

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

August 23rd, 2021

We are incredibly blessed to have so many people feel this willingness to share their gifts with us all! Yesterday Myrna again played the pipe organ, Aglaia was on the keyboard, Hazel sang, and Randy strummed his guitar. Both Bill and Deb Courtis read for us and Paula led us through the prayers. It takes a good sized team working together every week to make our services happen and we truly appreciate the efforts of all.

We were planning a Ministry Fair for this month in hopes of finding more fabulous volunteers 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.

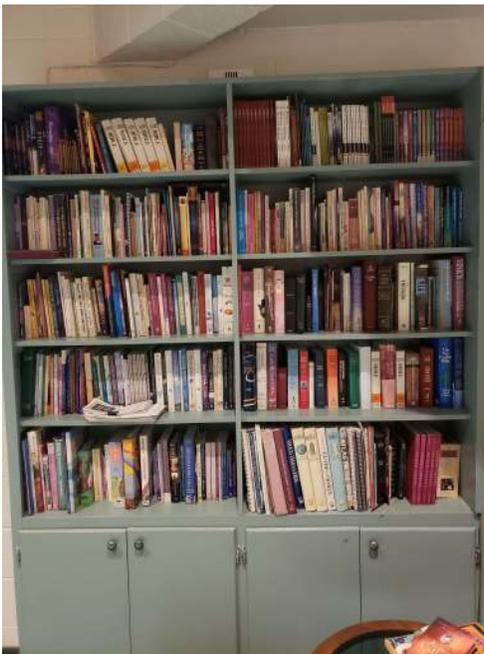


We have 2 wonderful couples doing some celebrating this week! We extend immense anniversary wishes to Bev & Jim Orioux celebrating 60 years together and to Val & Bill Fleming who are celebrating 66 years of wedded bliss! Happy Anniversary to you all!



Can you help?

If you've been in the church over the past few weeks you've probably noticed the growing pile of items lined up in front of the front windows. Some of this stuff is destined for the Thrift Shop, some for the eco-center, and some for the dump. If you can help with clearing it out, please contact Michelle in the office.



The Library is open!

Have you ever noticed the bookshelves at the back of the church near the offices? They are full of all kinds of Christian reading material and are there for you! You are welcome to peruse the titles and take home any you would like to read! We also now have a bookshelf dedicated to kids near the hall as well!



A reminder that we do have a wonderful Bible Study group meeting every week. Thus far we have been focusing on the readings for the following Sunday and enjoying some really great conversation. Come join us any Thursday at 10am at the church. Bible readings for next Sunday are: SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13, JAMES 1:17-27, and MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.



HELP! We are still 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.



We're off to a good start collecting donations of 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! Let's all pitch in and ensure every child in the Tri region has the tools they need to succeed!



Don't forget - 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 Winnie Kennair in memory of her mother, by Greg Hanna & Eileen in memory of Nelda Hanna, by Bev & Jim Orioux in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th, and by Val & Bill Fleming in celebration of their 66th Wedding Anniversary on August 27th.



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 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Al & Sharen Vidler to commemorate Sharen's birthday on the 21st & Justin's on the 25th· Greg Hanna & Eileen in memory of Casey Hanna
Sept. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Betty Squance in memory of Glen's birthday on the 9th· Winnie Kennair in memory of her brother Christopher
Sept. 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Kathy Budd in memory of her parents
Sept. 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· open
Sept. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Michelle Squance-Slade & family in celebration of daughter Taryn's 30th birthday on the 27th
Oct. 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· open

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 26th - 10am Bible Study at the church

Sunday, August 29nd - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

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

Monday, September 6th - Church office is closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7th - 7pm Vestry Meeting

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

Sunday, September 12th - ministry/job fair, Sunday school starts, coffee after church (hopefully!)

Now that's a sales gimmick...

