

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

*A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart*

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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

## Community Cupboard:

Wednesdays: 5 PM to 7 PM  
Saturdays: 11 AM to 2 PM

## Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM  
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM\*  
Sunday: 8:30 AM\* and 11 AM\*

\*Interpreted for the Deaf

**Confession:** Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or  
by appointment

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**



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members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

**Baptism** – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

**Matrimony** – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing or the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear our forebears in faith invite others to share a meal and fellowship with them. Abraham and Sarah welcome three strangers and insist they rest and eat. Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home, where Martha takes care of all the serving while Mary visits with him. Here today we too are invited to listen to God's word and share a meal. Let us give thanks to God for this wonderful hospitality.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Steven Dulik
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Robin Zarembski
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Robby Kilner
Monday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	† Betty Terepka
Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Terry McLaughlin
Wednesday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i>	† Darlene Lusch
Thursday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	† Catherine Roberts
Friday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	† Dennis Keller
Saturday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Bob Bencic
Sunday, July 24 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Annabelle King
Sunday, July 24 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Joe McNulty	† Bernard Balchak and Fr. Joe McNulty

### Does this prayer apply to you?

Here's a prayer attributed to Nicholas Herman, known as Bro. Lawrence (17th century) who served as a lay brother and cook in a Carmelite monastery in Paris.

Lord of all pots and pans,  
since I've no time to be  
A saint by doing lovely things,  
or watching late with Thee  
Or dreaming in dawn light,  
or storming heaven's gates  
Make me a saint  
by getting meals and washing up the plates.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7- 8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5- 6ab, 15 and 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8 -9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3- 4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

### Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

*Loving God,  
For all who feel on the margins,  
but who are at the center of your heart,  
we ask you to open our hearts.  
Help us to become a church and a nation  
where:*

***All lives have dignity,  
All people are loved  
And all are welcome.***

*Amen*

## Love without Measure...

The most important decision we have to make in understanding today's gospel is to imagine what tone Jesus uses when he addresses Martha. His words are "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." Is Jesus speaking out of frustration and criticism because of the choices Martha had made? Or is his tone one of concern and compassion because he knows Martha is not happy? I would suggest we adopt the latter option. Jesus is not criticizing Martha for her actions. In fact, what she is doing is good and necessary. She is providing comfort and hospitality to Jesus. Jesus addresses Martha because he sees that although she is doing the right thing, it is not bringing her joy. Instead, her work is causing her worry and anxiety.

All of us have responsibilities like Martha, things we must do. We need to provide for our family. We must strive to be good parents. We have responsibilities at work. We need to make life decisions after high school or after college. All of these efforts require time and energy. They are all necessary. But what the character of Martha asks us is this: Are our responsibilities lifting us up or pulling us down? When we do the things that we must do, do they give us satisfaction, or are they depleting us?

If they are depleting us, then we might find ourselves in a condition that Henri Nouwen has called, "sunset fatigue". This is when the end of the day, the people who need our love the most, the people to whom we are most committed end up getting the leftovers. Sunset fatigue is when we are simply too tired, too drained, or too occupied to love the people to whom we have made the deepest promises. Martha has sunset fatigue. She is doing the right thing, but it is depleting her, making her anxious and worried. This is why Jesus addresses her and shows her the way out. He points to the activity of her sister Mary, who listens to the Lord as he speaks. If Martha is the sister who represents worry, Mary is the sister who represents listening. What Jesus is telling Martha and us is that if we wish to overcome fatigue, worry and anxiety, the way to do this is by listening. We do not need to do less. We need to hear more. We do not ignore our responsibilities, but we choose to be present to the people who are most important in our lives.

