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PASTOR: Very Reverend J. Douglas Garand, V.F.

DEACON: Jon Gottron

PARISH MANAGER: Laurie Brubaker • SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Ginny Minnick

*Join us for worship ....*

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - school year

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - summer

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sunday each month, 1:00 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FORMATION**

*Educating all our children for lifelong, faithful,  
participating membership in St. Augustine Parish*

- **ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL** (Pre K-8)  
Ginny Minnick, Principal, 419-592-3641
- **PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM (PRP)** (1-8)  
Sunday morning, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. during school year  
Catholic Education for Parish children attending public school
- **Life Teen** (High School Youth) meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
- **PRE-SCHOOL** during Sunday 10:30 Mass



**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM** To schedule instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism: contact the church office at 419-592-7656 before your child is born for directions to complete online classes.

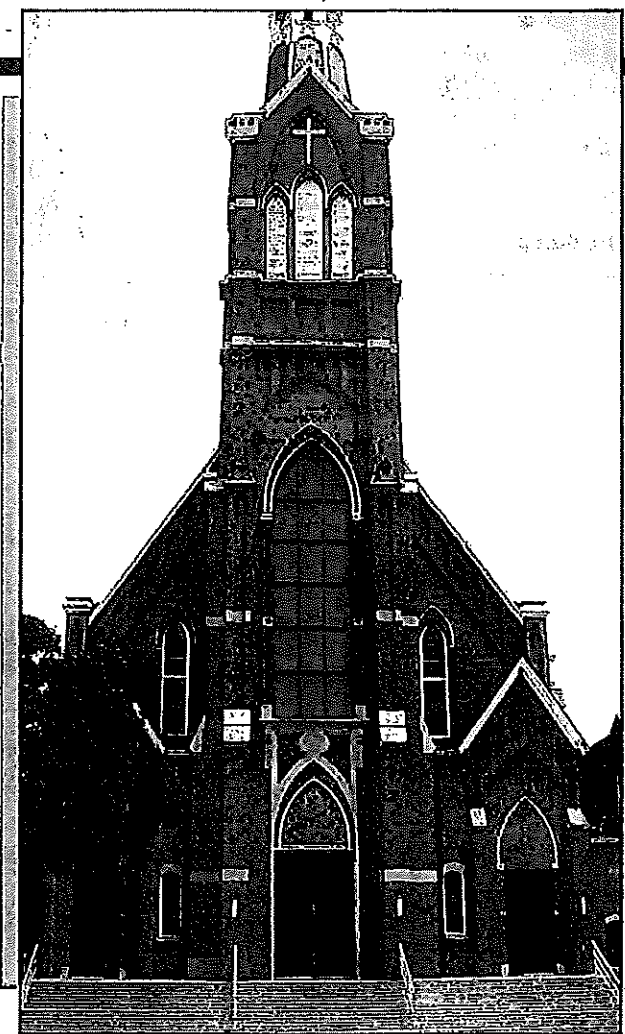
**RECONCILIATION** Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** The Parish Office should be notified whenever any parishioner is suffering from severe or prolonged illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered by request.

**MARRIAGE** "As soon as a couple makes a decision to marry and at least six months before the anticipated wedding date they are to make contact with the priest/deacons in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program" (Diocese of Toledo Directive). Official dates for wedding celebrations at St. Augustine Parish must be approved by the Pastor or Parish Deacons.

**ADULT INITIATION / FULL COMMUNION - RCIA** Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to be a part of this formation process. Call the Parish Office for details.

