



The Newsletter



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

The Mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Jesus Christ. We pursue that mission in prayer, worship, and the sacraments, the proclamation of the

Gospel, and in working for justice, peace and love. The Book of Common Prayer, Page 855

Saint Augustine's Church is a parish of the Diocese of Fond du Lac: A community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus.

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From the Rector

Dear members of St. Augustine's,

We have just begun the Season of Lent. It is a time when so much goes on in our heads as we consider the purpose of God sacrificing his son, Jesus, for us.

It is a time when some of us give up something in order to feel a version of pain associated with sacrifice. It is a time when some of us take on more – prayer, reading, etc. to help us enrich our lives with the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

On the reading table in the guild hall, you will find a selection of books that may fill a need for you. Please feel free to borrow one or two or more.

If you remember, please sign out in the book on top of the bookshelf in the guild hall.

Praying you experience a Holy Lent.

Meredyth+

Annual meeting

St. Augustine's annual meeting was held on Sunday, Feb. 9. JoAnne Maass was elected senior warden and Corky Stoxen elected junior warden. Elected as new vestry members were Becky Carpenter and Fred Godding, Jr.

At a subsequent vestry meeting, Olive Smith was elected treasurer. Diane Willette serves as clerk.

Dee Crass and JoAnne Maass were elected as delegates to the annual convention. Alternates selected were Judy Beyer and Denny Reissmann.

Lenten aids

A daily Lenten devotional, compiled by ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) is available at the back of church. You are encouraged to take one and read it each day, or catch up on the weekends!

Also available nails that look as if they were used in the crucifixion of Christ. Take one and keep it in your pocket during Lent. The intent of carrying around such a nail (with a dulled tip for your safety,) is to remind you of Jesus suffering for us. Every time you put your hand in your pocket you will feel the nail and be reminded of the deep and true meaning of Lent and Easter. This is a Lenten practice that Mother Meredyth finds most meaningful.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, stations of the cross will be offered each Friday at 5:30 p.m. Stations last about 20 minutes. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, will follow the Good Friday Service.



Cursillo presentation

Cursillo, a movement within the church, has the purpose to help individuals understand their own callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may become visible in work situations, family life, social life, leisure activities and within the Church environment. With the ultimate goal of bringing all to Christ, a Cursillo weekend is a three-day gathering, with others who have the same goals.

During the weekend, participants experience meditations, small group discussion, listening, and various forms of worship with emphasis on the doctrine of Grace, the Sacraments, and the great Cursillo tripod of Piety, Study and Action. In addition, there is fellowship, singing, good food, time for privacy, meditation and prayer.

This years' Cursillo will be May 14, 15, and 16 at Spencer Lake Bible Camp in Waupaca. On Sunday, March 1, Dave Annis, a long-time Cursillista in our diocese, will attend coffee hour to share a bit more about what Cursillo is and its benefits.

Coffee Hour hosts needed



We are in need of coffee hour hosts. Please sign up in the Guild Hall. Someone donated a large box of pre-formed, unbaked oatmeal cookies. The cookies, which are in the basement could be baked on a Sunday morning prior to church, for fresh cookies at coffee hour. There are enough cookies for more than one coffee hour.