



FEAST OF ST. MONICA (Aug. 27) and ST. AUGUSTINE (Aug. 28) Pray for us.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

August 29, 2021

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement:

*Blessed Sacrament welcomes everyone to experience the gifts, joy and personal growth through Christ's teachings.
Celebrate your life by listening, adopting and practicing Christ's message.*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE

Monday, August 30

9:00 a.m. † Tom Rochow Req. by Coffee Club

Tuesday, August 31 No Mass

Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 1 NO MASS TODAY (because of First Friday)

Thursday, September 2 No Mass

Friday, September 3 FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Adoration from 5-6, Mass at 6 p.m.

6:00 p.m. † Jerry Hartman Req. by Peggy Jones

Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 4

4:00 p.m. † George Diem Req. by Jean Diem

Mass at St. Margaret at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 5

Mass at 8:30 a.m. Offered for Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Mass at St. Margaret at 10:30 (summer schedule)

Please note that on September 19, when Religious Ed classes begin, St. Margaret's Sunday Mass time will return to 11:00 a.m.



The Sanctuary Light will be burning during the week of August 29– Sept 4 in memory of **Carol Visuri** Req. by Judy Billadeau

Mass Appointments

Saturday, September 4 Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Readers: Anne Marie Bartz and Kay Salo

Servers: Volunteers

E.M. Holy Communion: Joan Smith

Sunday, September 5 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Readers: Chris Dulac and Teresa Garcia

Servers: Jack, Drew and Luke Ellis

E.M. Holy Communion: Kelly Beckers

Weekly Financial Reporting

COLLECTIONS August 22, 2021

Budgeted Amount\$4,550.00

Collection\$3469.96

Capital Improvements\$75.00

Votive Candles.....0

Number of contributions.....47

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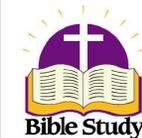
and for the special intentions in our Parish Book of Intercessions on our prayer altar.

FORMED.org or go to your app store for the Formed app, and sign up under Blessed Sacrament.

From the Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

We are revising our list of volunteers for funeral luncheons, if you have helped before or if you would like to volunteer, please sign the list on the narthex bulletin board. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

Also, We're planning a bazaar for November 6, 2021 and are looking for crafters! Registration forms are in the office, or contact Barb Smith.



Bible Study - final session
September 1, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Blessed Sacrament Bazaar is Nov. 6, 2021!

Starting on Sept. 27 to October 16, we will accept clean garage sale type items on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only from 10– Noon. Please bring items to St. Edward Hall and to a CCW representative. Please, NO electronics, clothing or exercise equipment.

If anyone has reason to suspect physical, sexual or emotional abuse of any person of any age, please contact Protective Services (855-444-3911) or the police, as appropriate.



Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings of peace, hope and joy to each one of you. This week the Church celebrates the feasts of St. Augustine and St. Monica. St. Augustine is the patron saint of our Diocese.

In the rich history of the saints of the Catholic Church, one of the most common examples of a relationship between a mother and her son is that of St. Monica and St. Augustine.

As a young woman, Monica married Patricius, a Roman pagan. At this time, Monica's goodness was readily visible, and her life was full of prayer and almsgiving. Patricius, who was hot-tempered and prone to outbursts, did not always appreciate Monica's way of life.

Monica and Patricius had three children. Monica was deeply grieved that she had not been able to baptize them all, so when a young Augustine fell ill, she convinced Patricius to allow him to be baptized. Patricius agreed, although he still was not part of the Church. Although Monica found relief in her son's baptism, that relief was soon turned to sorrow as Augustine became more and more wayward. After some turbulent years, Augustine was sent to school in Madaurus.

While in Madaurus and separated from his family, Augustine began to settle into his sinful ways. At the age of 17, Augustine went on to study rhetoric in the city of Carthage. Here, he continued his descent into a hedonistic lifestyle, pursuing pleasure of all kinds. One can imagine Monica's sorrow at this time, for while her son was continuing to live an amoral lifestyle, her husband Patricius was also dying. However, Monica had one great comfort here after all: before his death, Patricius converted to Christianity from his pagan beliefs. One can imagine that Monica found this conversion both immensely comforting and also bittersweet: seeing her formerly wayward husband find the truth must have made her ache especially for her son to do the same. Although by all accounts Monica never stopped praying for Augustine's conversion, she must have renewed her prayers for him with especial vigour following Patricius' conversion and death.

Although by many accounts Monica was a peaceful person, she certainly did not go through motherhood without her share of rightful frustration. Upon his return from school in Carthage, Augustine shared with his mother his newfound belief in Manichaeism, the most popular opponent to Christianity.

Monica placed her trust in God to bring Augustine back to the church. Parents especially know how difficult it can be to allow their children to fail or begin to live along a path which is ultimately immoral, as it is a natural desire to want to protect children from physical and spiritual difficulty. By her constant prayer and sacrifices, Monica showed what it meant to place all trust in God while enduring uncertainties and difficulties of many kinds.

After many lost years, Augustine converted to Catholicism in the year 387. Strikingly, Monica died approximately a year later. One can surely imagine that she was overcome with joy to see her lifetime of prayer answered, and perhaps it is with the satisfaction of a mission fulfilled that Monica felt at peace enough to die. It is also likely that Monica felt a sense of peaceful resignation as her son's love shifted from human love to the ultimate Love. The sacrificial love of a parent is shown beautifully in Monica's life: a parent's purpose is to help their child grow in every way possible.

I hope and pray that all parents will find the life of St. Monica inspiring. May the words of St. Augustine: "Our hearts are made for you, O Lord, and they are restless, until they rest in you", find place in our hearts. Please pray for our Diocese on the feast day of our Patron Saint.

In Christ, Fr. Simon

North Allegan Right to Life will host a precious Baby Contest at the Allegan Fair Sept. 10-18. Send a 4x6 photo of baby 24 months or younger by Sept. 3 with the following information. Baby's name and age, parents name, address, phone and email to "**Baby Contest 1224 Turkey Lane Allegan, MI 49010**". 1st place \$200, 2nd- \$100, Third-\$50. Include a self addressed envelope for photo return. Prize winners notified after the fair.

Also **looking of volunteers** to help at our Right to Life booth. If interested, contact Anita Lenhart 616.681. 9379 or neetsi505@aol.com



Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

From September 24-26, St. Mary in Kalamazoo will once again host the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles which showcases 153 Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibit, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young teen, consists of poster-sized illustrations and detailed descriptions of Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred around the world.

All are welcome to attend this FREE event at St. Mary 939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo in Fr. Bart Hall.

Dates and times are as follows: Friday, Sept. 24 9am-7pm; Saturday, Sept. 25 9am-7pm; and Sunday, Sept. 26 10am-6pm

For more information, email ColleenMcInnis94@gmail.com