

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.

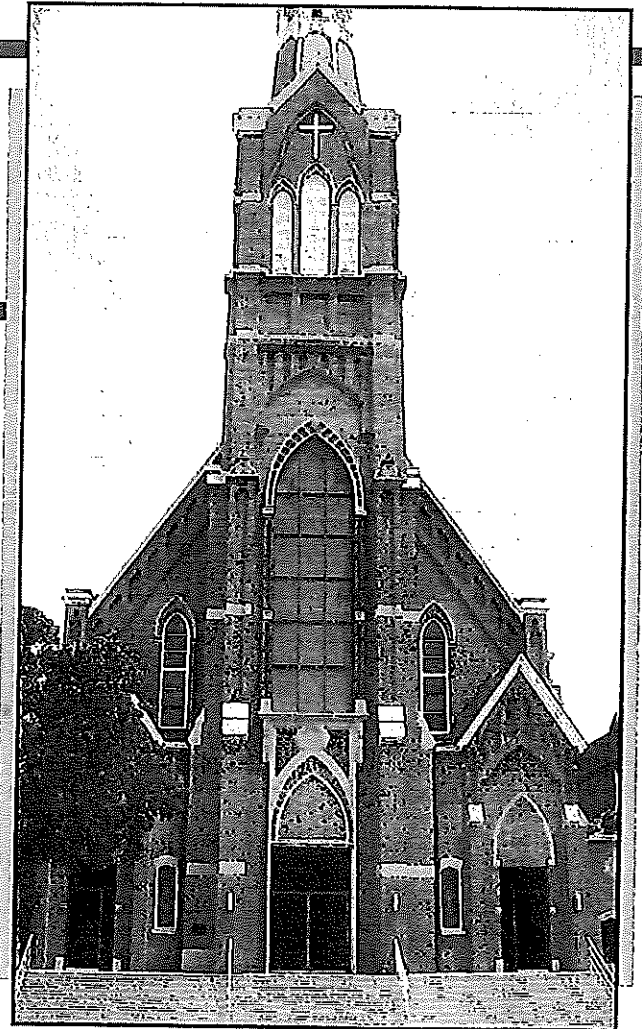
**ADULT INITIATION/FULL COMMUNION - RCIA** Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church is invited to be a part of this formation process. Call the Parish Office for details.

**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](mailto:jerry.schetter@augustinenapoleon.com)

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Deacon Jon Gottron ..... 419-966-7106

School: 722 Monroe St. .... 419-592-3641

School Email: [ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com](mailto:ginny.minnick@augustinenapoleon.com)

Youth Minister - Regina Proshok

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

**PRAYER CHAIN** ~ Please contact the parish office

## ***Righteous, or Reckoned... or Both?***

The Council of Trent taught that through baptism believers “*are made innocent, immaculate, pure, harmless, and beloved of God.*” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* concurs: “*Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior person.*” But Protestants will argue that justification doesn’t include *interior renewal*... the idea that God’s justifying grace transforms the soul and gives an objective holiness that was not there before. This view is sometimes referred to as *metaphysical righteousness* or *ontological righteousness*. *But if we can’t change then how can we be righteous?* For example, Paul teaches in Romans that when Abraham believed God, he was “*reckoned to him as righteousness.*” St. Paul also says, “*And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.*”

For Protestants, these verses show that rather than God infusing righteousness from Christ in a person’s soul, *making* it righteous in Christ, God “*reckons*” a person righteous in the sense that he imputes Christ’s righteousness to him, and therefore declares the person not guilty. It doesn’t *make* the person truly innocent on the inside though, it merely puts him in right relationship with the law. In the case of the sinner, Protestants argue, God simply no longer holds the sinner condemned by the law, since Christ’s righteousness has been imputed to him. There is a change in the sinner’s relationship with God but not a change in the sinner himself and so they call that *sanctification*. It’s not justification, where Catholic sees it with both eyes... one must be justify and sanctified.

