

THE FACES OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Meet Mr. Calvin Harlan, one of St. Augustine's newest staff members. Prior to coming to St. Augustine Indian Mission, Calvin has been employed with many different tribes across the United States. He has worked extensively with Human Service Programs, specifically in the healing of youth. While he has worked with adults as well, he feels that his true calling is with the youth. His last place of employment was with the Sacred Child Program. This program was an Intensive Youth Day Treatment Center. Calvin's Primary duties were to introduce the culture back to the youth. In assisting youth to find their identity, he also found that the youth thrived on the culture and traditions of their ancestors. They then were more susceptible to the teachings for a better way of life and finding their path in life. Instilled with this knowledge, Calvin came to work with St Augustine's. Here he has developed a style of interacting with the students utilizing the cultural history of teaching from the elders. The students enjoy hearing about the "old days" and how things were done with "Interaction with the students is GREAT" teaching as well as learning. Calvin said, "The interaction with the students is great, but when the lightbulb comes on and they get the message of the story, that's even better. " This gives the students another coping mechanism to help them with their days and gives Calvin affirmation and enjoyment for what he is doing.

Another new staff member is Mrs. Amber Gamble. Amber has spent the past two years substituting for St. Augustine's. Then in February of 2011, she was asked to join St. Augustine Indian Mission as a full time teacher, taking the roll as the school's first Alternative Teacher. Born in Wakefield, NE, Amber grew up as an only child

and continues to help her parents run their restaurant, Sidelines Bar and Grille. She went to college on a golf scholarship and while there, Amber decided that she would like to use her other talents and become a teacher. Amber said, "I love working at St. Augustine Indian Mission because of the kids. When I walk in the door, I get an overwhelming welcome from them. I am always greeted with hugs and smiles, which makes me feel so lucky to be here!" Next year, a few changes will be made and you will be able to find Amber teaching third grade and Kathi Sanders will become the alternative teacher and the reading interventionist.

"I LOVE WORKING AT ST. AUGUSTINE INDIAN MISSION"

Mrs. Amber Gamble helping Mr. Vazquez and his students with a frog dissection



Mrs. Amber Gamble welcomes everyone she meets with her magnetic smile.

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A Letter From Father Dave

One of my favorite movies is "Tommy Boy" (okay, you just learned a great deal about my sense of humor and my taste in movies!). Chris Farley played the lead role, and his character repeated a line several times, "That'll leave a mark!" I have been thinking about that line a lot lately.

Recently, we honored four graduating 8th grade students in a ceremony, at the end of the school year. During the ceremony, I mentioned how each of the four; Dominique, Bart, Isaiah, and Xerxes, "left their mark" on me, and St. Augustine Indian Mission. I feel confident that they will leave their mark wherever they apply their gifts and talents.

Another person who has "left his mark" is Fr. Mike Eckley. Fr. Mike is preparing to leave the Mission to become the Pastor of St. Pius X in Omaha later this month. Four years ago, Fr. Mike became the Pastor of our 4 parishes and the Associate Director of the Mission. It wasn't the first time that Fr. Mike had left his mark on me. He has been one of my best friends since we were in theology school together, and we served together as Associate Pastors at St. Patrick's Parish in Fremont, NE. It will be very hard for me to say good-bye to our working relationship.

Many of you, our donors, have gotten to know the Directors of the Mission because of this newsletter; Fr. Frank Hulsman, Fr. Francis Price, Fr. Dick Whiteing,

Fr. Tom Bauwens, Fr. Steve Boes, and myself. But there have been several outstanding priests over the years who have served the people on these reservations and the children in our school. Our parishioners still mention names like Fr. Ken Vavrina, Fr. Mike Malone, Fr. Lawrence Kratz, Fr. Tom Gall, and Fr. Pat McLaughlin.



They all "left their mark" on the people of the Omaha and Winnebago Reservations. Soon we will be adding Fr. Mike Eckley to that list. Until then, he is still "leaving his mark", and in recognition of the wonderful work Fr. Mike has done, and his predecessors, I am personally going to give the Mission \$500 in his honor. I ask that each of you consider giving a monetary gift in his name or in the name of any of the priests listed above. All of us here at the Mission are dependent on your financial support. In that way, you too, are "leaving a mark"! In anticipation of your continued support, I say, thank you and God bless you!  
Blessings,

Fr. Dave

Father Dave Korth

## CONGRATULATIONS.....

### CAPRICE

Earlier this year, the students at St. Augustine Indian Mission participated in the Third Annual Monsignor Paul A. Lenz Art Contest, sponsored by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission and Catholic Negro-American Mission Board.

In a letter from Reverend Wayne C. Paysse, Executive Director for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, he informed the school that one of its students was the Grand Prize Winner for the contest. Rev. Paysse stated, "Our Catholic faith teaches that our baptism makes each and every one of us as a Missionary in our families, schools and on the playground. So, continue to be kind, share and love like Jesus." Along with this letter, another letter to Caprice was included and two checks. As the winner, Caprice received, for the school \$500 to promote ongoing evangelization and a \$100 cash prize for herself. CONGRATULATIONS Caprice for a job well done!



