

WELCOME TO St. Augustine Catholic Church

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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.

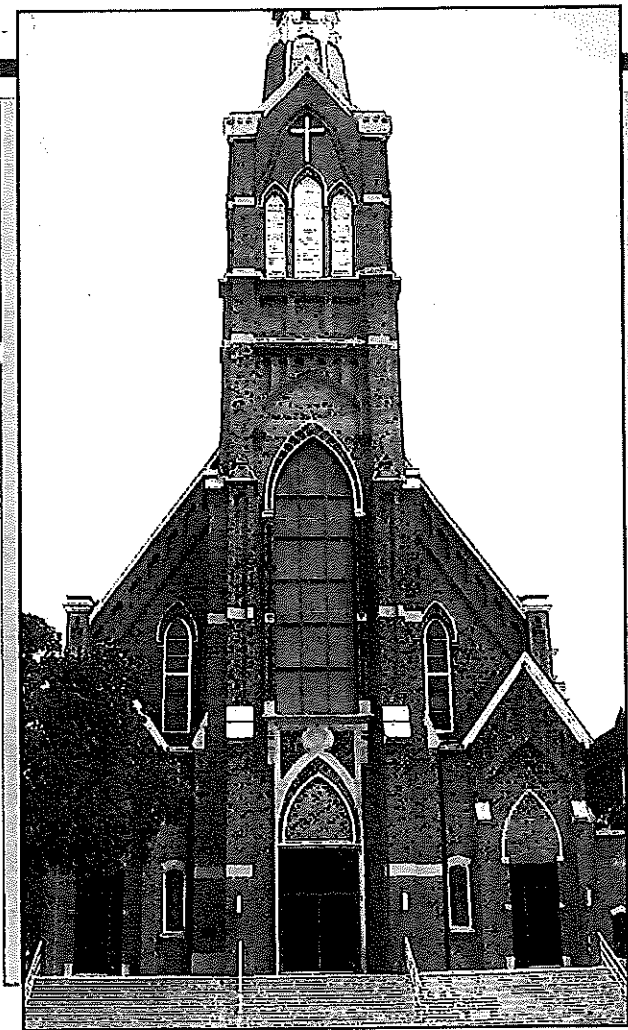
RECONCILIATION Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

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

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Youth Director - Regina Proshek

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St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners:

As Christmas is near, the Blessed Virgin Mary hurries to the house of Zechariah. We benefit from Mary's presence, but more importantly from the presence of Christ present in her womb!

The story of the Visitation teaches us an important lesson: When Christ is growing inside of us (received in the Eucharist), we will be led to people, places and situations that we never dreamed of. We will bear words of consolation and hope that are not our own. In the very act of consoling others, we will be consoled. We will be at peace, recollected, because we know that however insignificant our life and issues seem to be, from them Christ comes to us.

The women of today's Gospel show us that it is possible to move beyond our own little, personal agendas and engage in authentic ministry and service in the Church. Ministry and service are not simply doing things for others. Authentic Christian ministers and servants allow themselves to serve and be served, taught, cared for, consoled and loved. Such moments liberate us and enable us to sing and celebrate the great things that God does for us and His people.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "In the mystery of the Annunciation and the Visitation, Mary is the very model of the life we should lead. First of all, she welcomed Jesus in her existence; then, she shared what she had received. Every time we receive Holy Communion, Jesus the Word becomes flesh in our life — gift of God who is at one and the same time beautiful, kind, and unique.

Let us pray for the grace to be prepared for His Presence among us. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday evening or Tuesday for our celebration of the Lord's Nativity!

Peace,

Fr. Doug

Ministries for Christmas Liturgies

Friday, December 24, 2021 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Jan Neiling
Servers: Aiden and Sophia Pullen
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Brenda Piasecki,
Min. of Com.: Cheri Schuette
Ushers: Ruth Like, Paul Martin

Friday, December 24, 2021 11:00 p.m.

Lector: Mark Morman
Servers: Jillian Richard, Josie Smith
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Mark Meyer,
Min. of Com.: Lori Siclair
Ushers: Steven Reiser, Ty Siclair

Saturday, December 25, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Lector: Jean Miller
Servers: Molly and Hannah Huddle
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron,
Min. of Com.: Rick Hoffman, Jo Schwaiger
Ushers: Brad and Karen Westhoven

Ministries for Sunday Mass

Sunday, December 26, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Becky Hilvers
Servers: Taylor Glanz, Blake & Isaac Westhoven
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Vicky Delventhal,
Min. of Com.: Richard Fisher
Ushers: Jeff Burkhart, Larry Hilvers

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish

10:30 a.m. - Earl and Victoria Austermiller

Monday, December 20, 2021

No Communion Service

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

6:00 p.m. - Jim Westhoven

Thursday, December 23, 2021

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)

4:30 p.m. - Children's Mass

11:00 p.m. - Carl, Donelda and Carmen Wagner

Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas)

9:30 a.m. - For the Parish

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:30 a.m. - Jeanne Lytle

Tellers: December 28, 2021 - Chris Peddicord, Jan Stover,
Dorothy Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 19, 2021

Nursing Home: Phil and Barb Cochran

Homebound: Nelda Irving

Save the Date

March

19th - St. Patrick's Auction

FORMED Family Focus

Watch: *The Gift of Peace*

Listen: *The Mystery of Christmas*

Read: *Cradle of Redeeming Love*

NEW PARISHIONER - Welcome to the newest member of our parish - Julie Katakis

RIGHT TO LIFE 2022 SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

- Following the masses the weekend of January 8 and 9, the Henry County Right to Life will be collecting signatures and donations to support the gift of life. A \$3.00 or more donation is suggested.

