



NEW GYM, STUDENT CENTER BEGINS NEW ERA WHILE EMBRACING ITS PAST, THE SCHOOL LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE



CLASSY ADDITION—Welcome to the new Saints Student Center and Gymnasium. Special section begins on Page 10.
Photo by Saints Administrator Holly Ferrari

COMMENCEMENT COMES TO CAMPUS NEW ST. AUGUSTINE COMMONS TO HOST GRADUATION EVENTS

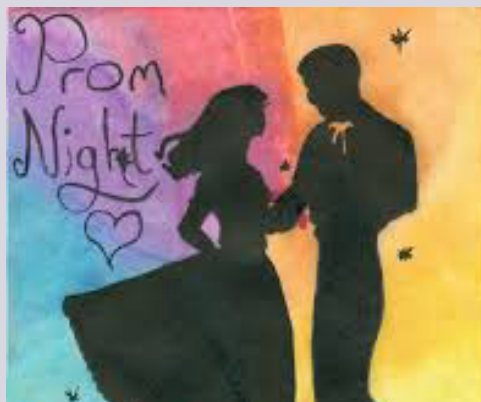
This year the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation ceremonies at St. Augustine High School will be different than in the past. Specifically, the awarding of diplomas will take place in the context of the Mass. This combined ceremony will be a culminating event of the Saints Experience and it fittingly will find its expression in the celebration of the Liturgy. Here are some things to know:

1. The Baccalaureate Mass is combined with the Commencement, they are no longer two separate events.
2. **LOCATION:** St. Augustine Commons, the new student activities center
3. **TIME AND DATE:** Friday, June 2, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

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SENIOR PROM IN LA JOLLA

St. Augustine/OLP Prom will be on May 13, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in La Jolla. The event starts at 6:30 and ends at 11:00 the doors will close at 7:00 and dinner will be served at 7:30. Students will not be allowed in after 7:00 or be able to leave before 10:30. Please plan accordingly. *Prom safety check list for parents available on page 9*



TEACHER APPRECIATION DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS



Principal James Horne

The first lines of Sonia Nieto's book *Why We Teach* caught me off guard and had me thinking about myself, my profession, and my colleagues. "Why do people choose teaching as a career? What is it that entices them to spend their

days engaged in learning with other people's children? Why do they choose teaching rather than other professions that would give them better compensation, higher status, and more respect?"

Today, many in the world may not see teaching as a high status profession. But, I disagree. Teaching is a noble and respected

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A FINAL TRIBUTE TO DOUGHERTY GYM

This old gym is just a building. It is made from brick and steel and wood. The bleachers always creek and the floor seems to be sinking. It really is just an old building! Nonetheless, this old building has experienced many shining moments.

It is a warehouse of innumerable memories and it could tell countless stories about the lives of almost every young Saintsmen. For decades, over 200 banners cast shadows of champions over its hardwood floor.

If we listened very carefully I'll bet we could still hear echoes and sounds from the past:

- Cheers from the Pit,
- Music from the Saints band,
- Yelling from the cheerleaders,
- Songs sung at mass by our student choir,
- Even the always clever daily announcements,
- And most especially, voices of Priests proclaiming the solemn words of consecration when the Gym celebrates weekly Masses.

Over the years this edifice has persented us with exceptional and time honored events:
Fun freshmen overnight retreats

- Crazy and totally insane rallies
- Slightly scary freshmen dance lessons
- Contemplative prayer services
- Edge of your seat historic basketball games
- Grueling wrestling matches
- Soaring and wild volley ball games
- And those somewhat (genocidal) intramural spine-chilling dodgeball games in which every player tried his hardest to bonk his best friend!

Our little gymnasium is dear to the hearts of every Saintsmen:

- It is a place where the pit was born.
- It is a place where we prayed and worshiped and celebrated junior ring and baccalaureate masses.
- And it is a place where we all sang our favorite songs-
- The Fight Song, When the Saints go marching In, and our beloved Alma Mater.

Interestingly, the construction of Dougherty Gym began in 1950 and was



TRIBUTE—Richard Hardick O.S.A. (Class of 1957) delivers a lasting homily to Dougherty Gym in the final Mass held in the old Gymnasium, April 5, 2017.

completed in 1951. It was named in honor of the Augustinian Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in Pennsylvania, Fr. Joseph Dougherty O.S.A.

