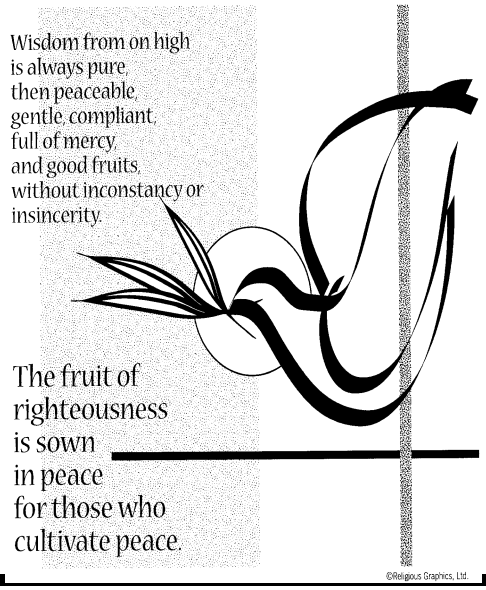

Hosting the Reign of God

One of the translations of the Wisdom reading today says that believers in God are obnoxious. Yes, you heard right. Believers make life inconvenient and uncomfortable for non-believers—by disturbing their consciences and opposing their actions. And this is mostly because we God-believers set boundaries for ourselves. Boundaries define people and things, just as children cannot come to know who they are unless adults create appropriate boundaries for them. However, our boundaries should never be asserted with arrogance or violence—our goal is to extend the invitation of God's love into every situation, especially in cases of controversy and conflict. Because even if provoked, Jesus gives us a deeper revelation about how to respond at all times. The greatest Christian, Jesus says, is a servant. And the first service that we are to render to others is hospitality. Now, many people pride themselves on their hospitality. But when Jesus tells us to welcome the little child, he is referring not just to children, but to all the "little ones" who are so dear to God. Who are they? It is all those who have the needs and vulnerability of children—even though they may be adults with schizophrenia or any mental or physical disability. Whoever is forgotten in prisons, ignored by the wealthy and happy, struggling to survive with some scrap of dignity—whether it be native people, refugees, widows. Hard and controversial? Maybe. But isn't the welcoming of God into our midst the whole purpose of our churches and our prayers? We are to be the hosts and hostesses of the Reign of God. We will not be able to recognize God in our midst until we break bread with the littlest of God's little ones. Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Twenty-Fifth Sun. in Ord. B – Sept. 20, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Sept. 22	9:00 am	Supreme Court Judges & Media	League for Life
		9:00 am	RIP Dorothy Leblanc	Leo Leblanc
Wed.	Sept. 23	9:00 am	RIP Esther Ajoc	Sr. Jing & Family
		9:00 am	RIP Rachelle Gagne	Bea Gross
		9:00 am	RIP Mary de Fazio	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
Thurs.	Sept. 24	9:00 am	Jason Sigurdson	Andy Kiazyk
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Juliette Desrochers	Emily Potvin & Family
Fri.	Sept. 25	9:00 am	Anne Malazdrewich	Muriel & Ed
		12:15 pm	Thanksgiving	Ho Family
		12:15 pm	RIP Lyla Côté	Rachel Major
Sat.	Sept. 26	10:00 am	RIP Steve & Rose Kowalchuk	Joanne Clearwater
		10:00 am	RIP Gloria Moyer	Carol MacKenzie
		7:30 pm	For All Parishioners	
Sun.	Sept. 27	9:00 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	An Van Family
		9:00 am	Edna Wagner	Paul & Simone Goulet
		10:30 am	RIP Roy Inglis	Ken, Karen & Steven
		12:30 pm	RIP Kaz Rudniski	Deacon John and Carol MacKenzie

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Diane Dougall, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Megan Gardham, Matthew Hrankowski, Wilma Kichak, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Linda Seitz, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marian Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

VOCATION VIEW: When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

Serra Club Appreciation Dinner for Clergy and Religious on October 21 -5:45 p.m. - Fr. Kevin Smith is to be the keynote speaker "Year of the Priests". Tickets are available at the Parish office.

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church
1929-1938: Respect for human persons; differences among people

Mon. **St. Matthew**
(Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13)
(Matthew 9.9-13)

Tues. (Ezra 4.4-5; 6.1, 6-8, 12, 14-20)
(Luke 8.19-21)

Wed. **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina**
(Ezra 9.5-9)
(Luke 9.1-6)

Thurs. (Haggai 1.1-8)
(Luke 9.7-9)

Fri. (Haggai 2.1-9)
(Luke 9.18-22)

Sat. **St. Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions**
(Revelation 7.9-17)
(2 Cor 4.7-15)
(Luke 9.23-26)

Sun. **26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
(Numbers 11.25-29)
(James 5.1-6)
(Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48)

Cat.Chat Family Concert Live at Saint Augustine's
A Catholic Audio Show for kids - amazing! Everyone of all ages are welcome too! Mark the date: Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM ---See you there!