At the end of a busy day, when our mind is filled with concern and anxiety, Jesus asks us to listen to someone who loves us: to ask our son or daughter how was Rainbow Camp, to speak to our teenage about a friend who's hospitalized; to ask our spouse what was the best part of the day. As we listen to the people who love us, we become grounded and our anxiety is reduced. We all know that we have a responsibility to worship God that is why we are here today. Coming here today is doing the right thing. But we come here with our minds full of worry and anxiety. We can sit here still thinking about happened before we came to Mass of what we have to do when we leave mass. Jesus asks us to come here to listen: to listen to fellow parishioners who greet us or share a problem with us, to listen to the

music that moves us, to listen to the Word of God as it speaks to our hearts. Because if we listen, we will hear the voice of Christ, and that remind us to whom we belong. That will give us peace. There is a word today that speaks simply but profoundly to living in the present moment and to be open to God's grace: MINDFULNESS.

Jesus addresses Martha because he is concerned that she is worried and fatigued. Jesus uses the example of Martha to speak to us, to say that when we are filled with anxiety and depleted, it is important to listen to the people who love us and to hear the voice of God in our lives. This is why Jesus says that listening is the better part. Not that it is more important than working or doing. But because it is only through listening that the work we do will give us life.



### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Dustin Fox

Sr. Miriam Fidelis, OSU  
Former Pastoral Associate

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### Parish Breakfast this Sunday

Welcome! You are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast **this Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until 1 PM** in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to see longtime friends and meet new members of our parish family.

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### Augustine Rainbow Camp

#### Talent Show

Next week is the last week of Rainbow Camp! We will be celebrating by having our annual Talent Show in Lincoln Park on

**Friday, July 22nd.** Please come join us at **1:15pm** to see each of our groups perform their act! Our theme this summer was "Rainbow Camp in the Great Outdoors", and our groups will be showcasing each of our weekly themes in their performances-- "Mountains", "Jungle Safari", "Desert", and "Under the Sea"!

As we wrap up our camp season, we are also seeking donations of new or gently used storage containers for packing and storing our supplies. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the Talent Show!"





The St. Augustine Community Cupboard (Food Pantry) is **open** on **Saturdays from 11 AM - 2 PM** and **Wednesdays from 5 PM - 7 PM.**

As we continue to serve the needs of our neighbors, we are in need of the following items:

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| Toilet Paper  | Canned Meat               |
| Paper Towels  | Ketchup                   |
| Laundry Detergent                                   | Mustard                   |
| Dish Soap   | Mayo                      |
| Coffee  | Dog Food                  |
| Tea   | Deodorant (Men and Women) |
| Sugar   | Hand Soap (Pump Bottles)  |
| Creamer   | Body Wash (Men and Women) |
| Flour   | Shampoo                   |
| Kleenex   |                           |
| Boxed Potatoes (Instant, Au Gratin, Scalloped, etc) |                           |

Items can be dropped off during Parish office hours, at Mass, or during the Community Cupboard shopping hours.

We are in need volunteers to help during the hours the pantry is open. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by calling (216) 781-5530 or at [OutreachMinistry@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:OutreachMinistry@StAugustineCleveland.org).

### Inspiration for the Week

We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and life-giving. Hospitality brings forth live and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.

### Counters Needed

We are looking for individuals willing to assist us in counting our weekly collections on Monday mornings. If you are available for approximately an hour and half one Monday every couple of months, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

### St. Augustine Signing Choir

The Signing Choir will take a short break before they begin practicing again for their performance at the Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival in September. Anyone interested in joining the choir should call the parish office at (216) 781-5530 or by email at [SigningChoir@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:SigningChoir@StAugustineCleveland.org). Prior signing experience is not required to join the choir.

### Marth and Mary: The two sisters within each of us!

*"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10: 38-42*

The two sisters could not be more different personalities: Martha, the practical, no-nonsense housekeeper, and Mary, the romantic "free spirit" who is captivated by the charismatic Jesus. For Martha, there are tasks to be completed, beds to be made, meals to be cooked and served; for Mary, nothing else matters because Jesus is in their midst. It's easy to understand the tension between these two very different women. But, often, Martha and Mary can be the same person. There is something of both Martha and Mary within each one of us — and the tension between the two is just as real. Our "Martha" side is consumed with the necessary responsibilities of our careers, homes, mortgages, college tuition; the things-to-do list that is never completed, the calendar that is always full, the deadlines that always loom — but our "Mary" side seeks something more meaningful and satisfying in our lives. The "Mary" within us longs to spend more time with our children, longs to be able to give more of ourselves to causes we believe in, longs to turn off the world and be at peace with God, ourselves and other. There simply aren't enough hours in the day to possess the better part."

