

# RENAISSANCE REVISITED

St. Augustine Parish Building Campaign  
September, 2010

## Mission and Ministry

*"The Mission of St. Augustine Church is to be a Parish Family inspired by the love of Jesus Christ, celebrating the goodness of life, bringing the good news and ministering to the needs of all."*



*By virtue of our Baptism we are called by Jesus Christ to live our lives in*

*the service of one another.*

*As Stewards of God's creation we come together in community and faith to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure.*

### St. Augustine Trivia

1. Who was our founding pastor?
2. Where was Mass celebrated while the church was being built?
3. Who reigns supreme as King of the parish kitchen?
4. Which pastor introduced the Call to Stewardship?
5. What year did we celebrate the restored Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?
6. How many years have we hosted CARITAS?
7. What year did our Hispanic brothers and sisters become part of St. Augustine?
8. How many priests have served at St. Augustine since the beginning?
9. What year was the baptismal font put in the church?
10. Who is the Patroness of the Americas?

Answers on page 4.

### RENAISSANCE REVISITED WORKING GROUP

We hope you are as excited as we are regarding the significant construction progress on the new pastoral center.

The Renaissance Revisited Working Group continues its focus on pledges, both *old* and *new*, as well as other *fundraising* activities. We fell short of the \$700,000 goal but we haven't given up – there is more that can be done.

#### "Old" or Existing Pledges and Giving

*We are grateful to all who have given in any amount and in any form.*

Please keep the contributions coming! We are constantly monitoring the Renaissance Revisited Building Fund status. Some pledges are behind schedule. Now that summer is over and we are back in the routine, please work to catch up – *we need you!* Note to all – if possible, please use the dedicated Renaissance Revisited envelopes to help with the tracking efforts.

#### "New" Pledges

We recognize that some parishioners may not have been in a position to pledge during the fall campaign and we recognize that we have new parishioners that weren't here for the pledge campaign. *If you haven't already pledged, it isn't too late – we need you!* The new pastoral center is vital to a host of ministries at St. Augustine Church and it provides more acceptable work space for our dedicated, loving and oh-so-important staff. There are pledge cards and boxes in the vestibule and the commons or you may pick up and drop off pledge cards at the church office. *No contribution is too great or small.*



**"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God,  
and that is the Gateway to Heaven!" *Genesis 28:17***

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**Fundraising**

You've likely noticed that the *Renaissance Revisited Building Fund* is the beneficiary of various fund raising activities. In the last month, as reported in the September 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin, we reported \$11,636 in contributions from a combination of bingo, food sales and haircuts. We stress the importance of reading your weekly bulletin and listening for weekly ambo announcements for upcoming activities. Your support, participation and willingness to give your time to these stewardship opportunities is greatly appreciated and needed to make our new Pastoral Center a reality. *Many thanks to all of the volunteers who have worked to raise money for this important cause.*

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe"*

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

On behalf of the Renaissance Revisited Working Group, we thank you!

Barbara Earley, Co-Chair  
Renaissance Revisited Working Group  
(RRWG)

***BUILDING COMMITTEE INFO***

*Renaissance Revisited News.....  
Pastoral Center Construction  
Project Update*

On behalf of the Building Committee I am pleased to report that we are roughly half-way through to celebrating the New Year 2011, with a completed structure. By the end of September we will be totally

enclosed and working on inside finishing. We have been very blessed with no time loss for weather to-date and a general contractor who works closely with us and our staff. In appreciation of the harmonious relationship, your office staff and the building committee hosted the construction workers to lunch on 8/27, in the Church hall and this event was well received.



Looking ahead, we are busy ordering the furnishings/equipment to allow us to transition the office operation into this space and also to utilize the three new meeting spaces. This move will enable St. Augustine to continue and expand its outreach ministries. In addition, we have a contract for cleaning and sealing the HVAC ducts in the Sanctuary plus replacement of all signs around the campus.

The Building & Grounds Committee, working with the Building Committee, has opened up three projects to interested parishioners as well as outside contractors for sidewalk upgrades, painting the Sanctuary ceiling, and replacing the Sanctuary carpets. As you can see the scope of the project is centered around the Pastoral Center construction, plus much needed work that will occur in the existing campus areas.

Relative to the cost of all the work outlined above, I report to you that we see no obstacles to finish all work at about \$1,400,000. This is projected to be mostly covered by donations and fund raising from the Parish with a mortgage being used to cover the unfunded balance. We have not borrowed any funding at this writing. When required, we have a construction line-of-credit already approved that we will use while continuing to collect pledges before we commit to a mortgage in January 2012 .

