

# City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

# NEWSLETTER

August 16th, 2021

I once read that the gift of all gifts is to **be able to bless others as God has blessed us**, this is certainly the case for many who share their gifts and talents to keep our parish thriving. Just yesterday we enjoyed another beautiful service where Myrna made the pipe organ sing, Deb sang for us, Bill played guitar and sang, Andrea played the keyboard and did a reading, Winnie did a reading along with being a sidesperson, Jackie helped greet us all and acted as a sidesperson, Bob lead us through the prayers of the people, and Tom and I were in the soundbooth while Charlie worked on upgrades to our sound system.

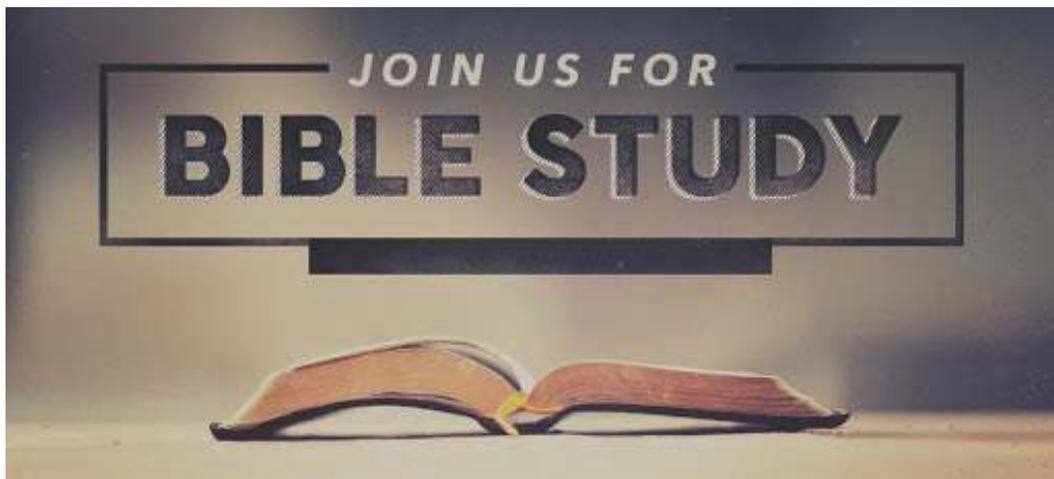
Last week I had both Bob Coates and Bill Kesanko come in to tackle a few handyman jobs around the church which was truly appreciated.

Our Auggies Cafe crew continues to make and service lunches to go feeding around 60 people each week.

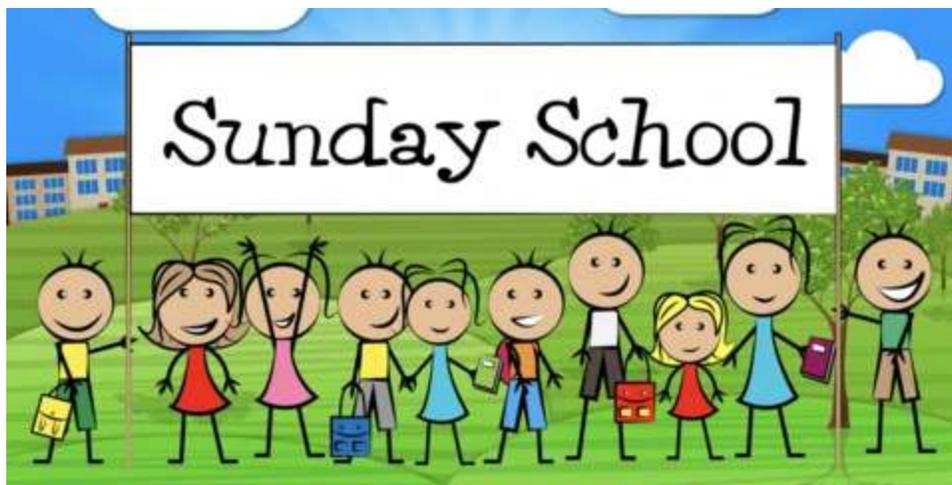
Our core Sunday School team (Jennifer, Brenda, and Kathy) met with Father Neil to set some plans for September and their enthusiasm is nothing short of contagious!

