

Augie's Archives

St. Augustine Episcopal Church

December 2016

Christmas at St. Augustine's



Christmas with Our Children

On December 18, at the end of the 10 a.m. service, our Sunday School classes will present their annual Christmas musical performance. Please be sure to come to church that morning for this special presentation!

On Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m., our church youth will present their Christmas play, "A Simple Christmas Photo." Holy Eucharist will be celebrated after the performance.

Hanging of the Greens

Our annual Hanging of the Greens event will be Sunday, December 18, after the 10 a.m. service. Please join our parish family as we decorate the church for the Christmas services. Bring a dish to share for a pitch-in lunch afterwards.

Christmas Eve Service

We will have Midnight Mass at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day Service

We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. on Christmas day.

Epiphany Celebration

Our annual Epiphany celebration will be Sunday, January 8, after the 10 a.m. service. Please bring a dish to share and be sure to save room for the traditional Epiphany cake. After the celebration, we will take down the greens.

Holy Eucharist with Healing

Our next Saturday evening service will be December 3, at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, which includes healing of mind, body, and spirit through laying on of hands, prayers, and anointing with holy oil. Holy Eucharist will also be celebrated at this peaceful service.

Mitten Tree

Our St. Augie's Sunday School has a mitten tree in the Apple House for you to place your donations of children's mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. Items collected will be given to Shared Blessings Food Pantry for distribution before Christmas. Thank you for your help with this community outreach project!





School Supplies for Children in Belize

In January, Victoria Hubbard will be traveling to Belize to work with elementary school children there. She would like to take school supplies to help out the school's classrooms. Items requested are pencils, crayons, pencil sharpeners, all kinds of markers, erasers, all kinds of Post-It notepads, colored chalk, children's books, colored pencils, plastic ziplock bags, teaching aids, bouncy balls, and other small toys. Donations may be placed in the box in the back of the church through Sunday, December 25. Thank you for supporting this outreach for children and teachers in Belize!

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Sunday School News

- All of the classes will be practicing during Sunday School this month for their upcoming Christmas musical presentation. The performance will be on Sunday, December 18, at the end of the 10 a.m. service. Children may wear holiday clothes for the performance.
- We will not have Sunday School on December 25 or January 1. Sunday School will resume on January 8.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order the poinsettias that will decorate the front of our altar for our church's Christmas services. If you would like to order one, please fill out the form found on the table in the back of the church and return it with your payment. Mailed orders must be received by December 9, or you may put your order in the basket anytime until the end of church services on December 11. Your dedication will appear in all Christmas bulletins.



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser and silent auction to benefit Project Homeless. There was a great turnout from our church family and friends, and your donations for the silent auction and the dinner were very much appreciated. The Silent Auction alone made over \$1100, in part due to the adorable Labradoodle puppy the Thurmans donated for the auction. Thanks so much for all of your support!

Children's Christmas Eve Play Practices

Children in preschool through 12th grade are invited to take part in our Christmas Eve play, which will be presented at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 24. Practices will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18, with a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 21 at 6 p.m. Children do not have to attend every practice to take part in the event. If your child would like to participate, but wasn't able to come to the first practice, please call or text Carol at 317-431-1277.

Altar Flowers

Check out the chart on the front door of the church and sign up for one of the remaining slots to sponsor flowers for the altar in 2017. You will be billed \$15 for each week you sponsor, and Laura will contact you for the dedication you wish to have in the bulletin.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Group Christmas Party 6:45-9:30 pm 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:30 pm
4 Second Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am Christmas Eve play practice 5 pm 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boy Scout meeting 7:30-9 pm 	7	8	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am Martha Circle Christmas luncheon 12:15 at Iron Skillet restaurant Christmas Eve play practice 5 pm 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boy Scout meeting 7:30-9 pm 	14	15	16	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School Christmas Musical 10 am Hanging of the Greens and pitch-in Christmas Eve play practice 5 pm 	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boy Scout meeting 7:30-9 pm 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Christmas Eve play dress rehearsal 6 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> St. Thomas, Apostle </div>	22	23	24 Christmas Eve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Christmas Eve play 7 pm Midnight Mass 11 pm
25 Christmas Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Eucharist 10 am No Sunday School 	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr </div>	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> St. John, Apostle and Evangelist </div>	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Holy Innocents </div>	29	30	31

Please Note: Narcotics Anonymous meets in the church basement every Sunday evening at 7:30 pm

Youth Group Christmas Event

The Youth Group will meet on Friday, December 2 at 6:45 p.m. to shop for an adopted family for Christmas. They will go to Target to shop for an 11-year-old girl, a 7-year-old girl, and a 2-year-old boy. The group will use your generous contributions to their Bingo event to fund their shopping trip. Youth are asked to please be at the Apple House promptly at 6:45 p.m. so the group can be sure to finish the shopping in time to head back to the Apple House for pizza and games. For more information, please contact Nadia at 317-682-8424. Pick up will be at 9:30 p.m.

Depending on how many members attend this event, the group may need parents to help drive to and from Target. Please contact Nadia if you are interested in helping. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to Our Garden Helpers!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped clean up our church gardens in mid-November. It was cold, but the group got a lot accomplished. Thanks to Alison, Tom, Terry, and Hurst for their help!

Thank You for the Books!

The 6th-12th grade Sunday School class appreciates your generous contributions to their second annual book giveaway at the Danville Kroger. Lots of people chose books for themselves and for their families and friends, and the group gave away most of the books that were donated. Thanks to Lynne, Randy, Kenny, Luci, and Lily for their help with the giveaway, and thank you for supporting our youth with this local outreach project!



Thank You from the Martha Circle

The ladies of the Martha Circle appreciate your support for their Gray's pie fundraiser. The group raised \$250 from your pie purchases. The proceeds will be used for church upgrade projects and women's activities. Thanks again for your help with their fundraiser!



Feeding the Homeless this Winter

We are collecting snack packs of peanut butter crackers, applesauce, and pudding to give out to homeless people this winter. You can put your donations in the box marked "Project Homeless" in the undercroft. Thank you for your help!

Pledge Cards and Envelopes

Booklets of envelopes for your church pledges are available on the table in the back of the church. If you don't find one with your name on it, please put your name on the list and envelopes will be available for you the following week. The pledge card is located on the first page of the booklet. Please fill it out and turn it into the office or put it into the offering plate. Additional pledge cards are also on the table. Please return your pledge card by mid-December. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Hosts Wanted

You can sign up to bring food for Coffee Hour on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by the coffee bar in the undercroft. Feel free to serve candy, candy canes, candy corns, syrup ... Oh wait, that's what elves eat!

Actually, we'd enjoy donuts, coffeecake, muffins, bagels, cookies, casseroles, fruit, almost anything! And, the coffee will already be prepared. After coffee hour, you clean up and then you are done!



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