We greatly appreciate the help, prayers, and support from all Parishioners. It is vital that we each continue to honor the financial pledges made for Renaissance and anyone not yet making a pledge should give this serious prayerful consideration. All monies given will reduce the amount we must mortgage in the end.

Lacy Gray,

Building Committee

***WELCOMING  
Parish Registration and  
Orientation***

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month finds our Welcoming teams greeting in the Information Center and gathering new parishioners in Rooms 10-11 for formal registration in the parish with an orientation to their new parish home. (This occurs in English after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and in Spanish after the 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. Masses) In all but the summer months, new parishioners are invited to attend the Poor Box Breakfast immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and registration in English follows that time of fellowship and hospitality.

During the registration process, new parishioners have an opportunity to:

- Meet attending staff members
- Be welcomed personally and invited to involvement by fellow parishioners
- Receive an information folder about the parish
- Receive envelopes for use until the following April when they will receive them yearly by mail

## St. Augustine Catholic Church and CCHASM

*Partners in caring for those in need*

**“Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.” Matt 25:40**

*New Parishioner Welcoming* (continued from p. 2)

- Register in the parish’s L.I.F.E. program (Christian Formation/Religious Education)
- Make a commitment to ministry within the parish
- Make a financial commitment to support of the parish
- Make a pledge to the Renaissance Revisited building program
- Receive samples of adult and family educational materials regularly available in our Information Center
- Learn about the parish, its gifts and charisms, and its mission and ministries
- Have their individual questions addressed, and be guided toward any needed sacramental preparations

We hope that this *“welcoming on a personal level”* will integrate new members more deeply into parish life. They will find, steadfastly, within this very diverse and ever-changing and growing parish, its pervading characteristics of commitments to justice and peace, to lifelong faith formation for all, and to joy in hospitality amidst good food and fun!! Welcome to all!!

Mary Anne Fighera

New Parishioner Welcoming

### *CCHASM*

*Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry*

This September, St. Augustine Catholic Church and CCHASM (a 501 (c) (3) non-profit) will celebrate over two decades of working together to help area residents. Since its inception on 9/20/1988, CCHASM has been pleased to work hand in hand with St. Augustine assisting individuals and families experiencing emergency situations.

One of the many ways St. Augustine supports those in need is through its Food Pantry. Staffed by volunteers, the St. Augustine Food Pantry serves families every Saturday at 9:00 AM. Eight to ten of these families have been scheduled through CCHASM and are able to be assisted in both the English and Spanish languages. The supply of food for the pantry comes to St. Augustine in a variety of ways including; mission,

committee activities, private donations, and from food drives conducted on behalf of St. Augustine or CCHASM. Additional food is purchased by St. Augustine’s as needed in order to provide enough food to each family of 4 for approximately 5-7 days (an average cost of \$1,000 per month.)

Although small in number (2 full time, and 3 part-time staff), the CCHASM team handles between 2400 to 3000 calls and questions each month (with a dedicated line for Spanish speaking residents). Clients are referred to CCHASM through area faith communities such as St. Augustine, and also through other agencies such as: The United Way, Salvation Army, Commonwealth Catholic Charities, and The Department of Social Services. Prior to scheduling an individual for food assistance, CCHASM carefully screens each client determining the nature of their emergency as well as their available income and expenses. CCHASM currently has 15 Alliance Food Pantries serving up to 520 families each month. Every week St. Augustine’s Food Pantry receives a form from CCHASM documenting the individuals who have appointments for the upcoming Saturday. Along with the listing comes information detailing how many adults and children are in the household, the ages of the children, and if there are any special dietary needs (such as low sodium, baby formula etc.).

In addition to its 15 Alliance Food Pantries, CCHASM also helps area residents (as funds are available) with utility bills, rent/mortgage, medicine, and auto repair. It has a Career Clothes Closet for Women helping approximately 300 women each year with work appropriate and/or interview attire. Anyone wishing to donate new or gently used women’s clothing or accessories should call the CCHASM office (796-3715) for more information.

CCHASM’s largest program each year is its Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package Program. Last Thanksgiving CCHASM, through the support of its 110 Church Alliance Members, individuals, organizations, and a grant from the Altria Companies Employee Community Fund, was able to provide a Meal Gift Package (a bag of Thanksgiving trimmings: cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, canned yams, sweet corn, stuffing, etc.) along with a \$15 gift card for the purchase of a turkey, to 1511 families (which equated to over 5600 area residents).

