

Let's Build a City of God!

Hello St. Augustin Parishioners!

These past few months have been challenging to say the least. As we start to gather in community again, we want to offer you an opportunity to become part of a small faith-sharing community within St. Augustin Parish.

On Saturday August 29th, we are going to kick-off a new program called “City of God” prayer groups at Augustin Parish. The goal of “City of God” is to form small Catholic study groups of 5-8 people. We hope that these groups will enable you to grow closer to Christ through prayer, reading, discussion, and fellowship.

Once you sign up to participate in “City of God” on Google Forms (found [here](#)), we will form your groups and put you in contact with one another. To kick each of the groups off, we invite you and your group to start your journey together with a Marian Consecration. There are many different programs, but we will be using Fr. Hugh Gillespie’s book *Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary* (It can be found [here](#) for individual purchase or you can purchase it through St. Augustin at a group discount). This book contains daily reflections and prayers for 33 days. The point of a Marian Consecration is to consecrate oneself to Jesus Christ through Mary, our Mother (learn more about Marian Consecration [here](#)).

Reading for the Marian Consecration (and meeting with your group!) will begin on Friday September 4th and conclude with a Consecration Mass on October 7th, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The logistics of your gathering time, place, and duration is flexible. We encourage you to consider the small group gathering guidelines provided to get you started.

Following the Marian Consecration, you and your group are invited to decide on a new Catholic book study, whether it be a Bible study, reading about the saints, or participating in a Catechetical series. We intentionally want to leave this part of the program open because we want you and your group to decide on the best way to pray together. However, we are always here to guide you if you should need it!

If you are not already engaged in a study group, or if your existing group would like to join in, please sign up! It can be as much or as little of a time commitment as you have room for in your life. Our hope for this program is that it allows you to draw closer to Christ in community with others.

Please attend our kick-off on Saturday, August 29th! Email janis@staugustin.org for any questions or comments.

God Bless,

City of God Leadership Team