



## *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 St. Augustine's Family;

Last week I was asked to celebrate a funeral mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Wausau. Their next rector arrives next month, and the local supply clergy were not available, which is why I was asked to officiate.

I feel compelled to share the story of the woman who had died. Tatiana was 93 years old and was a holocaust survivor. Originally from the Ukraine, she had been taken from her family farm at age 15 and taken to a concentration camp. After the war she and her husband were sponsored by a family from Hatley. That action started her life in the United States.

In her casket with her was a small paper bag that held a dried up piece of bread. The bread was given to her by a priest on the boat from Europe to Ellis Island. She was to eat the bread when she became hungry.

Tatiana never ate the bread and kept it all these years. To her it was a sign of how far she had come. The bread was also a sign of hope for her. It meant that when she became really hungry, the bread would be there to sustain her.

She had that physical reminder of bread, of hope. The same hope we have when we receive Holy Communion.

In this Easter season, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice for us. The bread of life is with us always; even if it is not held in a grease-stained paper bag.

Faithfully,  
Meredyth+

### **Ascension Thursday**

We will celebrate Ascension Thursday on May 30, with mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dessert social.

## **Cinnamon Rolls**

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church will make the delightfully delicious cinnamon rolls next weekend. The talented bakers will share plates with us so we can sell them to our members on Sunday, May 5. The suggested donation is \$5 for a plate of three to four (number is determined by how big they are so basically, whatever a plate will hold). So, bring your extra cash so you can take home a plate. If you are not a fan of the sweet treats, perhaps you would like to buy a plate for someone else. The proceeds will benefit The Table program.

## **Coffee Hour**

We all love our coffee hour time with our church friends and family. To many folks, it is an unofficial part of the worship service.

Coffee hour does not just happen. We need volunteers to help with several aspects. The biggest need is for food donations. If you are not able to provide for and set up for a full coffee hour, perhaps you can donate some baked goods (bought or homemade that can be kept in the freezer). Other ways to help include purchasing crackers, cheese, etc., or oranges that can be kept for a couple of weeks. A donation in the donation jar will also help purchase supplies/food for coffee hour.

Thanks for helping to continue this treasured tradition.



## **Faithful Innovations**

St. Augustine's team for Faithful Innovations (A diocesan initiative to increase the involvement of the Church in the greater community) continues to meet and have prayerful reflection in order to "go deeper" in our faith and search for a way to take the Word of God into the world. You may be asked to share your faith journey or talk with one of the team members. Please do so graciously.

## **Flowers**

Now that the Season of Easter is upon us, we can have flowers at the altar. If you would like to sponsor flowers in honor or memory of someone, please sign up in the Guild Hall.



## **Ladies' Night Out**

The Women of St. Augustine's, or St. Margarita Society Northwoods Chapter, will meet on Tuesday, May 7. The social gathering will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Pizza Haven. Please sign up in the Guild Hall.

## **New Member Class**

Bishop Matt Gunter will make his annual visitation on July 7. During that mass he will receive/confirm new members. If you are interested in becoming a member, speak to Mother Meredyth.

A new member class will be offered beginning later in May. Even if you are a member of St. Augustine's/the Episcopal Church, you are welcome to take the class as a refresher.

## **Six months later...**

Last December, during discussions in our Advent class, the comment was made, "why do we only focus on helping others, and these topics when it is just before Christmas?" That was a good question, so we will have a similar class in late June and Early July, halfway between the last Christmas season and the next.

This promises to be a fun and insightful class. Watch for details...and sign up sheet in the Guild Hall.

## **Episcopal Diocese holding Festival**

The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac will hold its annual Eucharistic Festival at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 51 West Division Street in downtown Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 29, 2019. The Festival will begin with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Bishop's Picnic. The day ends with Evening Prayer and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The preacher will be the Very Rev. C. Patrick Perkins, Dean of the Cathedral.

The Eucharistic Festival was the vision of the Fifth Bishop of Fond du Lac, the Rt. Rev. William H. Brady. It is designed to draw people together each year to display unity in Christ and proclaim the Christian faith through recognition of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. A diocesan choir will lead congregational singing. There is no cost for the Bishop's picnic which includes hot dogs, brats and ice cream.

"This Festival continues Bishop Brady's vision of gathering together for worship and fellowship," according to Bishop Matt Gunter. "It's a great time to see old friends and make new ones while worshipping God."

For additional details, visit [diofdl.org/ef](http://diofdl.org/ef). All are welcome to join and there is no cost to attend or for the lunch. A free offering will be taken.

