

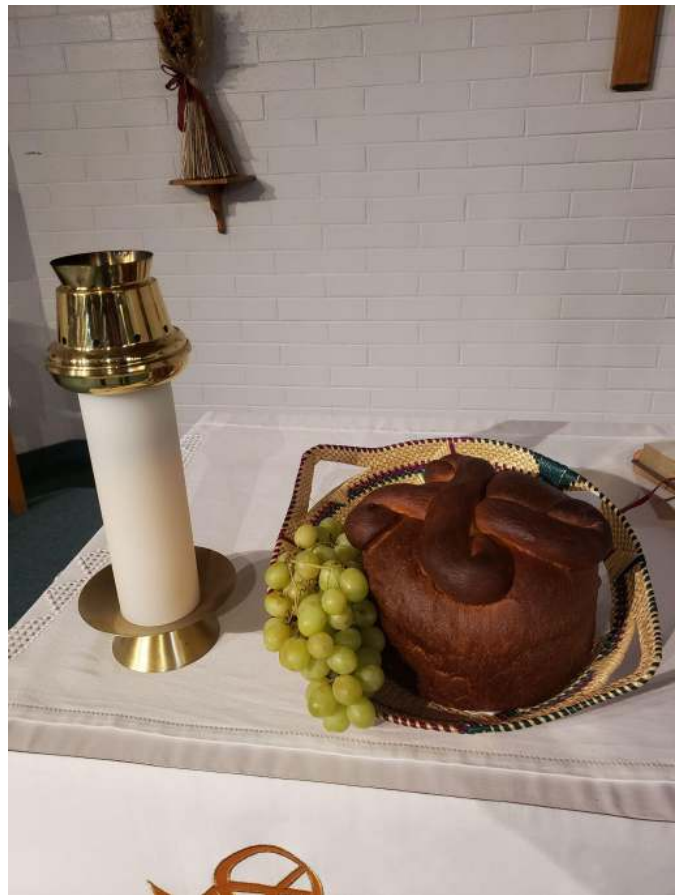
City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

October 11th , 2021

We hope everyone has enjoyed a safe & joyous Thanksgiving weekend!

We were all blessed with a lovely service yesterday, many thanks to all involved in bringing it together! We are especially grateful to all who brought in donations to the food bank and to Sharen Vidler for baking such a beautiful loaf!



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, all last week our Facebook posts were posts of gratitude. For anyone who didn't see them, they were:

Monday - To kick it off we are thankful for our many ministries. Our church wouldn't function without all of our dedicated volunteers who lovingly fill the roles of our many parish ministries which include: greeters, sides persons, servers, our music teams, the altar guild, the guys who work our sound board, those who operate the service slides, our lesson readers, our Sunday School team, those who serve the chalice, our intercessors, the prayer ministry team, our coffee teams, our counters, the Auggies Cafe crew, our ACW, our web designer &

manager, our Wardens, our Treasurer, our Vestry..... the list goes on. Thank you to all who help share the load, we are all truly grateful. ❤️

Tuesday - Today we are focusing on our youth and their mentors. This year we have been blessed with a new Sunday School program thanks to an amazing team. We continue to be able to offer Messy Church at Home on our website, again because of some phenomenal volunteers. The youth are our future, they are the future volunteers of our parish. Today we celebrate them and the growth in their love and understanding of God and we give immense thanks to those who minister to their Christian education. 🙏

Wednesday - Today we give thanks for our strong community connections. Auggies Cafe gives us the opportunity to serve our neighbors in need through weekly lunches, kindness and compassion. We are grateful for our volunteers who provide the lunches and also the volunteers who drive in to Hope Mission weekly with large bags of bread allowing us to help others in need as well.

Our parish has also had an ongoing partnership with Neighbourlink for years which gives us the opportunity to help assist those in need right here in our community.

Our connections in the community are only made possible by the loving generosity shown by our donors & volunteers. We are thankful for you all! ❤️

Thursday - On this frosty morning we give thanks for our clergy.

Rev. John Rushton (who has a birthday coming up on Sunday!) has been a fixture in our parish for many, MANY years. He has seen us at our best and has brought comfort during our darkest days. He has preached the gospel to us with as much passion as he has educated us on the topic of trains!

Rev. Lesley Hand joined us a number of years ago and graciously shares her gifts of prayer with us openly. She is the driving force behind our Healing Prayer team and is the Executive Director of On Eagle's Wings. Rev. Leslie shows her love of ministering to others through everything she does.

Father Neil Gordon started his one year appointment with us in June and has been a welcomed presence! His love of God radiates through in all he does. He loves people and a good bible study. And man, can he talk! He's a great conversationalist who enlightens and entertains us with his weekly sermons.

We are extremely blessed and thankful to have you all!