*"The better part" is neither what is left over when everything else is done nor the few minutes left over at the end of another busy day. We have to consciously choose and seek out "the better part," but, like Martha, we can become so focused on and distracted by the business and "busy-ness" of our endless responsibilities as spouses, parents, professionals and neighbors that we become anesthetized to feeling and experiencing "the better part." Jesus invites each one of us to make a place in our lives for Mary's "better part": welcoming the joy and love of family and friends that is the presence of God.*



Make sure you mark your summer calendar for Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for the highlight of the summer season The FEST. This year, our 22nd Annual Catholic Family FESTIVAL will be a great 'homecoming' as we all come back together for a day of faith, family, and fun all for FREE at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. We

have an amazing lineup of national Christian bands/artists, along with engaging activities, inspiring displays and presentations, and tasty, flavorful summertime food.

It's The FEST on Sunday, August 7 from 12 noon until 8 PM. Bishop Malesic will bring us all together in prayer for an inspiring outdoor Mass starting at 8 pm followed by the 'best' American Fireworks display of the summer. It's the perfect family day. It's close to home and easy access for everyone. Check out all the details at: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).



### Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every weeknight** (Monday thru Friday) at **6 PM** in the church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream





The committee has been working hard at planning this year's parish festivities celebrating our patron saint, St. Augustine. Details continue to be worked out, but we are planning the

following events.

We will be having a weekend long celebration beginning with our famous **Steak Roast Under the Tent** on **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**. **Reservations will be taken and ticket will be sold after Mass beginning next weekend.**

On **Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** you are invited to enjoy local entertainment at our **Music Under the Tent** provided by Swamp Boogie Band (1-4 PM) and Change Your Evil Ways (5-8 PM).

Our celebration will conclude at our annual **Picnic Under the Tent** with music, games, and food on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

As for any parish event it is only as successful as you make it. So, you are encouraged to help by volunteering and participating. Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon so be sure to sign up early for your desired time slot before someone else beats you to it.

We are also accepting donations of new items that can be used as prizes for our children and adult games. Items can be brought to Mass or the Parish Office during office hours.

For more information, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 or by email at [BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org).

Thank you for supporting this annual parish celebration

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### Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community. The collection for the weekend of July 10, 2022, was \$1,937.00. Thank you.



We live stream the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass, the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, and the weekday Rosary on the parish website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel. A live audio feed will be available for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass the 11 AM Sunday Mass, and the praying of the Rosary. To access the audio feed, please call (216) 270-6331 prior to mass/rosary and enter code 2020 when prompted.

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### Calling All Gardeners

We have received many compliments on the beautiful flowers on our grounds. Unfortunately, keeping the flower beds thriving and weed free takes time and dedication. Do you have a little free time during the week to water the flowers and possibly pull weeds? If so, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



### Sunday Thought

In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Jesus' visit to His friends Martha and Mary. For one who wishes to follow Jesus, the qualities of these two characters – Mary's reflective silence and Martha's strenuous activity – are not meant to bring about a choice between one and the other. Instead, Jesus asks anyone who wishes to follow Him to be well grounded in both – prayerful attention while they actively serve Him. A person who is centered in this fashion is what the spiritual life calls truly "contemplative." While we might be surprised at this, a contemplative is not a special person, but every person is invited to be a special kind of contemplative. We will bring uniqueness to the contemplative experience by just being who God made us to be. We can define the act of contemplation as simply a long, loving look at God made manifest in His created world. The contemplative person does what he or she is required to do while remaining focused and centered on God's presence within. When we truly pay attention to God, then we end up paying attention to all of God's people and all of God's creation.

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### "I would like to be married to both of them!"