The gym was nearing completion in 1951 when Fr. Bob Gavotto and Fr. John Keller as 14-year-old freshmen stepped onto this campus for the first time. They graduated in 1955. It was their gym for four years as it was mine from 1953 until I graduated in 1957.

Today we say farewell to this building every Saintsmen undeniably cherishes!

Today, also, is the last time we will be privileged to celebrate holy mass here in Dougherty Gymnasium.

I truly wonder if we can capture 65 years of the excitement, the drama, the wonder and the magic Daugherty Gym holds in our minds and in our hearts? I doubt it is possible to evaluate its importance, its significance, its impact on the physical and educational lives of each of us? What name, really, does justice to this place? Do we call it, home, an arena? a theater? a hall of champions? a church?

I don't really know, all of these, perhaps. Yet, I do know, it is definitely a room where limitless, boundless and undoubtedly never-ending memories began for each of us. Dougherty Gymnasium changed our lives!



IN TRANSITION—Like the human beings it has served over the years, the old gym is transitioning from one phase to another. Debuting in 1951 and named after Fr. Joseph Dougherty, who helped find the funds to build it, the faithful Saints Gym will soon become the school's performing arts center. New life for an old friend.

As a Saints family, we are thrilled as we look forward to the new community center. Hopefully, we can learn from the success and achievements of the past



CELEBRATION—Fr. Kirk Davis, Chaplain, celebrates the liturgy of the Eucharist for a last time in Dougherty Gym.



HALLOWED PLACE—Seniors join hands to pray the "Our Father" as Saintsmen have for the past 65 years in this special place.

to see what the future will hold for the new St. Augustine Commons. As our president Mr. Ed Hearn said, the Commons will be a place where Saintsmen will form lasting friendships and brother-hood that will endure for a lifetime.

To my students I posed the question: "what was special about the old gym?"

Here are their responses:

- It is small so we could stay close as a community
- So many memories there and so many traditions.
- The rallies and mass are some of the most memorable traditions for me.
- Memories of so many amazing events for so many Saintsmen
- It was the center of life at Saints.

My friend Tom Graciano, class of 1968, wrote to me saying:

The gym was our church where we celebrated our oneness with God in the mass. It was the one place on campus that symbolized home away from home.

To my students I posed a second question: "why should we be excited about having a new community center?"

My students responded:

- It will be a great place to create new memories and events.
- An opportunity to build a new culture and experiences
- To create a new form of brotherhood
- I am excited for the new traditions to come
- It will be wonderful and a great part of the saints community
- It's going to be fun and I am excited and I can't wait!

I believe that the new community center will educate and enrich the lives of many Saintsmen and enhance their futures. The opportunities for new traditions are endless.

You and I only need to dream a little, since we have such wonderful traditions to build upon.

It will be up to each of us to invent new ways to express and live out the Augustinian values of community, truth and love.

Our most valuable tradition is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and it happens here each week. During the Mass, we experience the most solemn and reverent celebration of Christ's passion and death.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will never die.

We believe Christ's flesh is true food, and his blood is true drink. During this sacred ceremony, we receive food and strength for our journey through life.

It is here in this old gym that we walk on Holy ground.

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate The Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the passion and death of Jesus on Good Friday and his glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday, let us remember that during these forty days of Lent, God calls us from death to life, from darkness to light, and from sin to forgiveness.

Through our acts of prayer, fasting and alms giving Our lord promises to heal the eyes of our hearts so that we can recognize his real presence in other people.

Although the world falsely tells us that satisfying our appetites is the goal and the purpose of our entire lives, we chose to fast from food and drink.

We give alms to the poor without expecting anything in return, even though the world tells us to do the opposite.

Despite the fact that the world tells us, our money, our time, and our life is exclusively your own. We chose to spend time with God in prayer because we know that all we possess, our life and talents are gifts from Him.

So, we rejoice because we are blessed with remarkable new beginnings with hearts cleansed and refreshed by our Lenten sacrifices, hearts overflowing with the hope and joy of Christ's Resurrection and with an extraordinary new Augustinian community center.

Fellow Saintsmen, let us pray for that same courage shown by three young men in the reading from the book of Daniel. They were thrown into the white-hot furnace because they would not bow to the King's golden image and deny their God:

- The courage to walk in the footsteps of Christ
- And the courage to live holy lives in a challenging world.

With only a few days left in the season of lent the words of the prophet Joe are encouraging:

- "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart with fasting, and weeping, and mourning.
- Return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and abounding in steadfast love."

