

ST. AUGUSTINE'S NEW

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings and peace be with you in our Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin our programs and our life shaped by Jesus this Autumn, I felt it necessary to write you about the various faith formation opportunities going on at our church.

THERE WILL BE A LUNCH AND LEARN
DEDICATED TO EXPLORING THE
SACRAMENTS IN OUR CHURCH ON
SATURDAYS. PLEASE STAY TUNED
FOR DATES AND TIMES FOUND
WITHIN OUR PARISH BULLETIN.

Messy Church and Youth Group

Tara Munn, our youth minister, will be working to increase our family church attendance through our missional service of Messy Church and developing our youth group. I am very pleased with our efforts as we have seen great attendance at Messy Church.

St. Augustine's Theological Series

One the ideas I wanted to bring to fruition at our church was to increase various learning and social opportunities concerning our faith formation. I am pleased to announce that the development of St. Augustine's Theological Series. On the second Wednesdays of each

month there will be a program called "Film, Faith and Food." We will gather for meal and, then, share in watching a movie to discuss themes of spirituality, theology and faith.

On the third Wednesday of each month there will be a program called the "Scripture Harvest." We will use the ancient Christian practice of Lectio Divina to study and understand scripture. The scripture passage will be taken from the Sunday lectionary.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, there will be a gathering called "Theological Brewing" where we will take in our favorite coffee or tea beverage at a place to be named and discuss various theological and faith topics in a casual way.

Bible Study

The bible study group will be examining the Prophet Isaiah. Traditionally, bible studies has been held on Thursdays, but has changed to meeting on Tuesday beginning on September 25 at 9:30 am.

Brown Bag Book Club

Beginning Sept. 24 we be group called the Brown Bag Book Club. We will be reading excerpts from Rowan William's book, *Being Christian*, and discussing reflection questions over lunch. Please bring your own lunch.

Lunch and Learn

Lastly, there will be a lunch and learn dedicated to exploring the sacraments in our Church on Saturdays. Please stay tuned for dates and times found within our parish bulletin. The objective is to rediscover why we do

what we do when celebrating the sacraments of the church by walking through the steps and theology of sacraments of the church. Please bring your own bagged lunch for the event.

I look forward to leading these new opportunities for us to grow together in Christ and live a Jesus shaped life.

In Christ,

Rev. Billy Isenor, OSF

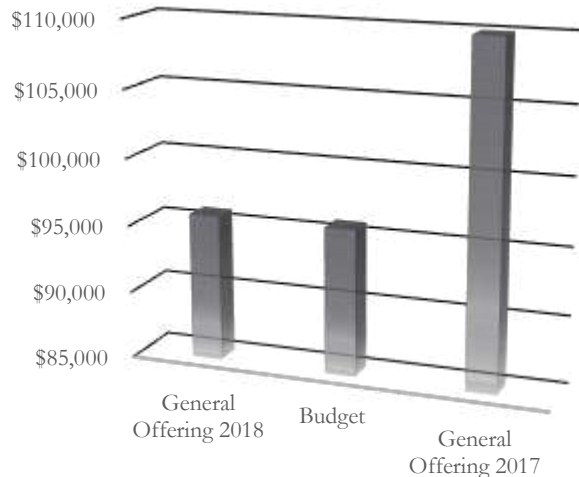
CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Our vestry has been confronted with a roof leak. We have had Fraser Roofing take a look at the leak and it appears that we need to replace the whole roof over our parish hall due to various soft spots found in other sections of the roof. The current quote we have is around \$54767.00 plus \$1465.00 for a warranty. Rev Billy along with Bob Coaters, Verger, are in the process of getting two more quotes (required by the diocese) and drawing up a proposal for the diocese to get this necessary fixture done, hopefully, before winter. Rev. Billy will be asking the diocese to roll this expense into our current loan with the diocese.

This, however, has stopped other hopes we had. Replacing the wall is not feasible and not a priority. Our solution, agreed by vestry, is to keep the wall open on a permanent basis and offer the monies donated for the wall back to those people and groups who donated the money.

PARISH FINANCES

JANUARY - AUGUST GENERAL OFFERINGS



January - August Church Expenses