**HOLY ORDERS / VOCATIONS** Contact the Parish Office.



**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday \* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and Weekends

Parish Office: 210 E. Clinton St. .... 419-592-7656

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St. Vincent de Paul Society ..... 419-592-0438

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**PRAYER CHAIN** ~ Contact Janet Creager at 419-966-6662

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

Dear Parishioners:

We hear the names that belong to the Passion of Christ, like Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas, and Herod to put things in historical context and to remind us why he came. Jesus was born to die on the cross. The Gospel of Luke not only situates the call of John the Baptist in terms of the civil rulers of that period but he also mentions the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the religious leadership of Palestine. Annas had been high priest from A.D. 6-15. After being deposed by the Romans in A.D. 15 he was succeeded by various members of his family and eventually by his son-in-law, Caiaphas, who was high priest from A.D. 18-36.

**John the Baptist's life and mission remind us how badly we need a Savior to save us, in order that we might be all that we are called to be and do all that we have to do to live in the Light. So often we fail to recognize the one among us who is our Way, our Truth and our Life. This is what Advent is all about: finding our way back to God.**

We are called to prepare and we do this by filling in the valleys of our lives that obstruct the Lord from entering. The barriers to His love are our selfishness, materialism, lack of charity and forgiveness to name a few. **With the help of the lord and this Holy Season of Advent we can fill in the valleys and level the mountains that hinder His coming!** It is the entry of Jesus into our lives that gives us all the comfort we will ever need! Again thanks to all who have worked to make Christmas House a success!

Peace,

Fr. Doug

#### Ministries for the Liturgies

**Saturday, December 11, 2021** 4:30 p.m.  
Lector: Becky Hilvers  
Servers: Nick Nahrwold, Volunteer  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Maureen Lammy,  
Min. of Com.: William Lytle  
Ushers: Larry Hilvers, Ruth Like  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021** 8:00 a.m.  
Lector: Mike Weber  
Servers: Jacob, Jeremy, Miya and Noah Weber  
Extraordinary Gwen Howe-Gebers, Holly Sifuentes,  
Min. of Com.: Volunteer  
Ushers: Doug Monnin, Alyssa Sifuentes  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021** 10:30 a.m.  
Lector: Mark Morman  
Servers: Aiden and Sophia Pullen,  
Jillian Richard  
Extraordinary Amy Morman, Lindsay and Nanci  
Min. of Com.: Westhoven  
Ushers: Brad and Karen Westhoven

#### Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 5, 2021

Nursing Home: Terri Franz  
Homebound: Volunteer

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**  
4:30 p.m. - Brandon Westhoven  
**Sunday, December 5, 2021**  
8:00 a.m. - Michael Cochran  
10:30 a.m. - For the Parish  
**Monday, December 6, 2021**  
No Communion Service  
**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (Immaculate Conception)**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
7:00 p.m. - Ed Gerdeman  
**Thursday, December 9, 2021**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Friday, December 10, 2021**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Saturday, December 11, 2021**  
4:30 p.m. - Cochran - Wendt Family  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021**  
8:00 a.m. - For the Parish  
10:30 a.m. - Mr. and Mrs. Emil Camacho  
1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Tellers: December 13, 2021 - Phil and Ginny Bauer,  
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

## Save the Date

December

3rd, 4th & 5th - Christmas House

### FORMED Family Focus

Watch: *Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa*

Listen: *The Meaning of Christmas*

Read: *St. Augustine's Confessions*

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE** - A BIG Thank You to everyone who helps make Christmas House a big success. Hopefully you will (or did) take advantage of the Friday Luncheon, or the Steak Dinner on Saturday night, or the Sunday Brunch! Thanks to Amy Morman and all the cookie bakers and frosters. Thank you to Emily Speiser Nemire and her family for taking over the traditional "Speiser Cheese Balls". And a big thank you to Laurie Nahrwold for stepping into the Chairmanship roll. Anyone willing to co-chair with her would be welcome! I will be taking a backseat next year and help her to learn this community event and fundraiser for our Parish. Merry Christmas to you all, Jan Stover

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**DISCIPLES LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH PROGRAM** - Thank you to all parishioners who have completed your Commitment Card! We invite all faithful parishioners to renew their annual commitment and return a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- Mailing it to the church
- Or bringing it to Mass next Sunday
- Or you may visit our parish website at [www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sun., Dec. 5 As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe and secure** way to support St. Augustine Catholic Church. To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. **We are grateful for your support!**

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**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** - A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more.