Just because the Bible uses the language of God “*reckoning*” a person as righteous, it doesn’t follow that there is no ontological transformation... there is a change in what the sinner *is*. There is no reason why God’s *declaration* of our righteousness and our *transformation by grace* must be mutually exclusive. The two need to be harmonized.

For example, God says in Isaiah 55:11 that his word shall not return to him empty, but it shall “*accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*” God’s word brings about the effect that he declares his word to bring about. This is manifest in God’s declaration, “*Let there be light*”. What his declaration signifies, is that light, is made actual.

Similarly, in the Catholic view, God “*reckons*” or declares us righteous, but that declaration *effects* what the declaration signifies... namely, our objective (metaphysical) righteousness. It makes us *actually* righteous, just like his declaration for there to be light made light *actually* exists. This is why Catholics believe with St. Paul that anyone who is in Christ is a “*new creation*”. Whether this view is correct is another question. But at least the idea that God “*reckons*” us righteous is not mutually exclusive from God *making* us righteous. As such, Paul’s letter to the Romans poses no threat to the Catholic view of justification, but also by what we do. Psalm 32:2 says: “*Blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not reckon his sin.*” David wrote these words in the context of having confessed his abominable sins of murder and adultery, for which he was forgiven. He writes in verse five of the same psalm, “*I acknowledged my sin to thee, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord*”: *then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin.*” Yes, reconciliation is wonderful. - Fr. Jerry

### **Ministries for the Liturgies**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023** 4:30 p.m.  
Lector: Becky Hilvers  
Servers: Emily Flowers, Brady McKenzie  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ginny Bauer,  
Min. of Com.: Steven Reiser  
Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Larry Hilvers  
**Sunday, March 5, 2023** 8:00 a.m.  
Lector: Rita Small  
Servers: Alyssa Sifuentes, Bennett Westhoven  
Extraordinary Gwen Howe-Gebers, Mike and Morgan  
Min. of Com.: Weber  
Ushers: Miya and Noah Weber  
**Sunday, March 5, 2023** 10:30 a.m.  
Lector: Richard Fisher  
Servers: Taylor Glanz, Faith and Megan Meyer  
Extraordinary Mark Meyer, Brenda Piasecki,  
Min. of Com.: Cheri Schuette  
Ushers: Doug Burgei, Volunteer

### **Eucharistic Ministers: Week of February 27, 2023**

Nursing Home: Terri Franz  
Homebound: Nelda Irving

Children’s Liturgy: March 5, 2023 - Ginny Minnick

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
4:30 p.m. - Jayne Westhoven  
**Sunday, February 26, 2023**  
8:00 a.m. - Carol Hoeffel  
10:30 a.m. - Isidra Garcia  
**Monday, February 27, 2023**  
No Communion Service  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
6:00 p.m. - Mass  
**Thursday, March 2, 2023**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
**Friday, March 3, 2023**  
8:45 a.m. - Mass  
2:00 p.m. - School Mass  
**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling, Ed and Helen Ramus  
**Sunday, March 5, 2023**  
8:00 a.m. - For the Parish  
10:30 a.m. - Mass

Tellers: March 6, 2023 - Phil and Ginny Bauer,  
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

## Save the Date

### March

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - Fish Frys

18th - St. Patrick's Day Auction

### April

29th - Gals & Girls Dinner

### FORMED Family Focus

Read: *Fatima for Today*

Watch: *The 13th Day*

Listen: *Our Lady of Fatima*

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**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.

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### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

- Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** - A letter from Bishop Thomas is being sent to you, asking for your gift and/or pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. This letter gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal *This is the Day*. The ACA will be successful if every member of our parish carefully considers their circumstances and truly strives to give a significant gift. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. To learn more, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org). Thank you.

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**PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** - Ridgeville Fire Department is hosting their annual breakfast Sun., Mar. 5 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m at the Ridgeville Legion Hall. Proceeds go for fire and rescue equipment. Eat inside or carry-out only. (No drive-thru)



# LIFE TEEN

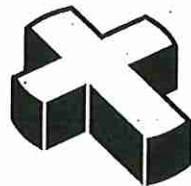
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**Life Teen** - Our mission is to create an environment that facilitates an encounter with Christ. A typical youth night for us includes sharing a meal together, a lively game, a short lesson or testimony, and a chance and pray together. Everyone grades 9-12 is welcome.