Friday - Today and every day we are grateful for our parish family. We have seen each other through laughter & tears, good times and bad. We argue just like a biological family and we love in the same way. Whether we see each other daily, weekly, monthly or longer; the joy remains the same when we do gather.

May God bless you & keep you safe and well, until we meet and pray together again ❤️

Saturday - And last but certainly not least, thanks be to God! ❤️ (with a link to the song Thanks be to God by Graham Kendrick)

SPECIAL NOTES:

- **The office is CLOSED today.**
- **ACW meeting on Wednesday at 1pm**
- **Bible Study will resume on Monday, October 18th.**
- **Sunday School remains closed on Sunday, October 17th.**
- **Happy belated 55th Anniversary to Bill & Helen Steinburg! (October 8th)**

It is with profound sadness that we must announce the death of longtime lovingly adored parishioner Stella Lewko. We understand Stella passed peacefully away last Friday and is now reunited with her beloved Tom. We have no doubt he is happily fluttering around doting on her once again.



*Loving and merciful God,
We entrust our sister Stella to your mercy. You loved her greatly in this life; now that she is freed from all its cares give her happiness and peace for ever. The old order has passed away; welcome her into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever, Amen.*

May she rest in eternal peace, until we meet again.



Reminder there is an ACW meeting this Wednesday, October 13th at 1pm in the church hall. This is a great opportunity for turning in donations to the Bakeless Bake Sale!

All women of the parish are welcome!



We are unable to safely and effectively plan an ACW Christmas Bake Sale again this year so instead we are holding a Bakeless Bake Sale!

You are invited to NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies, or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe or shop for ingredients. You do NOT have to bake, cut, or wrap. You do NOT have to wash dishes, clean your kitchen or deliver your baked product to the church.

You CAN donate the cost of what you would have baked (or what you would have spent on baking) to the ACW!

Through the month of October we will be welcoming donations for the Bakeless Bake Sale! You can leave a donation in the collection plate with a note that it's for the ACW or even donate online through our website! Simply click "donate" at the top of the webpage and it will take you directly to the Canada Helps form. Again, please make a note that it is for the ACW's Bakeless Bake Sale.



On Saturday, November 13th the ACW will be holding an Outdoor Christmas Market! Watch for more details to come out soon!

NEIGHBOURLINK PARKLAND

...compassion in action...

Our dear friends at Neighbourlink are currently looking for help in a few ways:

- If you are a shopper at our local Sandyview Farms butcher shop & deli, Neighbourlink has gift cards available to purchase. The value of each card is \$150. Please see (or call) Debbie Courtis to support.
- Both the Stony Plain and Spruce Grove bottle depots have accounts set up for Neighbourlink. When you return your bottles to the depot you can request they apply your refund to the Neighbourlink account.
- Partnering with "Keep in Touch" which is like phone a friend for the lonely. Training is provided. Please refer to www.keepintouchprogram.ca
- Collecting \$25 gas cards or cash to buy gas cards at a discount through Co-op. See Debbie to support.



A reminder that we do have a wonderful Bible Study group meeting every week. Come join us on **Mondays** at 10am at the church. Bible readings for next Sunday are: JOB 38: 1-7, 34-41, HEBREWS 5: 1-10, and MARK 10: 35-45

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle is sponsored this week by Betty Squance to commemorate the first anniversary of Glen's passing on the 11th, by Bill & Helen Steinburg in celebration of their 55th anniversary that was on the 8th, and by Bonnie Kovlaske in celebration of her 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:

Oct. 17th	· Myrna Hamner in memory of "Farly" (Richard's dad) on his birthday
Oct. 24th	· Bill & Judy Kesanko in memory of son David's birthday · Betty Squance in memory of sister Maxine's birthday
Oct. 31st	· special cause for celebration!
Nov. 7th	· Bill & Judy Kesanko in loving memory of their son David.
Nov.14th	· Bev Orieurx in celebration of Jim's 85th birthday!
Nov.21st	· Bill & Judy Kesanko to celebrate Chris, Jenn, and Bryce's birthdays · Winnie Kennair to commemorate her & Ted's Wedding Anniversary



Did you know you can easily give online in seconds!? On our website, simply click “Donate” at the top of the page, fill in the blanks on the form, and submit! You are welcome to electronically make a donation to the church, pay for any services (e.g. funeral), donate to the ACW, and more! (please do complete the note section if funds are to be allocated for something in particular e.g. ACW, Wedding, etc) You can use a credit or debit card and are immediately emailed a tax receipt (for donations only, not for service fees)!

Reminders:

- 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

Wednesday, October 13th - 1pm ACW Meeting at the church

Sunday, October 17th - 10am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, October 17th - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkkzBUIHoFQyrqCg1GmTukw>

Monday, October 18th - 10am Bible Study at the church

The groan of the week...