DISCIPLES LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH PROGRAM

- THANK YOU for your response to our recent renewal program "Disciples Living and Sharing Our Faith"! I am humbled and grateful for your continued commitment to St. Augustine Catholic Church. Our parish remains vibrant, engaged, and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another because of your generosity. God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork as we advance our plan for the future and continue our critical ministries and service programs. St. Augustine Catholic Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE WITH BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

- to take place at 7 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 7, at St. Rose Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg. The Mass is for any mother, father or family member who has lost a child to miscarriage, still birth or abortion. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass. Then join us for a coffee/cookie meet and greet in the church basement following Mass hosted by Catholic Charities Project Rachel and the St. Rose Respect Life Committee. For more event information, contact Kerstin Pakka, Project Rachel Coordinator at 419.260.5811 or email kpakka@toledodiocese.org.

To show our faith and thanksgiving, we can return a part of God's gift to us to help the church carry out its work

LIFE TEEN - 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:

- Dec. 19th there will NOT be Life Teen!
- Wed., Dec. 22nd at 7 p.m. we will have our Christmas party in the Ministry Center. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift! Join us for the 6 p.m. Mass beforehand.
- Life Teen will resume January 9th. Merry Christmas!

The **March for Life** trip to DC is January 20-23rd. Registration is due to Regina or Fr. Doug by December 30th! The flyer and registration package are in the narthex. Trip cost is \$175.

If you support the pro-life movement but aren't able to attend the March for Life this year, consider sponsoring one of our teens to help send them on the trip! Donations can be made out to St. Augustine parish, just write March for Life sponsorship in the memo line.

We are in need of more meals for the spring semester! If you are able to donate meals or snacks to help feed our teens that would be highly appreciated. Please reach out to me and I will get you set up on the food roster.

God bless! ~ Regina

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 two 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.

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

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR LIFE - sponsored by Project Rachel, will be held the last Monday of each month (Dec. 20) at 7 p.m. at St. Rose Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg. Each month the hour will begin with a short reflection before we enter into silent prayer and adoration. Contact Kerstin Pakka, Project Rachel Coordinator at 419-260-5811 or kpakka@toledodiocese.org for more info.

COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT & PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM is now accepting pre-applications for home repair and rehabilitation programs. Do you own and live in a home that needs repairs, have homeowners insurance, current on your property taxes, and household income below 80% of median income? Call Maumee Valley Planning at 419-784-3882 or visit www.mvpo.org for more information. Brochures are available in the back of church.

FRIDAY ADORATION will take place each First Friday of the month after 8:45 a.m. Mass until 5:30 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and would appreciate folks filling the day so that our Lord is not exposed on the altar without anyone present. If you are not able to come for your hour of adoration, please call Jane Recker at 419-508-0711. The day will end with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

PROJECT RACHEL - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God's mercy is abundant and waiting for you. Go to kpakka@toledodiocese.org - www.hopeafterabortion.com Or call 419-260-5811.

PARISHIONERS IN NEED - Two meal trains have been set up as follows: the Maria Pullen Meal Train can be accessed by going to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/26k878>

Joe and Dora Hunyor delivered their baby via emergency c-section on Aug. 2. The baby weighed 2.5 lbs. and was 2 months early. Friends of the family have set up a meal train as they have 3 small children at home. It can be accessed by going to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/g2gw7o/updates/>.

GOING ON VACATION - Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory contributions. Go to www.staugie.net and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

PERPETUATE THE GIFT PARISH CAMPAIGN - Perpetuate the Gift is the annual appeal that supports our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. It signifies the beautifully unending and total commitment of our priests to our spiritual salvation, and our contribution to their retirement. All diocesan priests are eligible to receive retirement benefits in accordance with the Priest Retirement Plan. We currently have 86 retired priests and 90 active priests whose average age is 50 years old. If you have any questions, please call Brian Doyle, Mission Advancement Officer at 419-214-4951 or bdoyle@toledodiocese.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND SLOVAKIA - Fr. Andrew Wellmann, from St. Patrick Parish, Bryan, is leading a 14 day pilgrimage. Dates are July 12 - 25, 2022. For more information, please contact (832) 406-9559 - Info@nativitypilgrimage.com or visit <https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=31769>.