During the past two years there has been an ever increasing amount of requests for both food and financial assistance. It is through partnerships like St. Augustine and CCHASM that assistance is able to reach many of our area individuals and families in crisis. Anyone interested in more information about CCHASM can view their website at [www.cchasm.org](http://www.cchasm.org) or call their office: 796-3715.

Sharon G. Juozapavicius  
Chief Executive Officer, CCHASM

## Adult Vacation Bible School

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14*

Earlier this year, Fr. Mike suggested that the adults of the parish might enjoy a Vacation Bible School of their own. Many years ago we offered programs for families like Bible and Barbeque. But a full week of summer Bible School for adults? That was a unique concept. And so "IT" was scheduled for late August.

Question was, what should "IT" look like. I went on a quest to find out what others had or were doing for adult VBS. Such a concept was more unique than even I had anticipated!

Thirteen curious, adventurous adult parishioners signed up and showed up. They were as unsure about what to expect as we had been. What happened

was four nights of scripture, faith sharing, prayer and fellowship. The group engaged and bonded quickly which allowed the sharing to be honest and heartfelt. The topics, drawn from scripture, challenged all of us.

*St. Paul's letter of response to the community at Corinth* challenged them to live as mature followers of Jesus. Incredibly, our small community of St. Augustine, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, found 1 Corinthians spoke to us as we struggle with the same distractions and are lured by the same "stuff" of the world.

We finished our VBS with dinner on Thursday night followed by conversation about Eucharist. The parting was bitter sweet. Although the nights had been intense and caused more than a few moments of angst for the participants, we were all sad it was ending. All agreed that this format should be repeated and there is no need to wait until next summer.

Fran Kuzma (Christian Formation Assistant) and I are looking for a "new name" for what happened those four nights in August. And we are looking for four more nights on the calendar so that adults of the parish can sign up to come for scripture, faith sharing, prayer and fellowship.

Wow, we are sorry, Fr. Mike, but we STILL don't know what adult Vacation Bible School looks like!!!!!!

Eileen Brown

### St. Augustine Trivia (Continued from p. 1)

Answers:

1. Msgr. John J. McMahon
2. Bensley School
3. Horace Scott
4. Msgr. William H. Carr
5. Restored in 1966 after the Second Vatican Council; promulgated in 1975; began at St. Augustine in 1978 (32 years).
6. 21 years
7. 1999
8. 20 priests (see list on parish web site under Bldg Campaign) web site: [staugustineparish.net](http://staugustineparish.net)
9. 1999
10. Our Lady of Guadalupe

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 6189

We at St Augustine's strive daily to fulfill our commitment to the mission of our parish. We do it as individuals. We do it in small groups. We do it as a parish family. We leverage the power of prayer. We celebrate our Faith. We spread the Gospel through word and action. We most especially bring aid to the poor and disenfranchised among us. We do all this for the Love of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His Name.

The Knights of Columbus are wedded to this parish mission. Together with our spouses and, as an integral group within the larger parish family, we are pledged to its fulfillment.

Our focus does not waiver from the support of our priests. We must not wait for a request from the Pastor but anticipate his needs and be available to him. Failing to see the need, when asked, we are pledged to be responsive.

The first principle of the Order is Charity. It is the Principle of our First Degree and cornerstone for all we do. Nothing done by our members may eclipse the overriding priority of that tenet of our Catholic Faith; Charity informs our Faith and affirms who we are as an Order of Catholic men. This is the foundation of our priority on support for the homeless (Caritas) and the support of the parish poor pox breakfasts. Knights may be found serving nearly all ministries within the parish community. Our members serve on the Pastoral Council. They perform as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and ushers. They sing in the choir. Our commitment to the maintenance and sustainment of parish operations and growth finds many of us serving in parish management ministries such as the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Building Committees, fundraising roles e.g. bingo operations, pledge drives, etc. We have endeavored to supplement the work of the Worship Committee with our current initiative to expand the devotion to the Rosary of Our Lady. We will shortly assist the parish in its voter registration drive as we have done in past years.

The synergism between and among the Knights of Columbus Bishop Ireton Council and other ministries of the parish has enhanced the collective power of ability to serve those ill and others in distress. The wonderful work of the Women's Guild in crafting the beautiful prayer shawls for the sick has given the Bishop Ireton Council a way to relieve some of the anguish of those suffering from affliction.

In short, Knights may be seen as committed to every aspect of parish life and activity. Our holistic commitment to St Augustine's is unreservedly total and complete. This is, and will remain, a constant in the continued formation of our Faith.

Rick Brennan

Past Grand Knight

