

"The mission of St. Augustine of Canterbury parish is to grow closer to Christ and one another through worship, prayer, learning and service, and to dedicate our lives to serving Christ in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit."

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

From Russell Kratz, Senior Warden
Being part of a faith community where I can
worship God each Sunday with others who
share my Christian beliefs and values is
very important to me. St. Augustine's has
provided that faith community. It provides
me with an oasis in a turbulent world, a
place of peace and renewal.



In the past several years, I have seen the parishioners of St. Augustine grow not only in numbers, but in their faith in God and in Jesus Christ. Under the leadership of Fr. Wes, I have seen new ministries develop that reach out to our brothers and sisters in need in Vero Beach and beyond and bring them the Good News. I want to continue to have such a community and to see it grow and prosper. To do that, I recognize the need to support it with the financial resources I am able to provide. I want to be a good steward of St. Augustine's and will support this community and its ministries as best I can with my time, talent, and treasure.

On Sunday, February 9, St. Augustine's kicked off its 2025 Stewardship Campaign. It is a special time of year when we stop to reflect on the abundance God has given us, individually and as a faith community. We are deeply grateful to be able to move forward together, to answer His call. Find your inspiration from this special message from Wes>

If you did not receive a Stewardship packet, please contact the church office. Additional packets are available in the Narthex. Please submit your pledge card to the parish office by Sunday, February 23. If you prefer, you can pledge online>

PLEDGE ONLINE

Why We Pledge ...

"Connections ... an awesome Women's Bible Study group. Learned so much with these lovely, spiritual women. So open and welcoming." Laurie Samuels

"Shining Light Garden ... an amazing experience to be in such a peaceful environment, with amazing people, doing physical work to help feed our neighbors. Our fellowship thrives right along with the crops."

Lisa Grandage





Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

PLEDGE TODAY

Upcoming Events

YOU are the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

For those who have already signed up ... Come learn what's happening in the ECW and how your participation is needed to continue to grow and enable us to empower women in faith and service. Our meeting is this **Saturday**, **February 15**, **11 am - 1 pm** in the Parish Hall. Food and fun will be provided. Questions? Contact: Pam Wehrberger



Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

Calendar

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

February is Heart Healthy Month

Take a moment to reflect on ways we can take care of our hearts:

- Be aware of our family history and any heart risks we need to be aware of and take the necessary steps to alert our health care professionals.
- Keep our blood pressure under control and seek support if it isn't in a healthy range.
- Get outside and enjoy a walk, bike ride, swimming, a workout group or try a new sport if able.
- Enjoy a variety of foods and stress fruits, vegtables, various sources of lean protein and good carbs.
- Drink lots of water and cut back or stop sugar-loaded drinks.
- Engage with others.
- Remember to have fun and have a laugh.
- Give thanks for every day; we are blessed.
- Take up a new activity like cards, mahjong, bridge, Wordle to keep your brain active.
- Volunteer and practice giving back.

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

Sunday Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Ed meets on **Sunday mornings at 9 am** in the Library! Come be part of this thought-provoking discussion. Questions?

Contact: Fr. Wes Shields







Women's Bible Study: Make a Connection!

Connections is a women's Bible study ministry serving women of all ages. We learn from each other, grow in our faith, and develop rich friendships as we study the Bible together in small discussion groups facilitated by a leader. Starting January 7, we will meet for 12 weeks on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am in the Parish Hall to study the Gospel of Matthew. Our facilitators will be Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich. Purchase your study guide using this link

"I learned so much in the study of John. Coming to class brings you so much closer to The Lord." Connie Hatala

Interwoven throughout the Bible is the redemptive work of God. Each book points to His master plan to rescue broken and desperate people and restore their relationships with Him through Jesus. Even though Jesus does not show up until the New Testament, the Old Testament still anticipates Him with prophecies, promises and foreshadowing.

In The Lord's Prayer, we pray: "Give us this day our daily bread" - thus relying on God to meet our needs each and every day as we spend time with Him both in prayer and in His Word. Some of the benefits of daily Bible study are:

spiritual growth: it strengthens our faith and directs our steps; we experience God's faithfulness as we learn His promises; we see growth in our prayer life (as we learn to pray scripture) and we bear much fruit (as we abide in Him).

Come Join Us Anytime! No sign-up necessary - there is always a seat at the table ready just for you! **Contact:** <u>Valerie Reich</u> <u>Order Study Guide></u>

This Week at Sunday School!