It seems fitting to close with words from our Alma Mater sung here by each of you so many times. Saintsmen never forget, "As the twilight shadows gather out upon the campus green" that as authentic "loyal sons of St. Augustine," your feet have left memorable footprints here, and what you have achieved has left remarkable echoes reverberating in this treasured hall.

S.A.V.I. ATTRACTS SAINTSMEN TO ILLINOIS

This year, Providence Catholic in New Lenox, Illinois (30 miles SW of Chicago) hosted the Eighth annual Student Augustinian Values Institute. 58 students from the 10 Augustinian High Schools throughout North America came together for four days to learn more about our Augustinian values.



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BE AMONG THE FIRST TO BOUNCE A BASKETBALL ON THE BRAND NEW SAINTS GYM.

Two basketball camps are available:

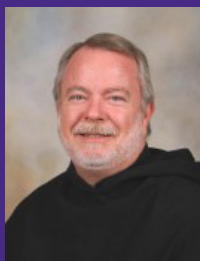
- Saints basketball camp begins July 10. Check Saints website for eligibility details. Cost: \$225 per student. One week camp.
- Basketball Clinic during Month of May. Saturday mornings May 6, 13, 20, 27. See Saints webpage (www.sahs.org) for registration details. Cost: \$125 per student.

2017 SUMMER AT SAINTS!

St. Augustine High School Summer Programs start on June 12 through July 28. If you are interested in Academic classes or Sports Camps go to our website for details. Classes are filling up fast! First come first serve basis. On line classes available as well.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER UNDYING AND MULTIPLYING LOVE

By Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A.
Saints Chaplain



Fr. Kirk Davis

A very Happy Easter to you all. While Easter Sunday has come and gone, the liturgical season of Easter continues up to Pentecost. We all have a pretty good idea of what practices are associated with Lent: prayer, fasting, and

almsgiving; but when asked how we might live out the Easter Season most of us would be hard pressed to come up with an answer.

In his powerful Easter homily this year, Pope Francis invites us to consider our personal response to the resurrection. "The beating heart of the Risen Lord is given to us, and we are asked to give it in turn as a transforming force, as the leaven of a new humanity." How might we share this beating heart with our community? What are each of us being called to contribute?

Easter is a time when we are all invited to leave our individual tombs, to walk in

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Sober Grad Night Class of 2017

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 10PM-5AM

Kearny Mesa Bowl | 7585 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

INFORMATION:

Admission is \$65 online and \$70 at the door.

Casual dress. No backpacks, large purses, or water bottles of any kind will be allowed inside.

Grads will be required to show ID at the door prior to admittance.

Sign up at SAHS.org after May 1, 2017.

Contact at the venue:
Sue Pfeifer (619) 727-3972.

NIGHT INCLUDES:

All night food and beverages, candy bar, continental breakfast.

Bowling, DJ, live entertainment and activities, including a magician, hypnotist and dancing.

Hundreds of dollars in Raffles of gift cards and prizes.

Doors open at 10pm and will be locked from 11pm to 5am.

Students may not leave before the event is over.



Parents and graduates are asked to consider the risk of attendees driving under the influence of fatigue after a night of little or no sleep. It is strongly recommended that parents drive their graduate to the event.

SAINTSMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Students from St. Augustine High School acted out the 15 episodes in Jesus' journey to Calvary as part of the 26th annual Good Friday Walk with the Suffering on Friday, April 14, at the San Diego Rescue Mission.

During the two and a half hour procession through downtown San Diego, representatives from various organizations that serve the needy provided prayers and reflections at various sites on issues that cause suffering in San Diego.

"The purpose of the walk is to help us reflect and pray for those who suffer because of poverty, human trafficking, lack of access to health care, hunger, lack of affordable housing, and other issues," explained walk coordinator and alumni Saints parent Rosemary Johnston.

The walk is co-sponsored by the Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego and Catholic Charities.



Rosemary Johnston, a Saints Alum parent and organizer of the walk addresses the faithful.



Saintsman Parker Richardson portrayed Jesus on his march to Calvary.



Procession leaves steps of St. Joseph Cathedral.

NEW ST.AUGUSTINE COMMONS WOWS BIG KAHUNA CROWD

The Big Kahuna, the school's huge flip flops and Hawaiian shirt themed annual fundraiser was the first Saints Community event ever held inside St. Augustine Commons.

