



THE RENEWED CALL TO LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have issued the following statement:

The Catholic bishops have long supported access to life-affirming healthcare for all, and the conscience rights of everyone involved in the complex process of providing that healthcare. That is why we raised two serious objections to the “preventive services” regulation issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in August 2011.

First, we objected to the rule forcing private health plans—nationwide, by the stroke of a bureaucrat’s pen—to cover sterilization and contraception, including drugs that may cause abortion. All the other mandated “preventive services” prevent disease, and pregnancy is not a disease. Moreover, forcing plans to cover abortifacients violates existing federal conscience laws. Therefore, we called for the rescission of the mandate altogether.

Second, we explained that the mandate would impose a burden of unprecedented reach and severity on the consciences of those who consider such “services” immoral: insurers forced to write policies including this coverage; employers and schools forced to sponsor and subsidize the coverage; and individual employees and students forced to pay premiums for the coverage. We therefore urged HHS, if it insisted on keeping the mandate, to provide a conscience exemption for all of these stakeholders—not just the extremely small subset of “religious employers” that HHS proposed to exempt initially.

The President has done two things: First, he has decided to retain HHS’s nationwide mandate of insurance coverage of sterilization and contraception, including some abortifacients. This is both unsupported in the law and remains a grave moral concern. We cannot fail to reiterate this, even as so many would focus exclusively on the question of religious liberty. Second, the President has announced some changes in how that mandate will be administered, which is still unclear in its details. As far as we can tell at this point, the change appears to have the following basic contours:

- It would still mandate that all insurers must include coverage for the objectionable services in all the policies they would write. At this point, it would appear that self-insuring religious employers, and religious insurance companies, are not exempt from this mandate.

- It would allow non-profit, religious employers to declare that they do not offer such coverage. But the employee and insurer may separately agree to add that coverage. The employee would not have to pay any additional amount to obtain this coverage, and the coverage would be provided as a part of the employer’s policy, not as a separate rider.

Finally, we are told that the one-year extension on the effective date (from August 1, 2012 to August 1, 2013) is available to any non-profit religious employer who desires it, without any government application or approval process.

These changes require careful moral analysis, and moreover, appear subject to some measure of change. But we note at the outset that the lack of clear protection for key stakeholders—for self-insured religious employers; for religious and secular for-profit employers; for secular non-profit employers; for religious insurers; and for individuals— is unacceptable and must be corrected.

Mardi Gras Family Brunch & Carnival

Sunday, February 19, 2012

Corcoran Center 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Games and activities for the kids, sweepstakes, bake sale, baskets and a silent auction. Fun for the adults too!

Sweepstakes Drawing at Noon. Prizes include:
\$300 Cash \$200 Cash \$100 Cash \$50 Cash

Need not be present to win!

Brunch Featuring: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Biscuits & Gravy, French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Sweet Rolls, Coffee, Milk & Juice

Adults: \$8.50 Children (6-12) - \$5.00

5 & under — FREE!



St. Augustine

Lenten Soup Kitchen

The Lenten soup kitchen will be return on Ash Wednesday after the 5:30 pm liturgy and continue every Wednesday during lent. On the menu this week is Pat Slowinski's popular baked potato soup...don't miss it. And watch the bulletin each week for the upcoming menu.



Marriage Minute: What does marriage have to do with children?

Children are at the very heart of marriage. The "supreme gift" of marriage, a child comes precisely *through* the mutual, loving self-gift exchanged between husband and wife. It is only because of their sexual difference that spouses are able to cooperate with God in the awesome adventure of welcoming a child into the world. Marriage is not just about satisfying adult desires, but is a pro-child institution. The community of the family is built upon the communion of the spouses. (USCCB.org, *Marriage: Unique for a Reason*)

mncc.org/issues/marriage

1982 Class Reunion

Will be held on July 21, 2012 at the Austin Country Club.

We are searching for classmates mailing addresses/email address/phone numbers or any contact information...We have set up a universal email address: info@pacelli1982.com

St. Augustine & St. Edward

Parish Renewal Days

Please mark your calendars for our Lenten Renewal Days on February 26-28, at 6:30- 7:30PM at St. Augustine. Fr. Steffes will give a presentation each evening. Child care is available.