We will be learning about the story of Moses and the burning bush. While tending sheep in the wilderness, Moses encounters a bush that is on fire but not consumed by the flames. As he nears, God speaks to him from the bush, calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. This powerful moment teaches us that God can speak to us in unexpected ways and that He has a plan for each of our lives. We will also learn about Moses' courage to obey God, even when he felt unsure of his abilities. Children will be encouraged to listen for God's guidance and trust Him with the important tasks He calls them to.





Happy Valentine's Day from our Sunday School! We meet Sundays (no class the first Sunday of each month), at 10 am in the far classroom in the Old Parish Hall. Come along with your friends and make new ones too!

Ages K-8 welcome — we can't wait to see you there! Parishioners, if you have kids, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone that might be interested in Sunday School, please contact ministry leader Michelle Guancione.

Daughters of the King: Come Learn More About Us!

The Daughters of the King hosted a Wine and Cheese gathering for women of the parish on February 5. Chapter President Nancy Kelly spoke on "The Blessing of Humility." All women of the parish are invited to learn more about the Daughters at any time. Our next meeting will be **Saturday**, **February 22** at 10 am in the Library. Please join us! Contact: Nancy Kelly



Outreach







Wednesday

Salvation Army Pantry: Carry On!

While we continue to make a real difference with our food donations to the Salvation Army, the need continues to grow. Show the love by imagining those empty shelves filled to the brim. Your contributions may be placed in the collection box in the Parish Hall. We only accept three items: pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter (at their request). Thank you for your generosity in helping to serve local Vero residents in need!



Try On a New Service Hat!

All of these opportunities to serve can be fulfilled on a flexible schedule and carry no ongoing commitment. **What are you waiting for?**

KING OF THE HILL TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Another three weeks of thrilling tennis action are still to come. Which one of these incredible athletes will claim the title of King of the Hill? Many thanks to the St. Augustine Serves team who are supporting this event to benefit Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy: Alan & Barbara Campbell, Kira Dirghalli, Kathleen Hillcoat, Sally Mahan, John & Sheila Robinson and Skip Villerot.

How can you help? Come as a Spectator! Come out and see the action on **Thursdays at 6 pm** at the Boulevard Tennis Club (1620 Blvd Village Ln., Vero Beach - Right off Indian River Boulevard).

CLEAN UP CREW UPDATE

Thank you to all who have signed up for this very important service. Please be sure that you have provided an email and phone number on signup sheet in Narthex. See you on **Tuesday**, **February 18 at 4 pm** in the Parish Hall for our training and meeting. There's always room for others to join in ... please consider joining us! **Questions? Contact:** Beth Weatherstone

3RD FRIDAYS AT THE SOURCE

Many thanks to the 7 parishioners who have stepped forward to join us in this ministry! The possibility of setting up teams of 4 or 5 members who can alternate months is under

consideration. The Outreach Ministry is now serving dinner on a monthly basis at The Source, which involves menu-planning, shopping, cooking in the parish kitchen and serving the evening meal onsite (all as separate tasks). Our next service date is **Friday, February 21**. Please contact: <u>Tony Tulumello</u> if you would like to be part of this important ministry.



This Sunday!

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

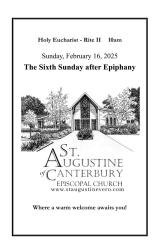
LUKE 6:20-21

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**, either in person or at home via <u>Livestream</u>. Or watch our livestreamed service anytime during the week on our YouTube channel.

Interested in receiving Home Communion? Just call the church office (772-770-3494) and ask to be put on the Home Communion list.

Worship Schedule>
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Sunday Morning Fellowship

Please come join us Sundays for Coffee Hour after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Parish Hall. Enjoy the fellowship of your fellow parishioners. You never know who you might meet!

Readers and Servers

This week's Readers and Servers will be ...

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Jane Ferguson

Sunday, 8 am

All Duties: Lisa Grandage
Ushers: Steve & Moe Connell
Coffee Hour: Inge & Byron Curcio

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Karen & Brian McIntyre,

and Pam Wehrberger Lessons: Nancy Kelly POTP: Nancy Kelly

Chalice: Stuart & Chip Weismiller

Crucifer: Nancy Kelly

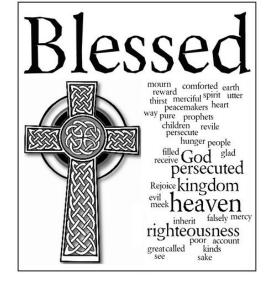
Torches: Stuart & Chip Weismiller

LEM: Nancy Kelly

Livestream: Emma Shields

Sunday School Assistant: Julia Wiggins Coffee Hour: Belma Kerrigan, Janet Langan, Mary Moriarty, & Carole

Pennington



Join us this Week for ...