Held late last month just three days after the dedication of the schools new gym and student center, the Big Kahuna was a smash hit.

Festive attendees made up of parents, faculty, administrators, alums of all stripes enjoyed the Hawaiian Islands themed evening that featured live entertainment, including a fun and fiery visit by a troupe of Polynesian dancers. "Everywhere we turned guests were praising the exciting new facility," said Steve Chipp, Saints Finance and Facilities Director.

"We're all so very proud and grateful for everyone's contribution to this amazing and spacious campus addition," added Edwin Hearn, School President, "It was a great evening."

Guests were welcomed into the shiny new facility by Mr. Hearn and event chairs Kristin Gohlke and Sharon McCorkle.

As per tradition event volunteers presented lively auctions, raffles, gift card tree and a remarkable wine wall. GR Catering (owned and operated by a Saints Family) provided the award winning Hawaiian themed cuisine.

"And, the party was one of the best ever," added James Horne, Saints Principal. "Polynesian dancing may be a new Intersession elective," he teased.



Susie Menas, Laura Walsh, Annie Strazzeri, Kim Erpelding, and Linnie Gavin's enjoying the island flair and the first fundraiser in St. Augustine Commons.



Marty Rascon, Saints parent and owner of G&R Catering, posing with the roasted pig and one of the Polynesian dancers.



Mark and Susie Menas with Halo Joe in the new lobby of the Commons.



The Big Kahuna dinner auction added Polynesian entertainment this year. This was part of a fire dance performed as guests arrived at the VIP reception.



Alumni parent Alex Dominguez and President Hearn take a picture with Halo Joe before the Big Kahuna event.



Jim and Cathy Horne, Tracy and Steve South, Mike and Sherri Haupt, and Mike Stephenson with some aloha spirit.



BACK IN THE DAY

Shiny ceremonial shovels and hard hats were part of the public groundbreaking festivities back in October, 2015 that launched construction of the school's new gymnasium and student center on campus. Among those attending that sunny day ceremony were left to right: School President Edwin Hearn, former District 3 Councilman Todd Gloria; former Saints ASB President Christopher Callipari ('16); Athletic Director Michael Stephenson; San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer; honored alum David Canedo ('63); School Director of Finance & Facilities Steve Chipp ('68); Board of Directors representative Rob Leach ('80); Benefactor Ron Reyman ('64); Saints Principal James Horne; Fr. Kevin Mullins O.S.A., Provincial of the Augustinians of the West and Deacon Richard Hardick, O.S.A., ('57).

PHILADELPHIA STORY

Over St. Augustine High School's Spring Break 2017, 22 students and faculty members, Fr. Kirk David, Bro. Max Villeneuve and Ms. Nicole Quirk, Director of Christian Service, journeyed to Philadelphia, where they stayed for six days, to provide volunteer services, to learn about a new city and visit local colleges.

The group served at Inglis House, a nursing home for people who are wheelchair bound in West Philadelphia, Ray of Hope Philadelphia, a street clean up non-profit operating in North Philadelphia, and Mercy House, a preschool and adult day care operated by the Sisters of Mercy in North Philadelphia.

During their time in Philadelphia the students learned more about the Augustinian tradition in the United States by visiting Old St. Augustine Church in Old City, having dinner Blessed Steven Bellesini Friary, and Mass at the National Shrine to St. Rita of Cascia in South Philly. The students also saw many historic sites in Philadelphia and enjoyed some real Philly Cheesesteaks.

The Philly trip began four years ago as an alternative Spring Break opportunity to conduct some service work. It has since morphed and now mixes service work with college visits, typically on the east coast.



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ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

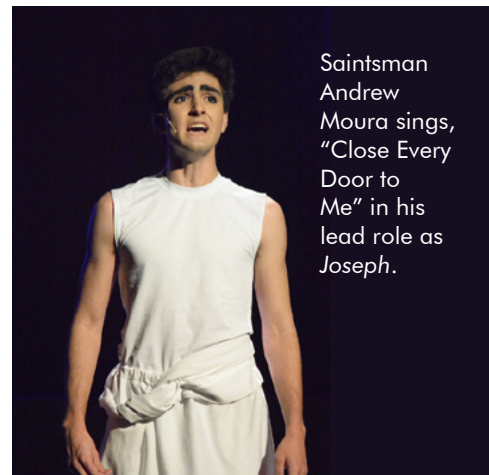


MR. HORNE SPEAKS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE—Saints Principal James Horne and Dr. Mark Beadle of Sevenstar Academy presented at this year's National Catholic Education Association Conference in St. Louis, MO. Their presentation was titled "10 Actions Catholic Schools are Taking Now to be Flourishing in 2025." While on a break, Dr. Beadle and Mr. Horne enjoyed some classic St. Louis BBQ at St. Louis' famous Sugarfire BBQ.

