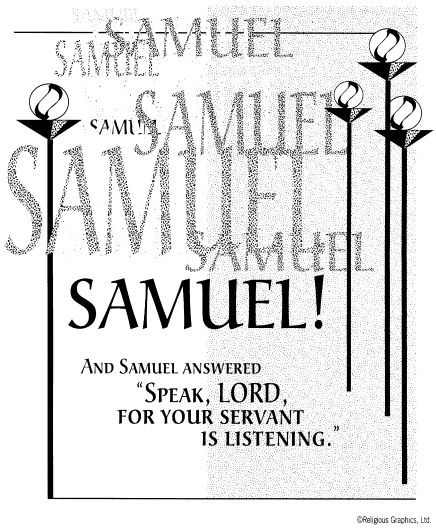

Stop, Look, and Listen

How long does it take to fall in love?" This is a pointless question, because such huge realities as love and death are part of an eternal life process. They are woven into a huge tapestry that includes both time AND eternity. Still, there *are* certain moments when God seems to interrupt everyday life to speak to us in a special way. Maybe you narrowly escape a head-on collision; or your child becomes critically ill; or your closest friend or partner dies too soon. It is as if a kaleidoscope has been shaken, and all the pieces of your life have been rearranged into a different picture. If we're listening, God can use these moments to deepen our virtues—to increase our patience, our courage… to expand our wisdom… or to shock some part of us out of dullness and routine, and back into life. Whether we're young or old, God is still calling us, not just into a job or a new career, but to a constant "re-weaving" of the tapestry of our lives. How is God calling your name these days? It has nothing to do with your age or your experience. I repeat—even if you are raising four kids, or already retired after 30 years on the job—do you realize that God is still calling your name with as much love and enthusiasm and challenge as before you were born? And are you still listening? Perhaps your call is to be more honest—to quiet yourself—to be more generous, or patient…to believe more passionately… to love without judgment. As we approach the Eucharist today, try saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." And then really listen this week. *Go now to love and serve our God! (Second Sunday in Ord. Time – Jan. 20, 2009)*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Jan. 20	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Sally Scaletta
		9:00 am	RIP David Serle	Pat & Barb Golding Family
Wed.	Jan. 21	7:30 am	Jim & Carol Farthing	Legion of Mary
		9:00 am	Grant, Patricia, Brandon & Brooklyn	Linda
Thurs.	Jan. 22	9:00 am	Sue Snyder	Kehler Family
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Louis Vooch	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
Fri.	Jan. 23	9:00 am	RIP Jessie Sebastian	Carol
		12:15 pm	RIP Bertha Trevech	Daughters and Friends
Sat.	Jan. 24	10:00 am	Fr. Raju Madanu	Rick & Patti Anderson
		7:30 pm	RIP Armand Chagnon	Doug & Lorraine Hosea
Sun.	Jan 25	9:00 am	RIP John & Marg Parkolub	Walter & Stella Sturko
		10:30 am	RIP Rita Demuelenaere	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
		12:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Souris	Jan. 25	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	Feb. 01	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Jim Bradford, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

CWL:

2009 CWL membership is now due. Fees are $20 and can be given to Rose Hercun or Jacquie DeCorby.

CWL Executive Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm at the home of Rose Hercun.

Knights of Columbus St. Valentine's Supper and Dance, on Saturday, February 14, 2009 in St. Augustine's Square. Live Band The Reflections. Cocktails at 6:15 pm, Supper at 7:00 p.m. Silent Auction. Tickets $25.00 per person.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church
144-165: "I believe" - the obedience of faith and the characteristics of faith

Mon. (Hebrews 5.1-10)
(Mark 2.18-22)

Tues. **St. Fabian/St. Sebastian**
(Hebrews 6.10-20)
(Mark 2.23-28)

Wed. **St. Agnes**
(Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17)
(Mark 3.1-6)

Thurs. **St. Vincent**
(Hebrews 7.25-8.6)
(Mark 3.7-12)

Fri. (Hebrews 8.6-13)
(Mark 3.13-19)

Sat. **St. Francis de Sales**
(Hebrews 9.2-3, 11-14)
(Mark 3.20-21)

Sun. **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Jonah 3.1-5, 10)
(1 Corinthians 7.29-31)
(Mark 1.14-20)

Please Remember: Use NEW current (2009) donation envelopes in 2009, as your old number could be assigned to someone else.