Lenten Reflection Books

Reflection booklets for Lent are be available at the church entrances.

Baptism Formation Session

All parents planning to present their child for Baptism are asked to participate in one of our Baptism sessions.

The next one is Thursday, March 8 at 7:00PM at St. Augustine meeting room. Childcare is provided. Call Sr. Lorraine, 437-4537 to register.

Liturgy Committee

Liturgy Committee meets on Thursday, February 23 at 1:00pm at the St. Augustine meeting room.



Is God calling you? Is your spouse bugging you to join the Church? Are you marring a Catholic? If you interested in some engaging faith discussions, you are welcome to attend RCIA. Call Alice for information for St. Augustine's and St. Edward's Churches at 437-3250.

For information on Queen of Angels RCIA program call Mary Bassett at 433-8474.

Queen of Angels

CCW Meeting

February's CCW meeting for Queen's members will be held in Cunningham Hall on February 23 at 1:30 pm. We welcome all parish women to join us for this informational meeting and to socialize with your fellow parishioners.

Respectfully,
Rosy Byron
CCW Chairwoman

Attention Scrap Bookers!

We are looking for a committee of interested parishioners to help develop a history/collection of memorabilia of archived materials for a presentation for the 75th Anniversary of Queen of Angels this summer. Please call 433-1888.



All Catholic teens grade 9 - 12 from the Austin Tri parish community have

a wonderful opportunity this summer. Steubenville North will be held at the Mayo Civic Center July 13-15, 2012. The cost is \$145 per person, plus the hotel accommodations for two nights. Watch your mail for more information or check out the web site:

www.partnershipforyouth.org/events_rochester.html

Informational meetings will be held during Lent.

Queen of Angels Contact: Teresa Knorr 507-396-2454.



Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls for the Catholic Relief Services collection will be at all the parish entrances during Lent for your convenience.



Austin Catholic Community News



Have you taken any time lately to think about how truly good God has been to you? He may not have to cure your paralysis if He has already given you the gift of mobility. But do we glorify and thank Him for such simple gifts as sight, and speech, and general health? Do we generously give back to God in proportion to all the many blessings He has given to us?



Registration Open to the Public

Preschool & Kindergarten Registrations are open to the public. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee will hold your child's spot. When the classes fill, a waiting list will be established. For more information, please call 433-8859.

Our faith-based preschool programs are special because of the Christian environment in which children are taught about God through songs and stories. Students in our preschool programs experience educational opportunities appropriate to their age and maturity in the areas of reading, math readiness, science, health, and socialization skills.

Tiny Shamrocks (3 yrs old)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:15 - 11:30 am

\$80/month

Kindergarten Prep (4 & 5 yrs old)

Mondays & Tuesdays

Wednesdays & Thursdays

12:15 - 2:30 pm

\$135/month

Little Shamrocks
(4 & 5 yrs old)

Mondays - Wednesdays
& Fridays

9:15 - 11:30 am

\$105/month



Community Parish Events

Diocesan Collection on Ash Wednesday

The Collection for the Church in Eastern and Central Europe. Go to www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the projects funded by the Collection.

Thank You to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Austin Catholic Parishes collected \$1,170.03 which was donated to the Austin Salvation Army Food Shelf. God bless you all for your generosity.

Calling All Volunteers ,St. A's – St. Ed's – Queen's

Did you know the Austin Salvation Army serves free meals to those in need every Monday through Thursday evening? Would you like to be part of this? Your Tri-Parish Social Justice Team has agreed to serve the meal on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning on March 6th.

Here's what you need to know:

- The time commitment is 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.
- Dinner will already be prepared; all you will have to do is help serve and help clean up.

- 4 people are needed each month; if more are interested, a rotating schedule will be made.

High school students and adults are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Jill Wagner at 433-1002. Thanks for helping those in need!

Catholic Credit Union Annual Meeting

The Mower County Catholic Parishes Credit Union's annual meeting will be held March 6th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by the annual meeting. Tickets are \$5.50 and can be purchased at the Credit Union. The final day to purchase tickets is February 27th. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sacred Heart Auxiliary Social Meeting

Sacred Heart Auxiliary will hold its social meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 28 at noon in St. Edward's Family Room. Members will be contacted by the phone committee to RSVP.