Some single men in a Bible study group were discussing who would make the better wife--Martha or Mary. One fellow said, "Well, I think Martha would make the better wife. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach. It sounds like Martha surely knew how to cook. I would love to be married to a woman like that!" Another man said, "I think Mary would make the better wife. She was always so thoughtful, sweet and loving. I could be very happy, married to a woman like Mary!" Finally, another fellow settled the argument when he said, "Well, I would like to be married to both of them. I would like Martha before supper and Mary after supper."

*Today's Gospel challenges us to combine the listening spirit of Mary with the dynamic spirit of Martha in our Christian lives. We need listening Marthas and serving Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world needs such men, women, boys and girls, and so does the Church. How would the Church survive if not for the Marthas and Bills who sing in the choir, run the altar guild, work with the homeless, work with the youth, and build the Church? The Church could not exist without them. The same is true with the family. We need responsible people to do the work in the house: to cook, to clean, to keep the house operating, to pay the bills, to keep the cars running, not to speak of rearing the children and loving the spouse. Households can't survive without Marthas and Bills. Nor can offices, schools or businesses. There is nothing wrong with being a responsible, action-oriented, get-it-done kind of person. But we must find time to listen to God speaking to us through His word and time to talk to God. Jesus clearly said: be hearers and doers of the word. Jesus never reversed that order.*

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### Say It in Sign

Sign language classes for beginners will be offered in the fall. Our fall session will be held during the day. The exact day and time have not yet been determined. To pre-register or for more information on the fall class, please contact Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or at [BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org).

### The “even better part”

You’re having coffee with friends. One member of your company mentions someone you all know. That sets off a discussion about the absent party — and the comments quickly become catty, gossipy and unkind. You want no part of this and prefer to keep quiet — but instead, you tell of an occasion when you experienced that person’s graciousness and thoughtfulness. Your contribution changes the entire tone of the conversation. You choose compassion — the “better part.”

He’s not working out. The staff has given him every chance, but this has gone on long enough. Yeah, you agree, maybe it’s time for him to move on. You call him in — his last check has been cut and is sitting in your drawer to give him. But in talking with him, you realize that his real skills are not being utilized. So you offer to reassign him to another team and set him up with a wise and experienced supervisor to serve as his mentor. You choose reconciliation — the “better part.”

You’re reviewing your portfolio. Your broker shares with you the prospectus of a company whose stock offerings are going through the roof. You have two kids heading to college in the next couple of years, so you’re looking for investments that will perform. But this company’s record in environmental issues is not good and its product line is suspect. So you pass. You choose justice — the “better part.”

*To choose the “better part” is to act as Jesus would act: not just avoiding the “wrong thing” but risking doing the “right thing,” moving beyond our own wants and expectations in a situation to find the possibilities for grace in whatever the circumstances. As we all know too well, we can become so overwhelmed by the dollars-and-cents demands on our lives that we unthinkingly sacrifice what is far more meaningful and valuable; we can become so caught up with agendas and schedules that we become blind to the presence of God in our lives. We have to consciously and intentionally choose and seek out “the better part”: the justice, compassion and peace that is at heart of Jesus’ call to all who would follow him.*



Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** in Walsh Hall. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal stories about living a life in God’s Grace on the second Saturday of every month.

### Movie: CODA

St. Augustine Parish and the Catholic Deaf Community invite you to a free showing of the Oscar winning Apple TV movie CODA (PG-13) **this Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Deaf Center** (located in the school building).

As a CODA (child of deaf adult) Ruby is the only hearing person in her home. When she discovers her passion for singing, Ruby must choose between family obligations and her dreams.

### Continued prayers for the clemency of Arthur Tyler.

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Please pray that the Board will send a report to the Governor in July asking for the release of Arthur Tyler from prison, incarcerated for a crime he did not commit.