We are incredibly blessed to have so many people feel this willingness to share their gifts with us all!

We were planning a Ministry Fair for this month but have postponed it until September 12th. Here you will be able to learn more about each of the 'jobs' that keep our parish thriving, maybe you'll see a role you'll feel called to sign up for and share your gifts with us all. All ministries do come with training and most are easy and enjoyable; you just need your willingness! (for more on that, refer to Father Neil's sermon from yesterday!)



A reminder that we do have a wonderful Bible Study group meeting every week. To begin with, the study is focusing on the readings for the following Sunday. "Anybody is welcome to come whether you think you know the scriptures or whether you think you've never read the scriptures - you'll be fine! If you're interested and just want to be with other people and discuss God's word among yourselves and that, I would really invite you to come to this." Come join us any Thursday at 10am at the church. Bible readings for next Sunday are: 1 KINGS 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43, EPHESIANS 6:10-20, and JOHN 6:56-69.



Do you enjoy children? Do you have an appreciation for watching our young grow in the love of Christ? Our Sunday School is looking for volunteers to commit to set time blocks to help with the Sunday School program. The lessons are all laid out in an easy to use format and you will not be alone. Each time block needs 3 volunteers so either sign up on your own, or ask a friend or two to sign up with you! You will NOT be left to fend for yourselves! Our core team is fully prepared to get us all trained, comfortable, confident and ready to go! Current blocks available are: September 12 - October 3 (5 Sundays), October 10 - November 21 (7 Sundays), and November 28 - December 19 (4 Sundays).

Contact Michelle, any of the core team, or sign your name to the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board to help.



Sunday School isn't the only school about to begin. For the next couple of weeks we will be collecting school supplies on behalf of Neighborlink. We are hoping to collect items such as backpacks, thermoses, pencil crayons, pencils, markers, pencil cases, scissors, Walmart gift cards, or even school snacks. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated!



After MANY months of not being able to meet, our ACW is ready to start up again! They will resume their monthly meetings at the church on Wednesday, September 8th at one o'clock. The ladies are looking forward to reuniting and planning the rest of the year.

All ladies of St. Augustine's Parkland are welcome to attend.

## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle is sponsored this week by Bill & Judy Kesanko in celebration of granddaughter Kylie's 11th birthday.



If you would like to sponsor the candle for \$10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

Upcoming dates:

August 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>·Winnie Kennair in memory of her mother.</li><li>·Bev &amp; Jim Orioux in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th!</li><li>·Greg Hanna &amp; Eileen in memory of Nelda Hanna</li></ul>
August 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Al &amp; Sharen Vidler to commemorate Sharen's birthday on the 21st &amp; Justin's on the 25th</li><li>·Greg Hanna &amp; Eileen in memory of Casey Hanna</li></ul>
Sept. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Betty Squance in memory of Glen's birthday on the 9th</li><li>·Winnie Kennair in memory of her brother Christopher</li></ul>
Sept. 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Kathy Budd in memory of her parents</li></ul>
Sept. 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· open</li></ul>
Sept. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· open</li></ul>

## **Reminders:**

- We have a few hippos left here that would love to return to their homes.
- There are also quite a few boxes of envelopes in the mail slots that can be picked up!
- If you have any parish news or events you would like to share, please do contact Michelle in the office to have it included in our weekly newsletter!
- If you have any prayer requests for our weekly intercessions, let Michelle know that as well.

## **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, August 19th - 10am Bible Study at the church

Sunday, August 22nd - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckkzBUIHoFQyrqCg1GmTukw>

Wednesday, September 8th - 1pm ACW meeting at the church

Sunday, September 12th - ministry/job fair, Sunday school starts, COFFEE after church!

## **Pray for our Sunday School teachers...**

