

WELCOME TO
St. Augustine Catholic Church

MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545

PASTOR: Reverend Jerry Schetter

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 6:00 p.m.
during the school year
- **Edge** (6th - 8th grade) meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays,
7:00-8:00 p.m. during the school year
- **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.

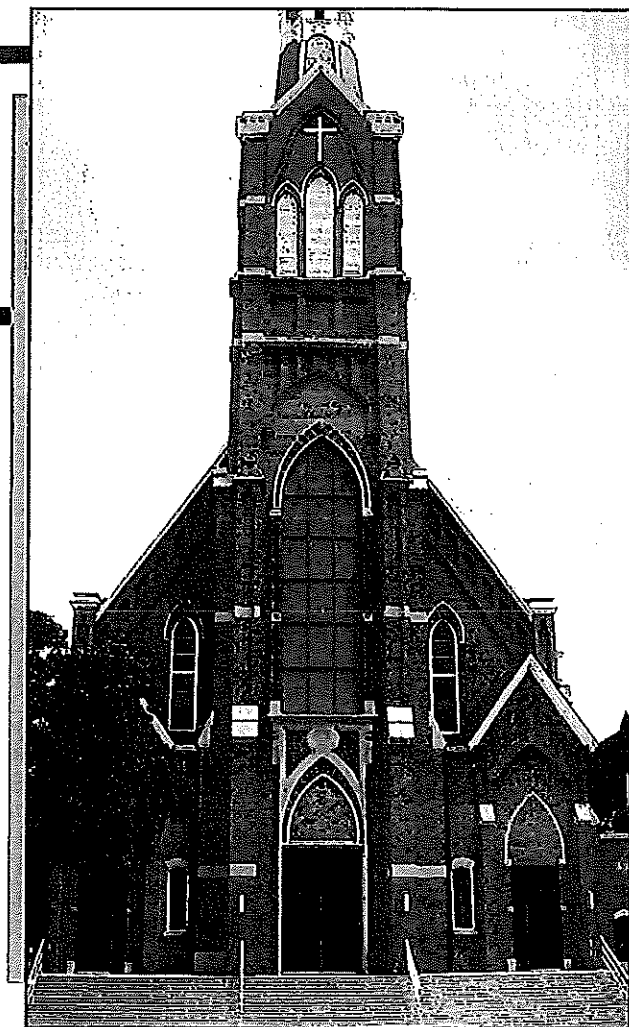
ADULT INITIATION / FULL COMMUNION - RCIA Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to be a part of this formation process. Call the Parish Office for details.

HOLY ORDERS / VOCATIONS Contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon



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

Reverend Jerry Schetter *emergency only* 419-305-5149

Email: jerry.schetter@augustinenapoleon.com

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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 Minister - Regina Proshok

Email: regina.proshok@augustinenapoleon.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

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

The Immaculate Conception... "All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed"

The Queen Mary was born in Nazareth more than two thousand years ago. But before the world began she was already the Woman that God dreamed of... and the Woman for whom the devil would lay in wait.

What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in truth its faith in Christ. God sent forth his Son, but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free cooperation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, a virgin betrothed to man whose name was Joseph of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

A beautiful aspect of this is that the Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life. Just as Eve ate from the tree... so her Son would hang from that tree for our salvation.

To become the mother of the Savior, Mary was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role. The angel Gabriel, at the moment of the annunciation (March 25th. - 9 months before Jesus' birth on Christmas) salutes her as full of grace. In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

From the first formulations of her faith, the Church has confessed that Jesus was conceived solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary affirming also the corporeal aspect of this event: Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit without human seed. The Fathers of the Church see in the virginal conception the sign that it truly was the Son of God who came in humanity like our own.

People are sometimes troubled by the silence of scriptures about Jesus' virginal conception. Some might wonder if we were merely dealing with legends or theological constructs not claiming to be history. Yes, faith in the virginal conception of Jesus has always met much opposition. Yes, the meaning of this event is accessible only to faith, which lies in God's plan. The eyes of faith can discover in the context of the whole of Revelation the mysterious reasons why God in his saving plan wanted his Son to be born of a virgin. These reasons touch both on the person of Christ and his redemptive mission, and on the welcome Mary gave that mission on behalf of all men. Yes, Mary's virginity manifests God's absolute initiative in the Incarnation... and Mary is a virgin because of her virginity is a sign of her faith unadulterated by any doubt, and her undivided gift of herself to God's will. --
Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, December 10, 2022 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Nelda Irving
Servers: Chloe Brink, Ella Irving
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Maureen Lammy,
Min. of Com.: **Volunteer**
Ushers: Brad and Karen Westhoven
Sunday, December 11, 2022 8:00 a.m.
Lector: Rick Hoffman
Servers: Brady McKenzie, Bennett Westhoven
Extraordinary Bob Neiling, Judy Wiles, **Volunteer**
Min. of Com.:
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover
Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Lector: Joel Miller
Servers: Libby, Will and Henry Roth
Extraordinary Doug Burgei, Lori Siclair, **Volunteer**
Min. of Com.:
Ushers: Chad Roth, Ty Siclair

