

# The Saint Augustine Messenger



Saint Augustine's welcomes all to our historic grounds and chapel.

**We here at Saint Augustine's mourn the passing of Lewis Dale Duffie, 88, who passed away Friday, March 3, 2017 in Gulfport, MS. He and his wife Florence have been faithfully caring for the grotto for years and assisting at Sunday Mass with the bringing up of the gifts.**

**May God give him eternal rest.**

-The Bay-Waveland Garden Club will host their annual Spring Pilgrimage Tour on Saturday, March 25, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Beginning at 11 a.m. at the Old Town Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis, visitors may pick up maps, brochures, and enjoy light refreshments.

The Tour is complimentary (no charge), and one of the venues is our own Saint Augustine's. Here is how the tour describes our place in the Spring Tour.

• *St. Augustine's Seminary, built in 1923, for the formation Negro men to the Roman Catholic Priesthood and Brotherhood, encompasses an area in Bay St. Louis, from Ulman Ave. to the south, Highway 90 to the north, Second St. to the east, and Seminary Dr. to the west. The main Chapel faces Ulman Ave. next to the stone Grotto built by the father of St. Augustine alumni, Father Thaddeus Boucree. To the east on Second St. is the Father William Kelley Retreat Center, and to the north on Highway 90 is the Shrine to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Stations of the Cross. The grounds boast a treasure of beautiful Camellias and Live Oaks ranging in age from 120 to 160 years old. For further information, please call: 228-493-4358*

-If you would like a digital (pdf) copy of each month's Messenger send us your e mail address and we will send to you each month.

This may be helpful for the times you may be out of town. Also you could keep family and friends informed as to what is going on with us here at Saint Augustine's. e mail us at [svdbaysaintlouis@gmail.com](mailto:svdbaysaintlouis@gmail.com)



During the 40 days of Lent our chapel is without flowers and other adornments. This is in keeping with Catholic tradition.

However, when Easter arrives the flower committee would like the chapel to come alive with Easter Lillies.

So if you wish to assist in the purchasing of Easter lillies please do so by March 19. A number of individuals helped out with the Christmas Poinsettias and we saw how beautiful the chapel looked thanks to their donations.

Congratulations to Very Rev. Paul Kahan, SVD who has been reappointed as Provincial of the Southern Province of Saint Augustine. Father Paul will continue to oversee the Divine Word Missionaries working in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Florida.



"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord.

Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive."

-Pope Francis 2017



## WELCOME TO SAINT AUGUSTINE'S RESIDENCE

Home for the Southern Province of St. Augustine -

on the web at [www.svdsouth.com](http://www.svdsouth.com) - email to: [svdbaysaintlouis@gmail.com](mailto:svdbaysaintlouis@gmail.com)

Mass every Sunday at 9am - daily mass at 7:15 in small chapel

**We are happy you are here!**

## A Few Words from the Rector of Saint Augustine's

Since becoming the rector of Saint Augustine's I have been amazed by the goodness and care you bring to we Divine Word Missionaries. Your care for us is shown in so many ways. I could never mention all the little things you do to support our ministry.

Your interest in our chapel is a good example of your goodness. You have done so much to beautify our chapel with stained glass and keeping us aware of the environment with the flowers and greenery that have added a special touch to a prayerful atmosphere.

Now you have come forward to do an even bigger task. Many have remarked that our chapel needs further renovations. A new paint job along with plaster repairs has been long overdue. Furthermore, complete renovations of windows still incomplete would be the final touch. However, such a project has expenses that will need to be taken into account.

To cover the costs of the renovations we wish to give adequate time for individuals/families who would wish to contribute. We felt that that people ought to receive recognition for the contribution. So we have proposed the following process:

### **1. SPONSORING A PEW**

The idea of sponsoring a pew in the chapel would include a memorial plate at each end of a pew. To date 15 individuals and families have offered to sponsor a pew. There are still 11 available. The cut off date for requesting such sponsorship will be Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

In this way your contribution for the renovations would be remembered perpetually and would of course allow us to begin renovation.

### **2. STAINED GLASS ADDITIONS**

The remaining windows in the chapel can also be sponsored. The sponsorship of the windows would be a little more costly for individuals or families. So we have decided to allow more time by having the deadline for sponsorship to be at the end of the year.

Also payment for window sponsorship can be paid in installments. At this time there are 4 sponsorships of windows.

### **3. SUMMARY**

Hopefully we would be able to pay for the renovations with these sponsorships and any other donations. If there are any additional donations it would be used to prepare the white space behind the cross in the sanctuary. The design possibilities are endless. But this a long range project that would be the final step to making the chapel truly special and ready for the Centennial year of Saint Augustine's in a few short years.

The planning group for the projects are the following: Ms. Mariline Taylor; Ms. Lori Gemelli; Roy Saint Paul; Cary Trapani; Fr. George Gormley, SVD and myself Father James Pawlicki, SVD.

Contact any one of us for further information or clarification.

Very Rev. James A. Pawlicki, SVD

*As we pray for you each day please remember to  
pray for the Divine Word Missionaries.*