EVERYBODY'S IN THE ACT

Images by Saints Parent Stephanie Moura.

Recently Saints Players under the direction of faculty Theatre Arts/ Drama Director Mr. Joe Slevcove presented the popular "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The mostly sung-through musical was the first ever penned (1965) by Andrew Lloyd Webber (music) and Tim Rice (lyrics). The family friendly production was based on the "coat of many colors" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. In addition to student players, the audience was treated to seeing faculty members cast in supporting roles that seemingly fit their real-life personalities.



Saintsman Andrew Moura sings, "Close Every Door to Me" in his lead role as Joseph.



Saints teacher Andy Pruter played the Elvis-like role of Pharaoh in the spring musical "Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Fr. Kirk Davis, Saints Chaplain as Jacob with his 12 sons.

PROM SAFETY CHECK LIST FOR PARENTS

By John O'Beirne, Assistant Principal/Student Affairs

Have fun. Be careful. With those words and crossed fingers behind their backs Parents watch their Seniors leave for the school's traditional year-end prom. But, for many moms/dads/guardians, the 'biggest concern isn't the cost of attending prom, but the worry about the risky behaviors associated with proms. Prom night always seems to include news reports where teens display poor judgment and make dangerous choices. We have put together the following list and statistics to help keep your children safe. Thereby making this special occasion something to enjoy and remember with fond memories.

PROM SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Who will be doing the driving? Will they drive themselves or rent a limo?
- If driving themselves, keep a list of names and phone numbers of each teen rider, along with names and addresses of all the parents. Insist that the car radio be kept at a low volume, limit the number of children to minimize distractions for the driver, and require each teen to buckle up his or her seatbelt.
- Get a complete itinerary, including who your children will be partying with, addresses and phone numbers for the prom location as well as any after-parties your child plans to attend.
- If your child will be renting a limo, be sure to check the limo company's driving record, and don't be afraid to ask the company to provide it to you.
- Does your child know how to contact you throughout the evening? Consider arranging specific check-in times, and make sure you can contact your child throughout the entire night.
- Communicate with your child specifically about how he would handle difficult situations such as being offered a ride by an intoxicated driver, being offered alcohol or drugs, or pressure to have sex. Be sure to provide parental instruction on how best to deal with problems that may arise.
- Insist that there are to be no changes made to the itinerary without your prior approval, and make firm rules with no exceptions allowed.
- Find out who will be supervising the prom and after-parties. Be sure to speak directly with any parents supervising after-parties your child wishes to attend, since some parents may allow underage drinking, and may not have the same set of morals and values that you do.
- Volunteer to assist in supervising the after-parties your teen will attend, which will help ensure there are enough responsible adults watching over the partygoers.
- Have specific and detailed conversations with your child about alcohol consumption, driving under the influence, drug use and sex, as peer pressure often leads teens to use poor judgment before, during and after prom.
- Make sure your child has phone numbers to trustworthy cab companies programmed into his cell phone, and plenty of money to cover the cost of a cab ride, if deemed necessary for any reason.
- Will someone in the home wait up until the teen arrives back home safely? If so, who?
- Hotel rooms are not something that we recommend or support. Often there is no parent supervision and children are left on their own to make decisions that are often persuaded by peer pressure. To rent a hotel or motel room it is necessary to be 18 years of age and have a major credit card. Please do not encourage or help your children to rent a hotel room for the night.

STATISTICS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Contrary to what you may hear or see, most teens aren't drinking. 81% of adolescents age 12 to 17 have chosen NOT to drink in the past year.
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- 65% of 12th graders disapprove of consuming five or more drinks once or twice each weekend.
- You may be alive today because the legal drinking age is 21. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates these laws have saved over 18,820 lives.
- Females process alcohol differently than males; smaller amounts of alcohol are more intoxicating for females regardless of their size.
- The same amount of alcohol is in a 12-ounce bottle of beer, a 12-ounce wine cooler, and a 5-ounce glass of wine.
- Even though youth are less likely than adults to drive after drinking, their crash rates are substantially higher.
- Alcohol is the #1 youth drug problem it kills six times more people under 21 than all other illicit drugs combined. 70% of teens killed on prom weekends are not wearing seatbelts.
- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury in teenagers nationwide. [Centers for Disease Control]
- High school students who drink are seven times more likely to have had sexual intercourse and are less likely to use condoms increasing their risk of unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Student Services Office at Saints. I hope this article provides a vehicle to have a discussion with your child on the issues related to the Prom. And remember, I have referred to our students as your children because that is what they are.