Morning Prayer | Daily 8 am

Join in on <u>Daily Morning Prayer</u> services over the telephone. Simply dial (339) 209-4611 before 8 am, Monday through Friday to participate. The service is easy to follow and is about 20 minutes long. Newcomers, please see the <u>Online Instructions</u> to set up the Daily Office App. <u>Launch the Daily Office App></u>



Parish Prayer Group | Mondays at 1:30 pm | Library

Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministry | Tuesdays, 1-3 pm | Library

Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

Bible Study with Fr. Wes | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library

News & Notes

Happy Valentine's Day from Youth Guidance!

Youth Guidance would like to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day! We appreciate your generous support, which helps us spread love and make a difference every day.



Men's Breakfast

Come to a St. Augustine of Canterbury Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday**, **Feb. 18 at 9 am** or any third Tuesday, at CJ Cannons (3414 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach). **Ministry contact:** Al Glatz



Who Me? Exercise?

For those of you who were greatly inspired by our "Get 2025 Off to a Healthy Start" program, let's get moving! Come join our new parish exercise group. Led by parishioner Lori Long, the group is meeting Wednesdays at 1:15 pm for a one-hour session of easy stretching and strengthening, all designed to improve our



fitness, posture and balance. Contact <u>Barbara McGowan</u> if you're interested.

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Thurs., Feb. 13, 20, 27 - St. Augustine Serves King of the Hill Tournament

Sat., Feb. 15 - ECW Luncheon, 11 am, Parish Hall

Mon., Feb. 17 - Parish Office closed for Presidents' Day holiday

Tues., Feb. 18 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannons

Tues., Feb. 18, 25 - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Tues., Feb. 18 - Clean Up Crew Training Session, 4-6 pm, Parish Hall

Fri., Feb.21 - Volunteer Cooks for The Source

Sat., Feb. 22 - St. Augustine Serves Shining Light Garden, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Sat., Feb. 22 - Daughters of the King, 10 am, Library

Sun., Feb. 23 - Annual Stewardship Campaign Pledges Due

Sun., Feb. 23 - Blood Pressure Screening/Dietician Consults, 9 am, Parish Hall

Tues., Feb. 25 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall

Find these events and more on our St. Augustine's calendar

CALENDAR

Useful Links

- How to Choose a Bible> by the Rev. Wes Shields
- <u>Church Center</u> To access our Church Center database app on the web
- Daughters of the King Prayer List
- Morning Prayer info and downloads
- Livestream Services
- St. Augustine's Facebook Page
- <u>St. Augustine's YouTube Channel</u> To subscribe: Sign in to YouTube on your computer. Go to <u>St. Augustine's YouTube channel</u> and select a video to play. Click "Subscribe" under the play window.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please pray for ... all who are affected by violence, conflict or impacted by natural disasters. We also pray for Carl, Ken, Darlene, Sherry, Donna, Jay, Melanie, Jacira, Jill, Elaine, Matthew, Evelyn, Kathleen, Glenda, Erton, Betty, Dennis, Karen, Laurita, Dakota, Arden, Elinor, Jacinth, Andy, Joanne.

Parish Prayer List Reminder!

The Parish Prayer List names are reviewed on a monthly basis. Names remain on the list as long as the Office is aware that they are to remain. Names of those we have not received updates are removed from the list unless the parish office is otherwise notified. Please let us know who is in the hospital and who is deceased. Contact: <u>Dana Johnson</u> at 772-770-3494.

This Week, We Celebrate

Birthdays

- 16 Tucker Shields
- 17 Johnny Woolard
- 18 Al Glatz
- 18 Sigrid Jordan
- 18 Diana Luth
- 18 John W. Suit
- 19 Norman Baker
- 19 Peterjohn Plummer
- 19 Kathryn Glen
- 20 Jo Ann Kirchhoff
- 20 Susan Hanson

Anniversaries

20 - Dana & Brady Johnson (2023)

This Week, We Remember

Departed

- 17 Ruth Holman (2019)
- 18 Nancy Hernandez (2022)





Altar Flowers

If you would like to remember a loved one with Altar Flowers, please fill out a flower request envelope found in the brochure rack on the wall in the Narthex, or on the Slat Wall in the Parish Hall. It can be submitted to the office or in the offering plate, or contact <u>Dana Johnson</u> at the Parish Office at 772-770-3494.

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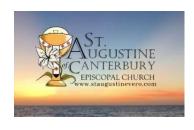
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