*Show thanks to God for all the gifts you have received*

**LIFETEEN** - Welcome all high school students! Life Teen meets every Sunday, 5:30 - 7:30. Dinner included. Come join us for the 4 great F's - Food, Fun, Faith, and Fellowship! Upcoming Events:

- December 5th we have a special guest speaker! Erin Sasala truly has a heart for service and a huge love for our friends on the street - the poor and the homeless. Come to hear her powerful testimony and about how we can come to love service.
- December 12th we are scheduled for a service project! An opportunity to put into action what has been placed upon our hearts with this past series on living out the Beatitudes.

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**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** - to take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 16976 Co. Rd. Q1, Napoleon on Wed., Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices: \$20 for adults and \$10 for students K-12, children 4 and under are free. For questions or to reserve tickets, call 419-758-3522 or purchase tickets at the church office, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Payments can be made by cash or check. From the Toledo Symphony: Masks strongly encouraged, deeply appreciated.

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**HENRY COUNTY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - to take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon on Sun., Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be streamed live at [www.youtube.com/stpaulnapoleon](http://www.youtube.com/stpaulnapoleon). A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Henry County Chorale and St. Paul Church.

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**CATHOLIC APPEAL** - Justin Wharton, Annual Catholic Appeal Manager, has reached out to us this week congratulating us on our progress thus far. It is his hope that we can still make our goal of \$26,004. **We have only \$559.25 to go!!!** If you haven't yet considered your gift, please take the time to do so soon so that we can reach 100%. Currently, we are at 97.85%. **WE ARE SO CLOSE!!** **We have four weeks left. We can reach our goal with your help!** Bishop Thomas would like to extend his thank you to all who have taken the time to pledge money to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity is a blessing.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - If choosing St. Vincent de Paul when considering a donation this holiday season, please write your check to St. Vincent de Paul Society as we are a separate entity from St. Augustine Catholic Church. Thank you! - Virgil Bohls

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**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION** - St. Joseph Parish, 709 Croghan St., Fremont, Sat., Dec. 11, with Bishop Daniel Thomas offering Mass at 11 a.m. Procession at 10:30 by "Matachines" Dance Group.

**Immaculate Conception**

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 8:45 AM Morning Mass**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM Mass**

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**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available:**

Each Saturday at 3:30 PM.

**And during Advent on:**

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 6:00 to 6:45 PM

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 from 5:00 to 5:45 PM

Thursday, December 16, 2021 from Noon to 1:00 PM

Sunday, December 19, 2021 from 11:30 to 12:15 PM

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 5:00 to 5:45 PM

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**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

**Follow St. Augustine on Facebook\*\***

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

**4:30 PM - Christmas Eve\*\***

**11:00 PM - "Mass During the Night" aka "Midnight"\*\*\***

Prelude music beginning at 10:30 PM.

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

**9:30 AM – Christmas Day**

**NO 4:30 PM Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

**Feast of the Holy Family – 10:30 AM**

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**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

Friday, December 31, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 9:30 AM

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November 29, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

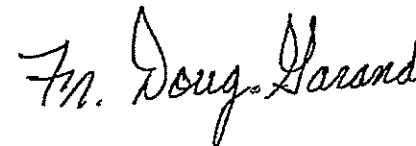
Christ came as a baby because babies are irresistible and adorable. Christ came as a baby because he wanted our first impression of God incarnate to be that of one who does not judge. May the tenderness, and mercy revealed in His infancy inspire us to follow and then to lead others into a deeper relationship.

As we gather and celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, please know of my prayers and the prayers of your St. Augustine Parish family.

I invite you and your family to share with "our family" the joy of Christmas at St. Augustine. We have three Christmas Masses (**In person and on Facebook**) to share in the peace, joy, and love of the infant born in a manger to save us.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a happy 2022!

