liturgy readings and explanations", and the volunteers will escort them back into church to rejoin their families for Communion so they can receive Father's communion blessing as they do now. We hope parents will encourage their young ones to attend this special liturgy but it is not mandatory. Hopefully those who will be attending will be able to discuss with the rest of the family what they hear and understand on the way home from church on these Sundays. Our children are very important persons in our church and they need to be nurtured and instructed from early on about our faith. We also hope the parents will bring their children to the Youth Mass and encourage them to participate in some way. They can be Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Singers, or carry up the gifts. It is refreshing to see the young people coming of age in the church.