

Campaign Overview

At St. Augustine's we are thankful for our many blessings. We know that much of what we are able to accomplish as a parish is due to our generous members who acknowledge that all they have has been lovingly bestowed on them by God. In order for us to continue the important work of our parish ministries, we are embarking on a capital campaign to help meet the ongoing needs of our parish.



“We belong to Christ’ means we belong to one another: that’s called ‘Church.’ Your involvement and gifts make Christ alive and visible to our families, community and beyond. That’s called ‘mission.’ Our mission, then, is to become Church. The better our parish, the more present Christ is to our world.”

Fr. John W. Steiner

The result of this study was the decision to embark on an all-parish capital campaign. If we reach goal, \$108,000 will go directly to St. Augustine's to address our specific needs with the remaining \$17,835 to be used to address important Diocesan needs.



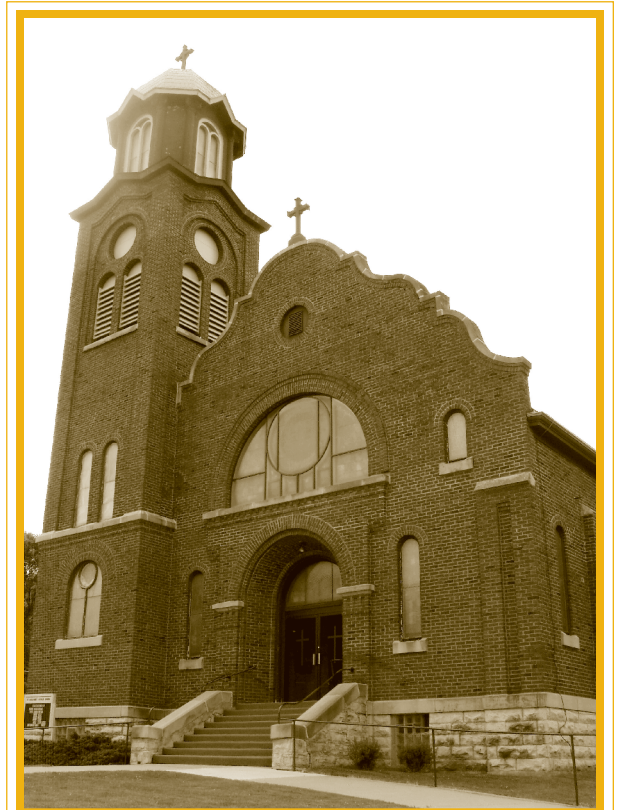
Mission Statement

“One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the LORD’S house all the days of my life, To gaze on the LORD’S beauty, to visit his temple.” –Psalms 27:4

St. Augustine of Hippo Parish is a rural Catholic faith community committed to deepening its life in Christ through prayer, worship and a life-long study of God’s word.

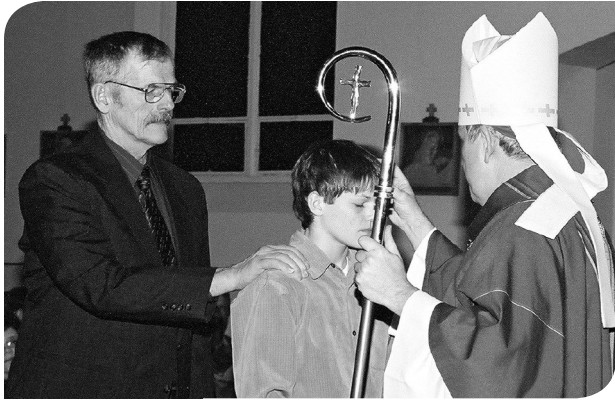
We welcome the growing numbers of Mexicans in our community and seek to provide them with spiritual support, encouragement and a sense of belonging to our parish family.

We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that our parish will remain a public witness of faith and charity in southwestern Monroe County.



ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO PARISH
Norwalk, Wisconsin





Confirmation is a vital step in our faith journey.

Parish History

On March 11, 1903, a subscription list was started to build a Catholic church in Norwalk. Because August Brieske contributed the largest sum of money, the parish was named for Saint Augustine. Mr. Brieske also donated the Saint Augustine statue that still graces the main altar of the church.

Land was purchased for \$400 from August Rakeman and the first frame church was erected. With pews donated by Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, at Pine Hollow, Mass began being celebrated in late 1903. Thanks to another subscription list, bells were purchased and installed in March, 1904. St. Augustine Catholic Church was formally dedicated on May 24, 1904.

The church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in 1916. While the new church was being built, Mass was celebrated in Veith's Hall. The new church was completed in 1918 and dedicated on May 28 of that year. In 2002, the interior of St. Augustine Church was completely repainted.

In 1995 the Quad Parish was born – made up of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's Ridge, St. Augustine's and St. John the Baptist in Summit – with a single priest serving all four parishes. We are fortunate to have an associate pastor and deacon to assist with Masses and ministries.

Needs Assessment

Parish Needs: \$108,000

Longstanding Debt **\$75,000**

This campaign will allow us to reduce our debt and move the parish to more secure financial ground.

Miscellaneous **\$25,000**

This fund will be used to complete much-needed improvements to our Church and grounds. For instance, we will use money raised from this campaign to provide greater handicap accessibility to our church, upgrade our existing bathrooms and tuck point both our main church building and the steeple. We will also continue our work painting and caulking doors and windows.

Cemetery Fund **\$5,000**

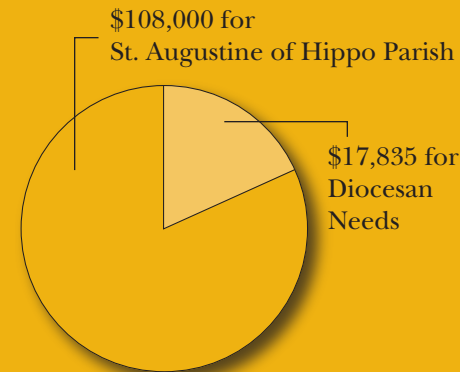
To provide for the year-round care and maintenance of our cemetery.

Parish Emergency Fund **\$3,000**

Acting upon the sound advice of Bishop ListECKI, we would like to build this account as a cushion for future unexpected expenses.

Where Your Dollar Goes

Parish Campaign Goal: \$125,835



Diocesan Needs

\$17,835

Lay Retirement Plan **25%**

Although the Diocesan Lay Retirement Plan has significant funding, it is not enough to cover the retirement needs for the 2,300 participants in the program based on their service given through January 1, 2005.

Holy Cross Seminarian Education Endowment **20%**

Currently, the Diocesan Annual Appeal provides only one-half of the \$660,000 necessary to fund the annual costs for educating our seminarians.

St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. **15%**

Additional funds are needed to ensure that the Diocese can continue to meet the basic needs of our retirees who have served the Diocese.

Diocesan Loan Repayment **24%**

A priority for the Diocese is to repay funds borrowed from the Diocesan Deposit and Loan Fund and the Diocesan Plant Fund.

Holy Cross Diocesan Center Renovations **6%**

The Holy Cross Diocesan Center was built in 1951, and presently many of the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and control systems need upgrading or replacement.

Catholic Charities **5%**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse has a need to establish an Emergency Services Client Aid Endowment, which will be used for direct aid to individuals and families who are facing severe economic hardship and who are living in poverty.

Youth Ministry **5%**

Bishop ListECKI is committed to supporting the ongoing formation of our youth. By creating an endowment trust, additional funds will be available annually to help parishes begin new youth ministry projects and enhance their current programs.