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 5, 2022

Nursing Home: Terri Franz
Homebound: **Volunteer**

Children's Liturgy: December 11, 2022 - Paige Miller

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 3, 2022
4:30 p.m. - Lynn Speiser
Sunday, December 4, 2022
8:00 a.m. - Karen Saputo
10:30 a.m. - Kimberly Bofia
Monday, December 5, 2022
No Communion Service
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
8:45 a.m. - Michael Rabe, Bob Bernicke
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Mass
Thursday, December 8, 2022 (Immaculate Conception)
8:45 a.m. - School Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
7:00 p.m. - Mass
Friday, December 9, 2022
8:45 a.m. - Mass
Saturday, December 10, 2022
4:30 p.m. - Earl and Victoria Austermiller
Sunday, December 11, 2022
8:00 a.m. - For the Parish
10:30 a.m. - Cheryl Weideman
1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Tellers: December 12, 2022 - Phil and Ginny Bauer,
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

Save the Date

December

3 & 4 - Christmas House (original format)



LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

FORMED Family Focus

Watch: *FORMED Now! Making Advent Great for Kids*

Listen: *Advent: Rethinking the Season*

Watch: *FORMED Now! The Nativity Set*

HELP SUPPORT OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT - Your gift to the **Perpetuate the Gift** appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay their living expenses. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and we are most grateful. **All funds contributed between Sept. 17 and Dec. 31, 2022, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund.** A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. Our parish has given \$1,045 so far. **Make checks payable to Perpetuate the Gift.** A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org under the **Give** tab. You can also make a gift on your handheld device holding the camera up to the QR code above. Our parish and our retired priests are so grateful for your support.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATIONS IN THE TOLEDO DIOCESE -
Sat., Dec. 10, beginning at 8:30 a.m. - through lunch at 2:00 p.m. St. Patrick Parish, 610 S. Portland St., Bryan. Bishop Thomas is the celebrant.
Sun., Dec. 11, beginning at 5:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Caspar Parish, 1205 N. Shoupe Ave., Wauseon.

COMFORT & JOY ADVENT CONCERT - at St. Michael Parish, 100 Antwerp Dr., Hicksville on Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Amazing performers are Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hurt. To buy tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/st-michaels-advent> Tickets are \$20 + \$2.85 (Adults) and \$15 + \$2.55 (Children under 15). There is a spaghetti dinner before the concert at 5 p.m. (Free will offering for dinner). Questions, contact Janice Richardson at 260-705-1914.

Go with love and always go with God

Life Teen - Every Sunday 6-8pm at the Ministry Center. Grades 9-12. Text @b1b1e (ones for the L's) to 81010 for event updates and with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 4th - Life Night on Advent!
- Dec. 11th - XLT! Let us know if you need a ride

December 11th 7 - 9pm at St. John 23rd Perrysburg

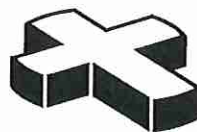
XLT

Pizza
Testimony
Adoration
Confession

Presenting: Megan Vina
"Little Yeses - The Path to Sainthood"

All high school students and youth groups welcome!

Sponsored by the Toledo Diocese



EDGE

Edge - Every other Wednesday 7-8:30pm in the school gym. Grades 6-8. Text @st-augie to 81010 to stay in the loop.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 7th - Edge Night - Learning how to pray with the Saints and the Angels
- Dec. 21st - Christmas Party!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 4** Christmas House 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Presentation of RCIA Candidates
at 10:30 Mass
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 7** Parents Club 5:00 p.m.
RCIA 6:45 p.m.
Edge 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Cemetery Committee 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 10** Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 11** PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Confessions 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	6,541.00
On-Line Giving	\$	4,932.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	1,800.00
School	\$	635.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	182,747.00

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

- Marguerite Theobold - 12/5/08
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.

- Ministries for Immaculate Conception Holy Day**
Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:45 a.m.
(Ministries will be handled by school)
Thursday, December 8, 2022 7:00 p.m.
- Lector: Rita Small
Servers: Diego Garcia, Molly Huddle
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Sandra Martinez,
Min. of Com.: Cheri Schuette
Ushers: Steven Reiser, Sue Urban

NEW PARISHIONER - Welcome to the newest
member of our parish - David Gilliland

FROM THE SCHOOL

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 to share this experience together because it helps to bring Jesus closer to our hearts. We will continue weekly through Advent!

