

WELCOME TO
St. Augustine Catholic Church

MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

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.

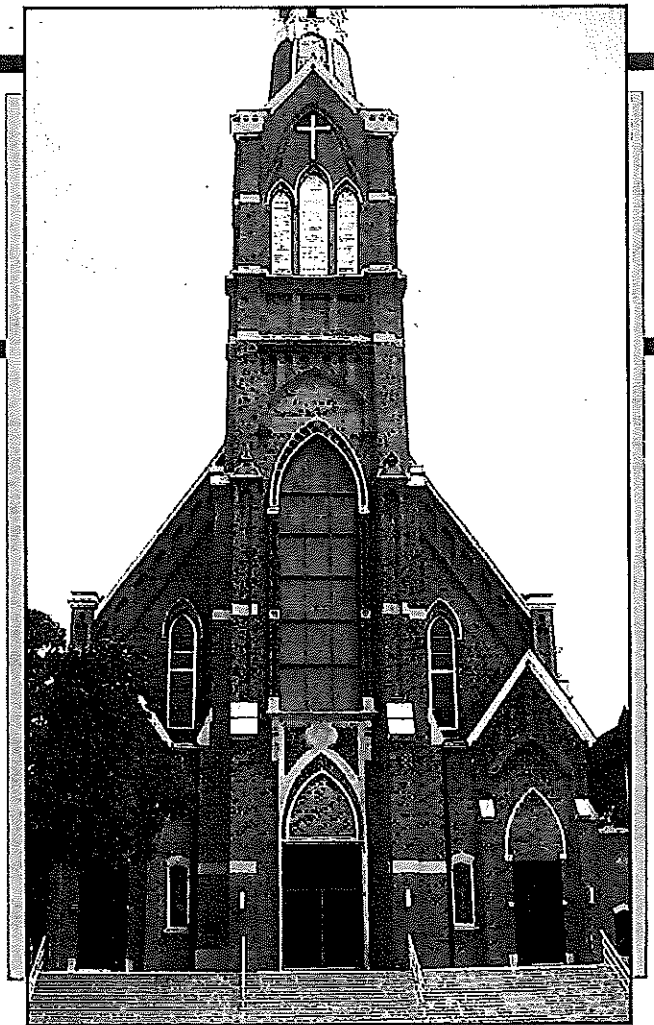
ANOINTING OF THE SICK The Parish Office should be notified whenever any parishioner is suffering from severe or prolonged illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered by request.

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.

Please arrange to register at 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

Parish Email: saintaugustineoffice@gmail.com

Parish Website: www.staugie.net

Deacon Jon Gottron 419-966-7106

School: 722 Monroe St. 419-592-3641

School Email: ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com

Youth Director - Regina Proshek

Email: regina.proshek@augustinenapoleon.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

Dear Parishioners:

The crowds asked John the Baptist "What should we do?" John basically told them to "live generously and honestly with others, and don't live for material satisfaction only." We must prepare because "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Christians proclaim that the Messiah has indeed come and that God's reign is at hand. During these days we are invited to quietly prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of the Son of God in the flesh.

In today's second reading, St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians tells us to rejoice in the Lord always. **The rejoicing to which St. Paul invites us, and which forms the heart of the Advent season is what we must seek.** The question always arises as we ask why? Why rejoice when there is suffering, pain, and sorrow in the world and our lives? The answer is our relationship with the Lord, which can even become stronger and more intimate in times of persecution and suffering. **It is in the Lord that we can all find our joy.**

Sheer joy arises out of a **deep and abiding relationship with God that carries the believer through all sorts of trials and tribulations.** Rejoicing in the Lord is a sort of adoration, and adoration often takes the form of prayer. The opposite of rejoicing and happiness is not sorrow, but deadness that often manifests itself through cynicism, meanness of spirit and smallness of mind and heart.

This Advent, may the example of **John the Baptist give us the strength and courage necessary to transform our deserts into gardens, and our emptiness into rich Catholic meaning and experience.** May the boldness of St. Paul and the example of Mary, Virgin Daughter of Zion, teach us how to rejoice in the Lord, whose coming is very near.