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St. Augustine Commons photography by Saints Parents Holly Ferrari and William Hill



Fr. Kevin Mullins OSA, Prior Provincial of the Augustinians in the West, blesses the facility with holy water assisted by members of the Associated Student Body.

Late last month, St. Augustine, the all boys High school in North Park, celebrated the completion of its new \$25 million Student Center and Gymnasium. The new project added a Student Center, Gymnasium and athletic fields, which completed the second phase of the campus rebuilding master plan that began in 2007. A new performing arts center will be added in the near future by remodeling existing Dougherty Gym.

Called St. Augustine Commons, the new 55,000 square-foot project on 32nd Street between Palm and Nutmeg Streets, was designed by DomusStudio Architecture and seamlessly built by DPR Construction.

Debuting is a much-needed 1,500 seat Gymnasium with full service training, coaching staff rooms and locker room facilities. The adjacent Athletic Fields will have new synthetic turf and track surfacing and practice field.

When construction began on November 9, 2015 the estimated finish line was set for February 2017. But this past January the rains came. A wetter winter—far beyond the



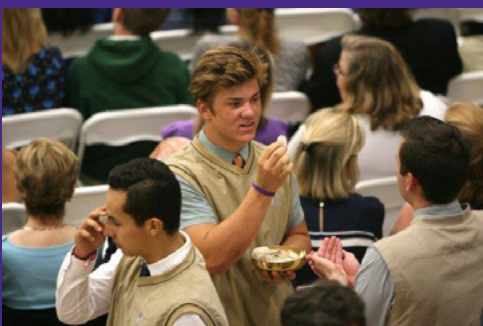
ASB President Elect, Charles Parada, is assisted by altar server Ryan McNamara in the blessing of the building.



Fr. Kevin Mullins welcomes guests to the dedication mass and opens the liturgy with the opening prayer.



One of the coolest features of St. Augustine Commons: three rooftop basketball courts.



Saintsman Matthew Macie serves communion to a fellow student at this historic first mass in St. Augustine Commons.



The long history of the Augustinians was celebrated through the dedication Mass and was visible as several friars in the province participated in the Dedication Mass.



A view of those gathered for the Dedication Mass from the grand entrance to the Gym.

norm—flooded the construction site. “At times the seemingly unending sea of puddles and mud dashed hopes the project would be completed on time,” said Steve Chipp, the school’s Finance and Facilities Director. But the storms seemed to come all at once and as spring neared construction took on a new fervor. In the end, with a mid-April completion date, the project was only delayed two months instead of six, Chipp added.

DPR’s Joe Beeson, the project superintendent, pointed out St. Augustine Commons was more complicated to build than a 40-story condominium building. “Each of the four floors of this new community center were very different from each other whereas most high-rise structures are merely a duplication of the previous floor,” he said.

“When the construction fences were taken down, it seemed St. Augustine Commons had always been there,” said school President

Edwin Hearn, Jr., “When seen with Villanova, Mendel and Vasey Halls (built in 2007), the new design with its Richard Requa columns and simple lines tie into a feeling of permanence and connectedness to rest of the campus.”

While hard to do, David Pfeifer, the lead architect for DomusStudio, created a handsome and functional space for Saintsmen for years to come, said Hearn.

Grand opening spirit continues on campus, as Augustinians, alums, donors, politicians, community leaders and neighbors are dropping by to join faculty and staff to celebrate the new along with the old. Saints will be 100 years old in 2022.

“To all those who made this idea a reality, we applaud you for hearing our call and responding with a generous heart,” said Very Rev. Kevin C. Mullins, Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine.



A great view of St. Augustine Commons from the third floor of Villanova Hall.



Students and guests file into Fr. John Sanders, OSA '66 Gymnasium ahead of the dedication mass and ceremony.