### 2011 GRADUATES

On Wednesday, May 18th, St. Augustine School successfully graduated another class of 8th grade students. This year's service was held at 10:00 am at St. Augustine Church. However, the ceremony was just a little bit different from previous years. In most years, the entire student body attends the graduation services. Unfortunately, two days before the ceremony, the main water line to St. Augustine Hill broke, which resulted in the school year being concluded earlier than planned. Even though many younger St. Augustine students were unable to attend the graduation, some of the more intrepid middle school students took the time to still return to the school to see their friends receive their diplomas. The graduates were grateful to see their classmates and received their diplomas surrounded by their family, friends, community members and St. Augustine Board of Advisors members.

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The graduation ceremony saw four students receiving their diplomas. This year's graduates were Bart Kennedy, Isaiah Medina, Dominique Good Teacher and Xerxes Long. Fr. Dave Korth presided at graduation and shared a short story about each of the graduates, which included memories of how he first met them and memories of encounters that made him proud of them. The graduates plan to attend several different high schools next year. Two of our students plan to attend Winnebago Public High School, while two others intend to leave Winnebago to attend schools in different communities. One of which includes the Navajo Preparatory School in Arizona. CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES Graduates!



8th Grade Graduates

This year's graduation also saw 15 Kindergartners being promoted to the first grade. We are very proud of all our graduates and are especially excited to see what our kindergarten graduates accomplish in the coming years as St. Augustine students.



Kindergarten Graduates

St. Augustine Wish List  
LCD Projector • Smart Board • Teacher Laptops •  
Printers • Television • DVD Player • Software • Audio  
Centers for the reading program • TV Cart •  
Adjustable Overhead Cart  
Large Building Ideas  
New Lunchroom and Kitchen attached to building  
(the kitchen doubles as a performing arts hall.)  
New Library

Check out our new website that's up and running! [www.staugustinemission.org](http://www.staugustinemission.org)

## HO-CHUNK COMPETITION.....

This year's Ho-Chunk Language Tournament was full of excitement! A surprised St. Augustine team was able to rally and make it to the final.

Each year a tournament is held at the end of the school year to allow students to showcase their knowledge of the Ho-Chunk Language. Local tournaments are held at St. Augustine School, Winnebago Public School, and among the public schools on the Ho-Chunk reservations in Wisconsin. The winning team from St. Augustine School competes with the winning team from Winnebago Public School. Then the winner of the tournament in Nebraska competed against the winner in Wisconsin.

This year's tournament saw the surprising entry of the St. Augustine third grade team. The third grader students worked hard with their language teacher Mr. Warner Earth, and their classroom teacher Dr. Kathi Sanders. Their hard work and dedication paid off. They upset the St. Augustine 7th and 8th grade team and then went on to defeat the Winnebago Public High School Language Team. The third grade class then traveled by bus to Wisconsin to take on the winners of their language tournament. The teams in Wisconsin were surprised to see such young contestants competing in the tournament. Once the final was set, the St. Augustine third grade team was paired against an all-star Ho-Chunk apprentice high school team. The third graders quickly got down to business, but sadly were handed a defeat by a much older and experienced team. The final score of the game was 20-13 with the Wisconsin all-star team taking victory. The third graders were disappointed not because they lost but because they thought they let down their elder, Mr. Earth. Mr. Earth reassured the children that he was still very proud of them and all their hard work. The third graders were then treated to an afternoon and evening at a waterpark to help ease their disappointment.

We are very proud of our third grade students and cannot wait to see what they accomplish next year.



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WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST!  
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We are happy to inform you that "Songs & Prayers From St. Augustine Indian Mission" by Fr. David Korth, is now available online at:

[www.cdbaby.com/cd/saintaugustineindianmiss](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/saintaugustineindianmiss)

If you download it online, please go back and offer a comment on the page as well.

"Songs & Prayers" is a collection of Native American flute songs created by Fr. Dave, along with other songs from the Native American tradition.

The CD features the following:

- 3 songs from the Sweat Lodge tradition
- Sarah Snake singing a song in her Winnebago language
- St. Augustine 3rd graders singing the "Our Father" in the Winnebago language
- The "Our Father" recited in the Omaha language followed by the English translation
- Craig Cleveland, Jr (a junior in high school) singing a song on the Hand Drum that he composed himself

The CD is also available at Cosgrave's Religious Goods Supply, as well as St. Leo Parish in Omaha, NE and Fitzgibbon's in Sioux City, IA. Or you can order one through us at the St. Augustine Indian Mission Office.

All proceeds from the sale of the CD goes to the St. Augustine Indian Mission!

Thanks for your support!