Peace,

Fr. Doug

Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, December 18, 2021 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Nelda Irving
Servers: Evan and Owen Storch
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer,
Min. of Com.: **Volunteer**
Ushers: Sue Urban, Will Wagner

Sunday, December 19, 2021 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Rita Small
Servers: **Volunteers (2)**
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Shari Smith,
Min. of Com.: Judy Wiles
Ushers: John and Jan Stover

Sunday, December 19, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Joel Miller
Servers: Will, Libby and Henry Roth
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron,
Min. of Com.: Doug and Christy Burgei
Ushers: Chad Roth, **Volunteer**

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 12, 2021

Nursing Home: Jean Small
Homebound: **Volunteer**

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 13, 2021

No Communion Service

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:00 p.m. - Bob Bernicke and Michael Rabe

Thursday, December 16, 2021

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Friday, December 17, 2021

8:45 a.m. - Illa Fry

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 Auster Miller

**Tellers: December 20, 2021 - Phil and Marian Parsons,
Andy Driskel, Joanne Westhoven**

Use your abilities and talents to serve God

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- un., Dec. 12 PRP 9:00 a.m.
Life Teen 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Ved., Dec. 15 Confessions 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
RCIA 6:30 p.m.
No K of C Meeting
- hur., Dec. 16 Confessions Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Program 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- at., Dec. 18 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- un., 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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

PARISH OFFERTORY

unday Collection	\$	8,502.76
on-Line Giving	\$	2,879.00
ropped Off/Mailed In	\$	2,425.00
hristmas	\$	725.00
oly Day	\$	110.00
chool	\$	905.00
unday collection year-to-date	\$	195,743.33

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- Earl Ott - 12/13/98
- William J. Foster (81) - 12/13/08
- Lawrence E. Hoeffel (94) - 12/14/99
- Rose Donovan (83) - 12/15/07
- Theresa A. Driskel (71) - 12/15/14
- Mary C. Lavin (86) - 12/16/07
- Jose L. "Joe" Mendoza (52) - 12/17/10
- Maurice R. "Moe" Maene (72) - 12/19/97

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.

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL

This week has been filled with Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace even though it's only the second week of Advent! We celebrated the second week together by sharing an Advent Wreath lighting with our faculty, students and staff again and it was very beautiful. I'm so excited we could gather together for this important ceremony because it helps to bring Jesus closer to our hearts and remind us what the true meaning of CHRISTmas should be centered around. We will continue weekly through Advent.

This Christmas let hope warm your heart, love warm your family, and the Holy Spirit warm all mankind. Please accept my wishes for a Holy and Happy Christmas season!

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12/13 - Rachel Greenlaw, Eric Kistner
- 12/14 - Caleb Duncan, Hannah Gerken, Ezekiel Hill,
Larry Huber, Christopher Podach
- 12/15 - Beth Herman, Robert Pollock
- 12/16 - Mara Cashman, Ashley Kistner, Megan Lytle
- 12/17 - Antonio Garcia, William Gilson, Jordan Kline,
Ty Siclair, Calista Werner
- 12/18 - Elle Mohler
- 12/19 - Tyler Badenhop, Helen Birtcher, Tanya Fisher,
Daniel Koch, Matthew Miller

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 this Sunday, December 12th. 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 13th.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE - Have you had the chance to visit www.toledodiocese.org recently? Visit our site and sign up for our e-newsletter. The diocese is on Facebook at Diocese of Toledo, on Twitter @DioceseToledo and Instagram at DioceseToledo.

Save the Date

FORMED Family Focus

Watch: *John of the Cross*

Listen: *John of the Cross: Living Flame of Love*

Read: *Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer*

CHRISTMAS HOUSE - We need to thank Dave Steingass for donating and preparing the Saturday night steak dinner last week! It was delicious. All his hard work raised about \$2000 that evening! Thanks Dave!!! And crew! Also thanks to Rita Small and Rose Lymanstall for chairing the Friday luncheon again. We made over \$900 and were very busy! And thanks to Laurie Brubaker and her brunch crew! The brunch was well attended! We raised about \$960. Thanks to my special helpers this year: Carolyn Heinrichs, Chris Peddicord and Laurie Nahrwold. It's a big job and many hands make the work lighter and fun.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE RAFFLE WINNERS

Quilt - Jack Hoeffel

\$500 - Cathy Majewski

Christmas Tree - Mark Morman

Christmas Wreath - Robbie Lautar

Christmas Basket - Jack Hoeffel

\$100 Chamber Dollars - Anne Taylor

Girls Basket - Michael Hecht

Boys Basket - Janet Meyer

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!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.

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:

- Dec. 12th is our service project! An opportunity to put into action what has been placed upon our hearts with this past series on living out the Beatitudes.
- 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.

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

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.

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 three 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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>.

JOB OPENING - St. Mary Church in Leipsic is looking to fill a full-time position in the Office of Finance and Administration. Qualifications include excellent communication and booking/accounting skills. Bachelors degree preferred but would consider motivated applicants with administrative and financial experience. Resumes should be emailed to fatherronschock@gmail.com or they can be mailed to Fr. Ron Schock, St. Mary Parish, 318 State St., Leipsic, OH 45856.

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.