Social Justice Meeting

The next Social Justice meeting will be on Monday, February 20th, at 7 pm in the St. Ed's Family Room. Everyone is welcome!

The Vine

Youth Ministry

F.U.E.L. and Ignite Youth Groups

"How Far Would You Go for a Friend?" is on Feb. 20th in the youth room from 6:00PM-7:30PM. All youth are welcome!

Breakfast Club is on Friday, Feb. 24th. Sr. high youth join us for breakfast and conversation each Friday morning at Kenny's Oak Grill at 7:00AM. Bring money for breakfast; we will buy the beverage.

CRS FOOD FAST begins March 2- Sign up now to participate in the event that changes lives! Food Fast is CRS' 24-hour hunger awareness retreat for Catholic youth. Focusing on global poverty and hunger, Food Fast offers a journey of solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas, as a way of living out our Catholic faith. This event will begin on Friday, March 2nd at 6:00PM and end on Saturday, March 3rd at 6:00PM. All youth and adults 6th grade and older are invited to attend. Call 437-3250 to join.



Catholic Heart Work Camp Journal

CHWC was awesome! Meeting new people and all the programs! Can't wait for next year! -

Sarah Schoen

Wednesdays During Lent

- Daily Mass—5:15PM
- Soup Supper
- Study Sessions: 6:45 – 7:45 PM
- St. Augustine Parish Complex
- Feb. 29 & March 7, 14, 21, & 28

Tri-parish Lenten Study Sessions

Make your family's Lent special this year by participating in a study session. During five weeks of Lent the children and teens will be with catechists in classrooms, except for the Confirmation group. Adults will have their own groups. See descriptions below. Sign up in advance so we have enough materials prepared. Room assignments will be posted on the doors the first night, Feb. 29. All ages are welcome! Call 437-3250 or email agduffymeyer@austincatholic.org

Study Session Titles

- Pre-K thru Gr. 3—Stories of God's Love
- Gr. 4 – 5—Ventures Gospel Weeklies
- Gr. 6 – 7—Being Catholic
- Gr. 8 – 9—Call to Faith – The Trinity
- Gr. 10—Confirmation Preparation
- Gr. 11-12—Christology
- Adult – two options:
 - 1). Catholicism video series continuation by Fr. Robert Barron
 - 2). Social Justice Themes

STEUBENVILLE NORTH ROCHESTER

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St. Augustine Baptisms

Angela Marcine

Edem Elvis

Maeva Jeanne

Children of Lewis and Rosine

Zayden Tyler

Child of Anthony & Jamie

Queen of Angels Baptisms

Mara Rae

Child of Lien

Taylor Star

Child of Jason and Amanda

St. Edward's Baptism

Benjamin John

Child of Jamie and Laura

BUTTERBRAIDS ARE BACK. Beginning next week, youth going on 2012 Catholic will be selling again.

Butter Braid® pastries are a sweet pastry, layered with real butter and zero grams trans fat. This gives Butter Braid® pastries a flaky outside, and a tender, inside as each layer rises up before baking. Flavors available are Cinnamon, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Apple, Cream Cheese, Raspberry and Caramel Roll. Call 437-3250.

Dad's Belgian Waffle

All-You-Can-Eat Brunch
Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 at St. Edwards Corcoran Center
8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Advance tickets Sales are as follows
6.50-Adults-4.00 -Children
At the door-7.00-Adults-5.00
Children Under 5, Free.
437-3250

Take outs available. Sponsored by Austin Catholic Youth Mission Trip 2012.


Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of February 20-26, 2012

Monday, Feb 20	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
7:15 am	Queen of Angels † Maria Phien Thi Ngyen
10:30 am	Sacred Heart Care Center
Tuesday, Feb 21	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
7:30 am	St. Edward † Shirley M. Merten
5:15 pm	Queen of Angels † Elroy & Margaret Morgan
Wednesday, Feb 22	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
7:00 am	St. Augustine For the People
8:50 am	St. A's (AACs K-12)
12:10 pm	St. Edward For the People
5:15 pm	Queen of Angels For the People
5:00 pm	Our Lady of Loretto For the People
5:30 pm	St. Augustine † Ruth Smisko
7:00 pm	Queens (Spanish) For the People
Thursday, Feb 23	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
7:30 am	St. Augustine † Melba I. Graves
Friday, Feb 24	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
7:30 am	Queen of Angels † Jane Coleman Thomas
6:00 pm	Queens (Spanish) For the People
Saturday, Feb 25	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
8:00 am	Queen of Angels † Cindy Muhlbauer
4:00 pm	St. Augustine † George Sippel
4:00 pm	Queen of Angels † Beverly Dushek
5:30 pm	Our Lady of Loretto † Nancy Landherr
Sunday, Feb 26	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
8:30 am	St. Edward † Donald Pesch
9:00 am	Queen of Angels † Jolene Swank Dalager
10:30 am	St. Augustine For the People
11:00 am	Queens (Spanish) For the People
5:00 pm	Queens (Spanish) For the People



***Eucharistic Adoration from 10 am
Tuesday through 8 pm Thursday at
Queen of Angels***



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Francis Bolstad
Who passed away on January 17, 2012

Jeanette Mittag
Who passed away on February 5, 2012

Catherine Jenkins
Who passed away on February 7, 2012

**Our sincere sympathy to their
families and friends.**

PIZZA RANCH Fund-Raiser

Monday, February 20th from 5:00-8:00PM.
Please have your
dinner at Pizza Ranch on this night to support the
youth going on Catholic Heart Work Camp mis-
sion trip this summer.

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*Thanks for Your
Prayers, Kindness
and Generosity*

Donations:
In Loving Memory To... St. Augustine
In Memory of... Fran Bolstad
Given by...Wersal Family

Also
In Memory of... Aurelio "Joe" Garcia
**Given by...Harold & Lyda Mandler and
Teri Ihlow**

POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE BECAUSE OF CUB SCOUTS



Congratulations to Cub Scouts Christopher Aho, Cameron Morrell, and Isaac Drees! On Sunday, February 5th Fr. Steffes presented each of them with the Parvuli Dei reli-

gious emblem during the 10:30 am Mass at St. Augustine's Church. The Parvuli Dei program was designed for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts of the Catholic Church who are 8, 9, and 10 years of age. The purpose of the emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes and to develop a positive self-image through the contributions they make to the group or community. The emblem is a medal depicting the Holy Family and suspended from a bar that bears the inscription "Parvuli Dei" (Children of God). These three scouts are members of the Bear Den of Cub Scout Pack 113 chartered to St. As/St. Eds PTCA. For more information about Cub Scouts please contact Arlo Drees at 434-9141.



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Austin Catholic Community Information

www.austincatholic.org

Parish & Staff Directory

Queen of Angels
1001 Oakland Ave E
Austin, MN 55912

Fr. Dale Tupper
Parish Office: (507) 433-1888 Fax: (507) 433-1889
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm
Pastoral Associate and RCIA

Mary Bassett.....(507) 433-8474

Office Coordinator

Julie Bjorge.....(507) 433-1888

Bookkeeper

Kathy Iverson.....(507) 433-1888

Annunciation Hermitage

Fr. Jon Moore.....(507) 437-4015

St. Augustine

405 4th St. NW
Austin, MN 55912
Parish Office: (507) 437-4537 Fax: (507) 437-4537

Hours: Monday -Friday, 8 am-Noon; 1 pm - 5 pm
Pastoral Associate (St. Augustine & St. Edward)

