
 Christ the King, Webster & Immaculate Conception, Waubay

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- Confession Times: Webster–Tue 12:00—12:45 pm & Sat 3:30—4:20pm
 Waubay– Sun 8:00—8:20am
- Baptisms are scheduled after pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Call for an appointment.
- Marriage Preparation: Contact pastor at least six months prior to desired wedding date.
- If you are new to our parish and would like to join please contact the office for a registration form.
- If you would like to reserve the parish hall at *either* parish, please contact the parish office.

Pastor's Column

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance,” (Lk 15:7). I’d like to round out this series on great saints, who went through a pronounced conversion, with St Augustine. He was born in the ancient city of Hippo in the year 345 AD. Hippo was in Northeast Africa (*present-day* Algeria), not far from Spain, Italy or, for that matter, Rome.

Much of what is known about St Augustine, especially his own interior, comes from his “autobiography” which he called: “**Confessions**.” He wrote this, he says, for: “a people curious to know the lives of others, but careless to amend their own, to demonstrate God’s mercy as shown in the life of one sinner, and to make sure that no one should think him any better than he really was.” “Confessions” is not just a list of sins, nor is it just “memoirs” or an autobiography listing out various factual details of his life. It *is* those things, to an extent, but it is more than that. It is a deep reflection on his own life, all the way back to his childhood. Still, it is even more than that yet. He sees the great grace, love, and mercy of God and his own response (and lack thereof) to it. His deep reflection on his own life is also an examination of human nature itself, the good of human nature as created by God as well as its corruption by original sin. All of this is to come to one main point: it is something very good for everyone to read. With it we can begin to see ourselves, not in all of the exact details but rather in our own response, and lack thereof, to God. With it, the great St Augustine himself can be our guide into a much deeper purification and intimacy with our Lord. As we get absorbed in the lives and writings of the saints, we can also develop a certain friendship and identification with them; we become friends with those who are friends of God – something that is invaluable to us. St Augustine’s “Confessions” is also not particularly hard to read; it is not written in a high or difficult theological or philosophical language. I read it before going to seminary – before any rigorous education in the faith. Perhaps it is, though, that we might run into something that we don’t quite understand or would like to understand better. There is for me several real joys in the priesthood; one is hearing good, thorough, sincere confessions; another is talking about the faith with those who are really engaging the struggle. So you’re always welcome to come and discuss something if you like. One more thing you might wonder about is if reading these things is so good, why didn’t this priest turn out better; I don’t want to end up like that. As a matter of fact, neither do I. It goes to show that knowing *about* conversion is one thing, carrying it out is another; carrying it out is a lifelong work, a point that Augustine himself comes to.

In the space left, let’s try to get a brief sketch of the life of St Augustine. While his father was known as a hot-tempered pagan, his mother was a devout Catholic woman who prayed and pleaded for 20 years for the conversion of her son. To her joy, her husband repented and received baptism before his death. St Augustine’s mother is now known as *Saint* Monica; she is a great example of perseverance.

St Augustine was given a tremendous and probing intellect. Early in his life, though, he used it solely for worldly pursuits and learning and pride, which also led to a very permissive lifestyle. During this time, he also fathered a child outside of wedlock. St Monica spoke to her son, of course, about living in accord with the commands of our Lord but Augustine himself would later say that her words seemed like nothing, something he’d be ashamed to obey. At one point he took a position in Milan teaching rhetoric. He started listening to the homilies of the bishop, none other than the future St Ambrose – himself a father and doctor of the Church. In spite of his pride, worldliness, and lust, Augustine did have a sincere interest in the truth of things and little by little he became convinced of the Catholic faith by the homilies of Ambrose. But he still lacked the will to step away from his way of life until one day someone came and told him the story of St Antony of the desert. Augustine listened to this with intense interest and went out into a garden afterwards and entered into a great interior struggle, on the one hand wanting to follow the saint, on the other wanting to cling to his way of life. He then heard a child-like voice say: Take and read, take and read. He picked up a bible, opened it up by chance to one of the letters of St Paul speaking of debauchery and wantonness of life and from that point on, he was a committed follower of Christ. This prideful sinner eventually became a bishop and one of the greatest thinkers and expositors of Revelation in the entire history of the Church. Amongst the great Fathers of the Church, Augustine stands out as the greatest of the teachers of the faith. He is one of the, if not *the*, most influential teachers of the faith in the entire history of the Church. Even the great theologian, St Thomas Aquinas, 800 years later, drew heavily upon St Augustine.