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today in the Gospel, according to Luke we hear about the story of Martha and Mary. Martha was the worker bee of the family (Type A personality). Sometimes it seems like Mary might be floating about forgetting her “place”. Martha quickly wants the Lord to tell Mary to get back to her duties, but he doesn’t. Many of us have siblings. Sometimes it gets really difficult, especially if you are a part of the sandwich generation where you are caring for children and parents. So, it is easy to sympathize with Martha and want Mary to be rebuked. Or our prayer might be that our siblings, who are not helping, get “what they have coming to them”. Jesus suggests the opposite- that Mary is doing just fine. *Lord, help us to see the benefit in stopping to listen to you and hear your voice. May we enjoy your will for us. Fill us with the joy an energy of Mary this day.*

### Altar Servers Needed

Is God calling you to serve as an Altar Server at Mass? Altar Servers perform not just functional roles but a symbolic role.

The actions of those who serve near the Altar and the Word of God do more than we think, and the way children and adults serve can lead people closer to God. All children, youth and adults who have received Holy Communion can be called to serve in this beautiful ministry of Altar Server.

If you would like to serve in this way, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530

### Mississippi Roe v. Wade

The recent ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States overturning Roe v. Wade was received with varied emotions throughout the country. The cries of people supporting individual choice and the cries of people supporting life have not been silenced. For some, it has just intensified. What one sees as a victory another may see as a defeat.

We, as Catholic Christians, must respond with the compassion and mercy of Christ. We must respond with action and service and not just rhetoric and scripture. We truly need to be a support to our neighbor from the womb to the tomb.

We need to be mindful of the reasons why someone may have had an abortion. Regardless of where we stand on the issue, Christ calls us to respond with love. For no one is beyond forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

I think our response to this historic decision is beautifully told to us by St. Teresa of Avila:

*Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are they eyes which He looks compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

*Let’s be the compassionate Christ that we encounter every day in each other and in the Holy Eucharist.*

Bob Duda

## "She can sit all evening at the feet of a friend and not say anything."



The headline on the cover of Sports Illustrated some time back read: "Sportswoman of the Year." One of the pictures on the cover showed Mary Decker pressing the tape as she defeated, by inches, the Soviet champion, Zamira Zaitseva, in the 1500-meter world championship race. The article went on to describe Decker's phenomenal performances in San Diego, Los Angeles, Gateshead (England), Stockholm, Paris,

and Oslo. One comment was made about Mary Decker by the writer of the article that is relevant to our discussion today. He wrote, "She can sit all evening at the feet of a friend and not say anything, just smile and let the talk wash over her." [Kenny Moore, "She Runs and We Are Lifted," Sports Illustrated (December 26, 1983), p. 38.]

*Today's Gospel tells us about another Mary, Mary of Bethany, who did the same thing when Jesus made his last visit to her home. We need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Martha has become a symbol of you and me in the modern world. We have become so active and busy with living our lives that we no longer have time to slow down and quietly listen to God, or even to our spouse, kids or friends. We become so active in doing good things that our activities become a cover-up for our lack of listening and quiet caring. We come home from a day of work and the kids are talking to us at the kitchen table. We nod affirmatively at their words without listening. Our spouse wants to share what has happened during the day and we don't hear a word that is spoken, being entirely preoccupied with what has happened at our workplace. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening. The more one listens, the more love grows. The less one listens, the less love there is. This is certainly true in marriage. Any good marriage will show us a man and woman who have discovered what it means to listen to one another. That is also true in good families and in good businesses. We can so easily get the Martha-syndrome because there is always so much work to do: at our place of employment, at home with the kids or in the yard, at Church and school, at the various groups we or our children are a part of. But let's not be like Martha who got distracted with much serving. Rather, let us take time out every day to listen to Jesus, to get to know Jesus better, to be His guest and to welcome Him as ours.*

### **Beware! Church Text Message Scam**

Have you received a suspicious text or email from Fr. Bill (or any church employee) requesting that you purchase gift cards on their behalf or loan them money? If you have—or receive something similar in the future—know that these DID NOT come from him (or any church employee). Cyber scammers, who are targeting Catholic parishes and schools throughout the nation, are victimizing parishioners and parents. Perpetrators use various techniques to gain the trust of a victim and may provide specific instructions, which if followed, could result in monetary loss to the victim. Do not become a victim. If in doubt, call the Parish Office at St. Augustine to authenticate the message. Do not respond to any message if you doubt its origin; just delete it.