Sr. Lorraine Loecher.....(507) 437-4537

Administrative Assistant

Kathy Krzyzanowski... (507) 437-4537

St. Edward

2000 Oakland Ave W
Austin, MN 55912

Sacramental Records ▪ Ministries ▪ Hospitality

Sue Viehauser.....(507) 433-1841

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Pacelli Catholic Schools

President, HS/MS PrincipalJoseph Steepleton

Elem. Principal..... Mary Holtorf

Catholic Elem. (PreK-gr. 5).....(507) 433-8859

Pacelli Catholic High (gr. 6-12).....(507) 437-3278

Development Office.....(507) 437-8908

Tri-Parish Services www.austincatholic.org

Catch Fire, Youth Ministry and Faith Formation

Alice Duffy-Meyer, coordinator.....(507) 437-3250

Keri Flahive.....(507) 437-3250

Judy Braaten, Office Manager.....(507) 437-3250

Pastoral Care of The Elderly and The Sick

Sr. Pat Beck.....(507) 433-1533

Hispanic Ministry

Mary Bassett.....(507) 433-8474

Calvary Cemetery

On-site Office.....(507) 433-1707

Council of Catholic Women

St. Augustine: Robin Krueger.....(507) 433-3633

Queen of Angels: Rosy Byron.....(507) 250-5805

Prayer Chain: Jane Felten.....(507)437-2188

Bulletin (Submit all items by Monday Noon)

Queen of Angels Parish Office.....(507) 433-1888

Email.....qofaparish@chartermi.net

Worship Schedules

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:15 am . Queen of Angels

Tuesday 7:30 am St. Edward

5:15 pm . Queen of Angels

Wednesday 8:50 am Pacelli *

5:15 pm St. Augustine

Thursday 7:30 am St. Augustine

8:50 am St. Augustine *

Friday 7:30 am . Queen of Angels

(Spanish) 6:00 pm . Queen of Angels

* on school days only *

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:00 am . Queen of Angels

4:00 pm St. Augustine

4:00 pm . Queen of Angels

5:30 pm Brownsdale

7:00 pm . Queen of Angels

Sunday 8:30 am St. Edward

9:00 am . Queen of Angels

10:30 am St. Augustine

(Spanish) 11:00 am Queen of Angels

(Spanish) 5:00 pm Queen of Angels

Holy Days: Consult the bulletin for the

current schedule. (pg 5a)

Additional Masses:

Consult bulletin for schedule. (pg 5a)

Sacred Heart Care Center

Sun. to Tues. & Thurs., Fri. 10:30 am

Parish Deacons

Deacon John Kluczny St. Augustine/St. Edward (507)437-1479 or

Deacon Richard Aho St. Augustine/St. Edward (507)433-6928 or (507)433-1841

Deacon David Blake Queen of Angels (507)433-1888 or(507) 433-1631

Knights of Columbus Council 1201 (507) 433-1492

Birthright (Austin Office)..... (507) 437-2373

Catholic Charities..... (507) 433-3062

Sacraments

Reconciliation

St. Augustine Saturday at 3:00 pm

Queen of Angels Saturday at 3:15 pm

As announced or by appointment

Baptism

A preparation session is required.

Contact your parish office to arrange

preparation session & Baptism.

Baptisms in Spanish(507) 433-8474

Marriage

Please contact your parish pastor at

least 6 months before your wedding.

Tri-Parish at Queen of Angels

Eucharistic Adoration

Tues. 10 am to Thurs. 8 pm

SCRIP IS SOLD

Mondays & Friday- St. A's Church Parish

Office 8:00-4:00 pm, closed at noon to

1:00 pm for lunch.

Tuesdays - Mower County Catholic

Parishes Credit Union 10:00-4:00pm

Wednesdays - Pacelli Middle/High

School Office 8:00-4:00pm

Thursdays - Pacelli Elementary School

Office 10:00am-4:00pm

Parish Support

	2011-12	YTD Short/Over
Queen of Angels Revenue Goal	\$23,666.65	\$7,518.82
December Collections	\$39,458.49	
December Shortfall/Overage	\$15,791.84	

St. Augustine Revenue Goal	\$36,759.00
November Collections	\$36,585.69
November Shortfall/Overage	-\$173.31

St. Edward Revenue Goal	\$28,454.00
November Collections	\$29,016.17
November Shortfall/Overage	+\$562.17

New 2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal			
	Parish Goal	Pledged	Received
St. Augustine	\$39,520.00	\$	\$
St. Edward	\$23,970.00	\$	\$
Queen of Angels	\$29,550.00	\$	\$
Our Lady of Loretto	\$2,300.00	\$	\$

Contributions may be mailed to Diocese of Winona Foundation, PO Box 30098, Winona MN 55987. Extra envelopes are provided at church entrances for your convenience.