Young Adults Gathering on Saturday, Jan. 24, starts with Mass at St. Augustine's at 5:00 p.m. and a talk on Eucharist, Union & Transformation by Father David McLeod. Discussions follow at Clancy's.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	19	Confirmation	7:00 pm
	19	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	20	St. Vincent du Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	20	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Wed.	21	Deanery Meeting	1:00 pm
	21	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	21	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	22	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	22	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	23	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	23	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	23	Benediction	5:00 pm
	23	Vocational Discerners	7:00 pm

NEW TO OUR PARISH? CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET

*NAME:*_____
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FINANCES: ***RECEIPTS:***

Collection for the weekend of Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009
Offertory Collection (Brandon)$6916.50
School $ NA
Collection for the Weekend of Sunday Jan. 11, 2009
Offertory Collection (Brandon)$7585.90
School $ 10.00
Renovation Collection Jan. 4, 2009 - $ 652.00
Renovation Collection Jan. 11,2009 - $1565.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

Stewardship – Guilty by Association

Many people associate stewardship with giving money, which is unfortunate because stewardship is so much more! The important question is not how much do you give? The important question is what do you do with what you keep? The problem with our culture today is that too many people are trying to ***give & save*** after what's left over, and there is usually very little left over. Credit card and personal loan debt in Canadian households has grown from a total of $84.1 billion in 1982 to $203.8 billion in 2001. Good stewards ditch debt, give first, save second, and live on what's left.

The secret to happiness does not lie in getting more but wanting less!

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

An annual United Nations report noted that sex-selective abortion continues to kill almost 7,000 of India's unborn baby girls every day. http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2006/dec/06121401.html

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of

Michael Sturko(Jan. 19, 2009)

Vocation View: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

Brandon Area League for Life Annual Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church Square, Guest Speaker Mary Ann Kuharski Author and Director of ProLife across America "The Billboard People". Roast Beef dinner $12.50. Tickets available at Parish Office, Wing & A Prayer.

Christian Unity Week: You are invited to join us in "Prayer for Christian Unity" on Jan. 25 at 7:00 pm at Bethel Christian Assembly. Sponsored by Brandon Ministerial.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING on Friday, January 30, 7-9 pm. Come out for an evening of prayer and community with other youth and young adults. At this gathering we will do Taize Prayer, which will be followed by a social. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Created and Redeemed

(The Universal Message of John Paul II's Theology of the Body)

St. Augustine's Adult Faith Program

February 12 to April 02 in Al's Hall (every Thursday)

Drawing on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, author and video host Christopher West shares God's original plan for marriage and sexuality and how an understanding of this plan gives profound meaning to all our lives - married, single and consecrated celibates. The Theology of the Body has been called "one of the boldest reconfigurations of Catholic theology in centuries, "according to the pope's biographer, George Weigel. It addresses some of the most fundamental and important questions of human existence, including:

*Why were we created male and female?
*Where do we come from and why?
*What is the meaning of life? How do we experience it?
*Why is there evil in the world and how do we overcome it?

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE - PHONE THE OFFICE AT 727-4728. Booklets cost $15.00.

Topics:

1. Theology of the Body: An Education in Being Human
2. Created as Male & Female: God's Original Plan
3. Redeemed as Male & Female: Christ Restores God's Plan
4. The Heavenly Marriage & the Joy of Christian Celibacy
5. The Two Become "One Flesh": Living the "Great Mystery" of Marriage
6. Authentic Chastity: From Legalism to Liberty
7. Theology in the Bedroom: Love, Sex & Fertility
8. "Put out into the Deep": The New Evangelization

Bereavement Support Group

St Augustine's Parish is going to present an eight week program for the bereaved of the parish. These sessions are for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one, whether spouse, child, parent, relative or friend. The program will begin on Thursday, February 5th in the Parish Centre at 10:00 am and lasts approximately 11/2 hours. Facilitators are Carol MacKenzie and Sharon Monaghan. Please call the parish office to register.

Former RCIA participants are invited to "Revisit The Journey" in an 8 session Faith Enrichment Gathering Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. starting Feb. 3, 2009 in Room 108. For information or to register call Sharon 726-0408 (evening).