Peace,



Reverend J. Douglas Garand

Donate online at the St. Augustine website: [www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net).

Enclosed for your convenience you will find a Christmas offering envelope.

You may use the enclosed envelope or the Christmas envelope in your pack.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Dec. 5** PRP 9:00 a.m.  
**Christmas House Brunch**  
 9 - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - Noon  
 Life Teen 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 7** **Confessions 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**
- Wed., Dec. 8** RCIA 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 11** Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
 Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 12** PRP 9:00 a.m.  
 Life Teen 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**PARISH OFFERTORY**

Monday Collection	\$	4,666.30
Online Giving	\$	2,919.00
School	\$	450.00
Monday collection year-to-date	\$	184,361.57

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:  
[www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and select online giving from the side menu.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

- Constance E. "Connie" Fruth (50) - 12/8/99
- David W. Walther (48) - 12/8/05
- Lois Schueler (81) - 12/8/09
- Stephen Thayer (56) - 12/11/06
- Floyd I. Keller (92) - 12/11/19

Remember those who have gone before us, please pray for them. Due to space we are listing only the past 25 years. If you would like a parishioner listed who passed away longer than 25 years ago, please contact the office.

**IN MEMORIAM**

We would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy to the following: to Phil and Barb Cochran and their family following the death of Phil's brother, Carson "CP" Cochran, to East Haftkowycz and his family following the death of his mother, Irena Haftkowycz, and to the family of Carol Annis following her death. May Carson, Irena, and Carol now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

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**Ministries for Immaculate Conception Holy Day**

- Wednesday, December 8, 2021** 7:00 p.m.
- Director: Rita Small
- Revers: Gwen and Alyssa Borck
- Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Vicky Delventhal,
- Min. of Com.: Richard Fisher
- Prayers: Steven Reiser, Sue Urban

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

This month's "Partners in Faith" reminds us that sacrificing and doing penance to work toward Heaven after death is too abstract of a concept to motivate children. The season of Advent is designed to turn our eyes to Heaven so we can be ready when Jesus comes to bring us there. This month's article also reminds us that Christmas is very exciting, but as Catholic parents we want our children to have real Joy, not just the anticipation of receiving gifts or getting out of school! Through all the shopping, wrapping, baking and giving, Jesus gives us peace, purpose and perspective. Spending time with Jesus each day during Advent and Christmas, through attending Mass and daily prayer, helps to keep our focus on what is most important. We gathered together this week to celebrate the first week of Advent by sharing an Advent Wreath Lighting with our students and staff. I'm so excited we could bring back this ceremony back because it helps to bring Jesus closer to our hearts. We will continue weekly through Advent. Merry Christmas!

Blessings to your family,  
 Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 12/6 - Christy Burgei
- 12/7 - Lauren Bates, Robert Lautar
- 12/8 - Lori Siclair
- 12/9 - Maricela Hernandez, Molly Huddle, Carter Meyer, Samantha Sifuentes, Victoria Smith
- 12/10 - Cynthia Greenlaw, Aaron Miller, Delylah Rivera, Bryan Salto-Arrizon
- 12/11 - Rihanna Paiz-Beltran, Kevin Rippee, Dennis Walker
- 12/12 - Jeff Sonnenberg

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**GIVING TREE** - Thanks to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree! We will soon sort and distribute these gifts. The deadline for placing them under the tree is next Sunday, December 12. If you have forgotten your gift but still intend to provide it, please call Cathy Majewski at 419-966-2654 as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you, a substitute gift will be purchased on December 13.

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**THANK YOU** to the following people who assisted in setting up the Nativity outside: Evan Storch, Eli Herman, Alistair Cordes, Ila Pullen, Phoebe Davis, Saya Wagner. And thanks to Ronnie Fisher for the straw - Will Wagner and Andy Driskel.

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