Cat. Chat Family Concert FUNDRAISING for CHILDREN'S LITURGY Youth and Young Adults are invited to join the fundraising campaign for kids in our parish --- to join, approach the fundraising campaign desk at the east entrance after mass...thumbs up for you!

The **St. Augustine's "Community Voices" Choir** will have it's first rehearsal on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to attend.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	21	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	22	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	22	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Wed.	23	Weekly Catechism Opening Mass	4:00 pm
	23	RCIA	7:00 pm
	23	K of C Executive Meeting	7:00 pm
	23	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs.	24	Mom's Group Meeting	9:00 am
	24	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	24	Weekly Catechism Opening Mass	6:30 pm
	24	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	25	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	25	Holy Hour	4:00 pm
	25	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	25	Benediction	5:00 pm
	25	Vocational Discerners	7:00 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Sept.13, 2009

Offertory Collection (Brandon) $ 9203.25
School Fund Collection $ 5.00
Restoration Collection Sept. 13, 2009 - $1728.25

NEW TO OUR PARISH? CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
POSTAL CODE: _____PHONE:_____
____NEW PARISHIONER ____REQUIRES ENVELOPE
____MOVING OUT OF PARISH ____CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
Lucy Mouck
week of Sept. 21, 2009

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus tells us today that we are to be servants. Jesus, by His example, was a servant leader. He completely set aside self in order to fulfill the Father's will. It is only in a life of service that we discover the difference between success and significance – the stewardship way of life. Setting aside our own desires means that we trust in God and in doing so find a life free of anxious worries or cares.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - Little Rock

"Parables of the Kingdom" will be studied beginning Thursday, October 8th at 1:15 p.m. There are 6 sessions in total. Books must be ordered in advance so please phone Sister Mona, 761-2121 before Sept 29 if you are interested.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, President Archbishop of Winnipeg, James Weisgerber was not surprised how Pope Benedict tied "Populorium Progressio" to "Humanae Vitae". He sees this as providing ongoing direction for Canadian Catholic orgranizations for Development and Peace in their work in the third world.

From Father Dominic's desk:

Mother's Support Group: There have been several requests to begin a mother's support group here at St. Augustine's. This will be more of a "mothers helping mothers" group, especially for mothers with small children. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 24, following the 9 a.m. Mass. We will meet in Rm 108 and use the Scripture readings from the Mass of the day as a spring board for discussion. Any questions or clarifications may be directed to Carolyn Markmann at 728-9525.

Mass in Extraordinary Form will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27. Monsignor Norman Chartrand will be the presider.

You are invited to become involved in active aging week in September and continue this throughout senior month in October. Active aging encourages active participation in all areas of one's life. It invites one to be open to realize the potential for physical, social, mental and spiritual well being throughout one's life and choose to involve and invite others to join you.

There will be a **Squires Group** starting in the fall at St. Augustine's. This group is for young Catholic men (10 to 18 years of age). This group is in conjunction with Knights of Columbus. For more information please call Chris Pugh 728-4915 or email pugh_chris@hotmail.com.

Just Society and the Common Good

To be builders of a just society, "a civilization of love," that is marked by caring and sharing, we follow Jesus' call. He said, "Whoever wants to be first will be last" and the servant of all. Followers are servants of the common good! With God's help, they create the context for it. (based on Catholic Teaching)

The **Manitoba League for Life Hike** will be held in Brandon, starting at St. Augustine's Church on Saturday, Oct. 3. Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. Please help us raise funds for Pro Life issues. Pledge forms available from St. Augustine's and A Wing and a Prayer.

The **National Life Chain** is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro life public witness in the world. More than 1000 cities across Canada and the US are expected to participate on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. St. Augustine's will be participating in Brandon on the South East corner of 1st and Victoria Ave.

Congratulations to the following recipients of CWL Service Pins, which were presented in June 2009:

25 YEAR PIN:

· Eileen Suski · Mary Lou Sims
· Donna Young · Velma Scott

50 YEAR PIN:

· Nellie Dunn

60 YEAR PIN:

· Monica Seitz · Anne Malazdrewich

CWL Executive Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. at the home of Arlene Elves.

CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6 with Mass at 7 p.m. and meeting to follow.