I am excited to announce the winners of the Henry County Snow Prince and Princess Third Grade Essay Contest winners. Congratulations to our St. Augustine Snow Prince, Michael Prystash, and St. Augustine Snow Princess, Maria Alegrial They, along with other Third Grade winners from Henry County schools, will participate in the Henry County Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM. The parade marches through the city of Napoleon and will end at the courthouse where these students will be recognized for the essay they wrote for the contest.

Our annual Academic Fair began last month in grades 5th-8th. The Fifth grade topic is Art, Sixth grade topic is History, Seventh grade topic is Science and the Eighth grade topic is Religion. We sent letters to parents/guardians explaining the process with an Academic Fair Contract and due dates. Students will be graded on the creation of a Presentation Board, Slideshow, Oral Presentation, Project or Demonstration of Experiment, related to their chosen research topic. This activity will culminate through classroom presentations and public judging during Catholic Schools Week. The Academic Fair offers each St. Augustine student a tremendous learning experience allowing them to conduct experiments, conduct research, and present in front of their classmates, teachers and judges before heading to high school and college!

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12/5 - Cole Barry, John Morris
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 - Margarita DeJesus Renteria, Rihanna Paiz-Beltran, Kevin Rippee, Dennis Walker

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - LIGHTEN THE LOAD - An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION . . . A Holy Day of Obligation - Mary's purity, her freedom from original sin, made her worthy to be the Mother of Jesus. But we rightly call her our mother, too, for her tender care and maternal love extend to us. She wants us all to be reborn as "sons in the Son, adopted children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ. This month, as we prepare for the birth of Christ, may we remember, too, that we have in Mary a tender and heavenly mother who is always interceding for us, "that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." Masses will be December 8th, 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM. O Queen Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

"DISCIPLES LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH" PROGRAM - Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted 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 and complete an electronic Commitment Card. All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, December 4.

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!**

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST - to take place on Tues., Dec. 6 at St. John XXIII Catholic Community, 24250 Dixie Highway, Perrysburg. Speaker will be Peter Range, Director of Ohio Right to Life. This is a free-will event. Doors open at 7:00 a.m., Networking/Breakfast at 7:30, Program at 8, Optional Mass at 9. The presentation will challenge you to view your work place as more than just a simple place of employment, but rather a place of deployment by God to share His good news. Range will share personal stories from his work in the pro-life movement, which will encourage you on your journey to say yes to life and fulfill your God-given mission in the workplace and most importantly, in the home. You can register online at <https://cbnpeterrange.eventbrite.com>.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH THE NAPOLEON COMMUNITY BAND - to take place on Mon., Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian Ave., Napoleon.

GIVING TREE - One last chance to choose a tag! Thanks to all who chose a wish from the Giving Tree! Please place your wrapped gift - with tag attached - under three by **Sunday, December 11th**. Gifts that are not returned by that date will be purchased by St. Vincent de Paul the following day. **Please don't miss the deadline!** If you have questions, please contact Cathy Majewski 419-966-2654.

ADVENT WREATH KITS - Take advantage of this opportunity to grow closer to God and your family with an Advent wreath in your home. As you prepare for the birth of our Lord lighting each week's candle, share time saying a prayer around your own Advent wreath. Kits are available at the back of church for \$28. Kits include a wreath with 4 candles and a pamphlet that explains the wreath's symbols and how to use it. **BONUS** - After Advent is done, remove the candles and transform it into a Christmas centerpiece.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY TOLEDO SYMPHONY - to take place on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 16976 Co. Rd. Q1, Napoleon. Tickets can be purchased from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday in the church office or by calling 419-758-3522 to reserve tickets. Tickets can be picked up and paid for the night of the concert as well. Prices are Adults \$20, Students (K-12) \$10, and Children 4 and under are free. For more info, call the church office at 419-758-3522.

NORTHWEST OHIO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - will be held on Sat., Dec. 10 at St. John's Catholic Church, Defiance (downstairs in the Emmaus Hall). Coffee/Fellowship at 7:30, Breakfast and Speaker at 8:00. Fr. Jason D'Souza, associate pastor, will speak about his family and growing up on a farm in India and how he felt God was calling him to become a priest. For more information, call George Westrick at 419-784-3875.

HENRY COUNTY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - to take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon on Sun., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. The concert will be streamed live at www.youtube.com/stpaulnapoleon. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Henry County Chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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