TOLEDO DIOCESAN CHOIR PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN - Paul Monachino, Director of Music, invites you to tour Spain June 14 - 23, 2022. You are welcome to tour with the Toledo Diocesan Choir as a singer or accompany us as a non-singing pilgrim. We will mark this pilgrimage in a special way on the feast of Corpus Christi in our sister city of Toledo, Spain. For more info, contact Peter's Way Tours at www.petersway.com or call 800-225-7662 or 516-605-1551.

DISCERNMENT GROUPS FOR YOUNG WOMEN will be meeting throughout the 2021-2022 school year. There are young women who are interested in learning more about the vocation to which God is calling them, with a particular focus on religious life. There are two groups available: one for young women in high school and one for those in college or beyond. The groups meet in Toledo, but are open to all. For details regarding meeting dates/location or other information, please contact Sister Rose Marie Timmer, RSM (rmtimmer@toledodiocese.org).

NFP (Natural Family Planning) Are you searching for a method of family planning that is effective, healthy, "green," free of synthetic hormones and chemicals, and in line with Catholic teaching? Couple to Couple League has launched new self-paced online class that brings natural family planning instruction to engaged and married couples on demand. New class contains the same material presented in CCL's live classes, but is delivered in a series of video and interactive learning modules. Register for a class online at www.ccli.org or www.live-the-love.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 19 PRP 9:00 a.m.
 Confessions 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
 Decorate the church after 10:30 Mass
 No Life Teen
 St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Tues., Dec. 21 Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 22 Confessions 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
 No RCIA
 Life Teen Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 25 **A BLESSED CHRISTMAS**
- Fri., Dec. 26 No PRP
 No Life Teen

Parish Office Closed for the Holidays on Fri., 12/24,
 Sat., 12/27, Fri., 12/31

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	5,677.00
On-Line Giving	\$	2,443.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	768.00
Christmas (to date)	\$	1,467.00
Solemnity Day	\$	562.00
School	\$	110.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	203,863.33

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:
www.staugie.net and select online giving from the side menu.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Reason V. Hunter (76) - 12/20/16
 Franklin M. "Huffy" Hoffman (94) - 12/22/01
 Virginia L. Burkhart (64) - 12/23/97
 Vincent J. Minsel (90) - 12/23/07
 Louis E. Recker (63) - 12/24/06
 Matilda R. Yaichner (94) - 12/25/97
 Charles A. "Chuck" Motter (65) - 12/25/97
 Donna Russell (92) - 12/25/15
 Geraldine S. Yeager (85) - 12/25/98
 Cletus H. Konzen (78) - 12/26/96
 Linda Palmer (63) - 12/26/15

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 extend our heartfelt sympathy to Derek, Joshua and Jacob Weideman following the death of their mother Chery Weideman and to Diane Hardy and her family following the death of her brother, Steven Sattler. May Chery and Steven now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

FROM THE SCHOOL

We had two incredible Christmas Band and Vocal Performances this week, led by Mr. Paul Baransy and Mrs. Alain Miller! The St. Augustine Band performed four songs including, "Do You Hear What I Hear", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Little Drummer Boy", and "Jingle Bells". Solos were beautifully performed by Otis Crawford on trombone, Ila Pullen on clarinet, Alistair Cordes on alto saxophone, and Evan Storch on trumpet. Mrs. Miller directed, "On with the Snow!" by John Jacobson and John Higgins. This show was comprised of 6 scenes with many student speaking parts and 7 songs, highlighting all classes. The program was adorable, full of laughs and the children sang like angels. I cannot say enough about how blessed we are to have Mr. Baransy and Mrs. Miller's musical talents, leading our children in band and music!

One of the highlights for our students before Christmas Break is always Secret Santa! Our Parents Club outdid themselves this year with providing amazing gifts for each member of our families. It is truly a beautiful thing to witness children learning the gift of giving and watching the excitement in their eyes when taking treasures home to their family for Christmas. Thank you, Parents Club, for taking such wonderful care of our school families! May you be blessed with a heart that only knows love, may baby Jesus teach you to pass your blessings to all those around you and may you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Blessings to your family,
 Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/20 - D.J. Batt, Vicky Delventhal, Matt Kuser,
 Amanda Podach, Steve Schwiebert
 12/21 - Pam Bauer, Bernadette Briones
 12/22 - Tim Barry, Claire Egan
 12/23 - Chad Ball, Parker Botjer, Nelda Irving
 12/24 - Tanyon Creager, Kurt Weideman,
 12/25 - Nicholas Badgley, Holly Sifuentes
 12/26 - Josh Meyer, Mark Myers

GIVING TREE - Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make this year successful! Whether you shopped, wrapped, sorted, distributed or took a tag from the tree, you helped make Christmas a little brighter for many area children. We would also like to thank the Christmas for Kids program which contributes to our Giving Tree each year.

HELP NEEDED - We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 19 after the 10:30 Mass. We need some strong young people to help. Many hands make light work.

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