## **On the Lighter Side**

A person had been confined to a mental institute. After years of treatment, it was decided that he was well enough to be discharged. So the psychiatrist approached his patient to congratulate him. "I have good news for you. The board has examined your case and they have decided that you are completely cured. You can go home." Seeing the resentful look on the face of the patient, the doctor said: "Why are you reacting in this way? Aren't you happy now that you are cured?" And the man ranted back, "I am cured, but I am not going home! When I came here I was Pope John Paul II. I was busy like Martha in the Bible story, blessing people, writing encyclicals and giving daily papal audience to all the patients and visitors of this house. But if you send me home, I will be nobody at home!" ☺

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### **"Start each day with an hour of prayer."**

A true story is told about an advertising executive at Reader's Digest, who found her emptiness filled in by prayer, listening to God, as Mary did in today's Gospel. In spite of her successful career, she had felt emptiness in her life. One morning, during a breakfast meeting with her marketing consultant, she mentioned that emptiness. "Do you want to fill it?" her colleague asked. "Of course I do," she said. He looked at her and replied, "Then start each day with an hour of prayer." She looked at him and said, "Don, you've got to be kidding. If I tried that, I'd go off my rocker." Don smiled and said, "That's exactly what I said 20 years ago." The woman left the restaurant in turmoil. Begin each morning with prayer? Begin each morning with an hour of prayer? Absolutely out of the question! Yet, the next morning she found herself doing exactly that. And she's been doing it ever since. This woman is the first to admit that it has not always been easy. There have been mornings when she was filled with great peace and joy. But there have been other mornings when she was filled with nothing but weariness. And it was on these weary mornings that she remembered something else that her marketing consultant said. "There will be times when your mind just won't go into God's sanctuary. That's when you spend your hour in God's waiting room. Still, you're there, and God appreciates your struggle to stay there."

*Today's Gospel reminds us of the need to combine work and prayer. We need to recharge our spiritual batteries: It is a well-known fact that those who are in the caring professions, like doctors, nurses, pastors, social workers and even parents, often suffer from burnout and terminal exhaustion as Martha did. People suffering from burnout often end up angry, anxious, and worried. Hence, occasionally we need to put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may do the recharging of our spiritual energy also by our personal and family prayers, by the meditative reading of the Bible and by participating in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Christian husbands and wives should develop "couple spirituality" and seek more opportunities to pray together. The Martha and Mary episode teaches us the need for balance between service and prayer and the need for spending time with the Lord, learning from Him and recharging our spiritual batteries with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## St. Bridget of Sweden

Feast Day: July 23

Saint Bridget or Briggita was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Peterson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became the governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy, which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

St. Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey of the church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

## This Week's Events of the Parish

- Monday:** Rainbow Camp: 10-3 PM (School Building)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Tuesday:** Rainbow Camp: 10-3 PM (School Building)  
 AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh Hall)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Wednesday:** Rainbow Camp: 10-3 PM (School Building)  
 LINKS: 4 PM  
 Community Cupboard: 5PM-7PM  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)  
 Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Walsh Hall)
- Thursday:** Rainbow Camp: 10-3 PM (School Building)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 Parish Celebration Meeting: 6:30 PM (Rectory)  
 Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)  
 AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Friday:** Rainbow Camp: 10-3 PM (School Building)  
 Rainbow Camp Talent Show: 1:15 PM (Lincoln Park)  
 LINKS: 4 PM  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Saturday:** Community Cupboard: 11 AM – 2 PM  
 Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)
- Sunday:** Mass: 8:30 AM and 11 AM (Church)

<b>July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<b>Saturday 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Joe McNulty (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
<b>Lectors</b>	Migdalia Santiago-White	Ed Zubek	Jeannie Rawlings Rosanne Barnhart
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		George Januszczak	Kate Slosar
<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<b>Saturday 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Joe McNulty (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Dylun	Peggy Gerovac	Colleen Cassidy Priscilla Treska
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Helen Bencic		Jill McNulty

H: Homilist