There is much that we can learn from St Augustine – especially his writings but also his life. Notice that the very thing that led him into pride and sin, namely his great intellect, is also one of the things that led him to God and that he used in great service to our Lord and His Church after his conversion. In fact, this is not uncommon in the lives of the saints. We should also draw simple but foundational and imperative lessons from his mother, St Monica – especially her perseverance in prayer. A prayerful, suffering, persevering, holy mother can often save the eternal lives of her family. Saints Monica and Augustine, pray for us

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. Apr 15, 5:30 pm (CTK) Personal Intention

Tue. Apr 16, 5:00 pm (CTK) †Right to Life

Wed. Apr 17, 11:00 am (IC) †Art Helwig

Holy Thursday Apr 18, 5:30pm(IC) †Helen Butler

7:30pm (CTK)†Fritz & Delores Gollnick

Good Friday Liturgy Apr 19, 12:00 noon (CTK)

3:00pm (IC)

Easter Vigil Saturday Apr 20, 8:30pm † Helen Helms

Sun. Apr 21, 8:30 am (IC) † People of the Parishes

Sun. Apr 21, 10:30 am (CTK) † Maxine Blood

Eucharistic Adoration following Friday Mass

Sunday Offering: CTK \$3112 IC \$

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Christ the King youth will be performing the Stations of the Cross Sunday, April 14th at 8:00pm in Christ the King Church. We would like to invite everyone to come and experience this special performance of our Lord's Passion.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christ the King

Holy Thursday 7:30pm

Good Friday 12:00 noon

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Easter Sunday 10:30am

Immaculate Conception

Holy Thursday 5:30pm

Good Friday 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday 8:30am

LENT 2019

FAST DAYS: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days one regular meal and two lighter meals are permitted for those 18 to 59 years of age. Eating between meals is *not permitted*.

ABSTINENCE DAYS: Ash Wednesday, Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday. No meat is allowed for those 14 years of age and older.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross in Webster after Mass Monday.

Easter Lilies: anyone who would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved you may drop them off in the cry room any time during Holy Week.

Extra Confession Times for Lent

Waubay: Monday April 15, 7-8 pm;

Webster: Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm;

Adoration: Wed, April 17. There will be exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes this coming Wednesday, April 17. At Christ the King, adoration is from 3 pm to 8:15 pm; at Immaculate Conception, it will be from ~ 3:45 to 5:00 pm and then again from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Religious ed students will gather in their usual place at the normal times and then go to adoration.

CD Scholarship: Catholic Daughters will be awarding a scholarship to a Catholic graduating senior or college student majoring in education. The application is due by May 1st and can be picked up in the back of the church.

CTK Altar Society: CKAS Group 4, St. Joseph, will **NOT meet in April due to our meeting date of the 3rd Wednesday will be during Holy Week.**

Immaculata Pilgrimage: a 6 day 5 night trip to EWTN with stops along the way at multiple shrines. From May 13th - 18th, for more information see the flyer at the entrance of the church or contact Kevin Van Well 605-237-1305. Deadline to sign up is April 13th.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS APR 17TH - APR 21ST

CHRIST THE KING (Webster)

HOLY THURSDAY

SERVERS... Brian Mork, Matthew Mork,

Jake Case, Coby Reetz

LECTOR... Lileth Fromelt

E.M... *Gene & *Pat Hoffman, Dennis & Bernie Kurkowski, Clara & Ken Roerig, Darcy Pulvemacher

USHERS & GREETERS... Mike & Karleen Gollnick,

Paula Steiner, Susan Gaikowski

GOOD FRIDAY

SERVERS... Brent Snaza, Drew Reetz

LECTOR... Fred Zenk, Steve Bierschbach

E.M. ... *Fred Zenk, *Cindy Zenk, Jackie Snaza

USHERS & GREETERS... Dari Schlotte Family

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 8:30pm

SERVERS... Jacob Keller, Jaydon Keller,

Connor Bauer, Tom Vergeldt

LECTOR ... Scott Bierschbach, Gayle Dargatz

E.M. ... * Mary Hempel, *Sandy Wagner, Cindy Zenk, Fred Zenk, Gene Hoffman, Pat Hoffman, Steve Bierschbach

USHERS & GREETERS ... Mike & Karleen Gollnick,

Paula Steiner, Susan Gaikowski

SUNDAY 10:30am

SERVERS... Brian Mork, Thomas Spiering,

Brayden Aadland, Mason Aadland

LECTOR ... Tim Gaikowski

E.M... * Nancy Block, *Mary Bullert, Gayle Dargatz, Dave Fromelt, Clara Roerig, Jane Ryan, Margaret Kwasniewski

USHERS & GREETERS ... Dari Schlotte Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Waubay)

HOLY THURSDAY

SERVERS... Justin Zirbel, Bryson Zirbel,

Nathan Pearson, Tigh Gaikowski

LECTOR... Tasha Zirbel

E.M... Terry & Sheryl Town, Marsia & Joe Butler,

Ferdy Zirbel

GOOD FRIDAY

SERVERS... Bryson Zirbel, Madison Zirbel

LECTOR... Victoria Zirbel, Jenn Zirbel

E.M. ... Candace Zirbel, Tom Lewno, Colleen Pearson

USHERS & GREETERS... Royce & Patty Birney,

Chuck & Sandy Gaikowski

SUNDAY 8:30am

SERVERS... Caleb Weyh, Seth Gaikowski,

Teagan Gaikowski, Justin Zirbel

LECTOR ... Masey Chapin

E.M... * Marsia & Joe Butler, Terry & Sheryl Town,

Ferdy Zirbel

USHERS & GREETERS ... Justin & Amy Gaikowski Family