Bro. Max and students in the Loyal Sons of St. Augustine club (a campus and community service org) on the plaza at the Commons after a dedication mass rehearsal.



The Pit even has its own space in the new facility, but it will never again look this quiet and calm.



The main court in the gym is named Court '64 to commemorate the members of the class and their generous donations to the building of St. Augustine Commons.



A beautiful statue of St. Augustine the Teacher adorns the new patio space outside St. Augustine Commons.



Members of the Saints community gather on Tolle Lege Patio ahead of the dedication mass and the blessing of the new statue.



Saintsman Tony Perez looks over the new donor plaque installed by the bell tower.



A view of the west wall of the gym and the league championship banners from the main entrance.



SAINTS IN THE NEWS

Opening of Rev. John R. Sanders Gym and St. Augustine Commons was covered in the Union Tribune on April 27, 2017 in an article by reporter John Maffei.

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4. Graduates should assemble in cap and gown at 8:30 a.m. at the bell tower.
5. Students need to be in line for the procession to St. Augustine Commons begins at 4:45 p.m., students first, then faculty and followed by administration.
6. Doors to St. Augustine Commons open at 8:45 a.m. for handicapped seating and at 9 a.m. on a first-come, first-available basis.
7. Proper dress (i.e. white shirt, tie, dress pants, dress shoes and socks) and appropriate grooming regulations are still in order and required of all those participating in the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation ceremonies.

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Students spent time making friends from other Augustinian schools and building a community on S.A.V.I. They partook in a beautiful service opportunity through a local agency Share where they explored the idea of Caritas. They heard many speakers share their stories and participated in an outdoor stations of the cross. It was a beautiful four days of unitas, veritas and caritas in action.



UNITAS—Saintsmen (L-R) Ben Leach, Alejandro Penunuri, Andre Tran, Joey Rougas, Alec Stonehouse, and Rodrigo Quijano-Luna take some time away from the Student Augustinian Values Institute to see the sights of Chicago. Here they are at Navy Pier on Lake Michigan on a stunning day.



CARITAS—Student leaders at the Student Augustinian Values Institute participate in the Outdoor Stations of the Cross.

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the light of the Risen Christ, to share the good news that love has not died, but has been multiplied infinitely. Where can you be an agent of that love? At work? In your families? In an encounter with someone existing at the margins of society?

During the first week of the Easter Season, a group of students and faculty traveled to Philadelphia for our annual Alternative Spring Break. While there they encountered and interacted with some local folk in a service setting; they left their individual tombs and shared the beating heart of Christ. The possibilities are limitless, and this joyful season invites us all to lean in to this love as agents of transformation.

"Rejoice!" Pope Francis said, "Hidden within your life is a seed of resurrection, an offer of life ready to be reawakened." So let's all get busy this season! Blessings to you all.



TEACHER APPRECIATION

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calling but it just doesn't get glitzy PR.

As for why we became teachers--all of us on the faculty at Saints joined the ranks of the profession because we thought there was some reward in it. Whether it was a passion for subject matter, a desire to explore great ideas with young and inquisitive minds, the performance and artistry of instruction, or the yearning to share our belief in struggling students, **we all signed on excited to make a difference.**

And the daily commitment to work with and develop Christian young men while searching for the rewards of teaching is what makes the faculty at Saints such a special group. There are as many answers to why we teach as there are teachers. But most assuredly, the experience of each Saintsman will be populated with memories of teachers whose impact on students' lives extended far beyond the academic.

Students are most likely to remember the teachers who rescued spirits, restored hope, soothed discomfort, reassured doubts, and praised a good effort. They'll remember these occasions longest because they matter and because they address the human needs we all share. For all the times we forget to tell them, **"Teachers, we love you and appreciate what you do for Saintsman!"**

In the spirit of Community,

James Horne
Principal

AP TESTING SCHEDULE 2017

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	
Monday, May 1	Chemistry	Psychology	
Tuesday, May 2	Computer Science A Spanish Language and Culture	Physics 1 - Algebra Based	
Wednesday, May 3	English Literature and Composition		
Thursday, May 4	United States Government and Politics		
Friday, May 5	United States History		
	Studio Art—last day for Coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly		
Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 8	Biology Music Theory		
Tuesday, May 9	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Spanish Literature and Culture French Language and Culture	
Wednesday, May 10	English Language and Composition	Macroeconomics	
Thursday, May 11	World History	Statistics	
Friday, May 12	Microeconomics	Latin	



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