Life Teen meets every Sunday 6-8pm at the Ministry Center. Text @b1b1e (ones for the Ls) to 81010 for event updates and with any questions.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Feb. 26th** - Join us for a unique night where the seniors are taking over the youth group!
- **March 3-5** - Women's Purpose Retreat. *No Life Teen!* All youth group teens and their families are invited to the 6pm Youth Mass to finish out the retreat at St. Joe's Maumee. There will also be a gathering in the Lower Level of the church at 5pm to share pictures and testimonies from the retreat.
- **March 10-12** - Men's Purpose Retreat. *No Life Teen!* Registration ends 3/6.



# EDGE

**Edge** - Take St. Augustine's religious formation opportunities for your middle schoolers a step further by sending them to Edge! Edge is our youth group for grades 6-8 and is a great chance for your kids to put what they know about their faith into practice and to have fun while doing it!

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

### Upcoming Events:

- **March 1st** - Join us as we ask the question - what is Purgatory?

*As God's steward, you are called to take an active role in your church - Volunteer*

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT** - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Church the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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**NEW PARISHIONER** - Welcome to Dennis Westhoven, who recently joined our parish.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN** - Wed., Feb. 22 - Mon., Apr. 2, 2023 is built on prayer and fasting, peaceful witness and a public community outreach mission to end abortion in our community. We invite you to pray for an hour from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the Toledo Women's Center (formerly Capital Care Network), the abortion clinic located at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave. To learn more or to sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayers and information on upcoming events, visit [40daysforlife.com/Toledo](http://40daysforlife.com/Toledo).

Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 1 million volunteers in over 63 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, 22,829 babies have been saved from abortion, 247 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 132 abortion facilities closed! Questions? Email Kevin Jorrey, Office for Life and Justice Director, [kjorrey@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kjorrey@toledodiocese.org) or Veronica Leguire at [vleguire@gmail.com](mailto:vleguire@gmail.com). Join the movement and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

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**NORTHWEST OHIO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** - to take place on Sat., March 11 at John's Catholic Church, Defiance (Emmaus Center). Several students from Defiance College's Catholics on Campus group will be speaking about their group. This student-led organization provides opportunities for fellowship, service and retreats. This is a great witness of how God calls his people in our community to serve and build up His kingdom. Coffee and fellowship at 7:30 and breakfast and speaker at 8:00. For more information, call George Westrick at 419-784-3975.

**NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND** provides scholarship assistance for low-income K-8 students throughout northwest Ohio. The scholarships are 100% need-based, because NOSF believes that income should not be a barrier to a quality education. NOSF scholarships help young people attend the K-8 schools of their choice, primarily Catholic and religious-affiliated schools and even homeschooling. Each scholarship is based on individual family size and income, with a maximum scholarship of \$2,000 per child for private schools and \$750 for home schooling expenses. Income information is re-evaluated each year with the scholarship amount adjusted accordingly. The average scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year was \$1,258.

The deadline to apply is Fri., Apr. 28, 2023. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF2324APP> to apply.

To learn more go to [www.nosf.org](http://www.nosf.org) or call 419-720-7048.

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**RENEWAL OF THE HEART PRESENTS** ... a one day retreat. All men are welcome to attend the March 4th retreat with a theme: "Hope Through the Holy Spirit". Location: St. John Catholic Church, Defiance. The retreat day will be filled with personal reflection and self-discovery on what is important in your life and what drives your spiritual life. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast prior to the 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. retreat day. Please RSVP so we can prepare for meals and supplies. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact team members George Westrick at 419-784-3975 or Martin Nezick at 419-782-3418.

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**HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER** - sponsored by Project Rachel, is typically held the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. (this month on Feb. 27) at St. Rose Catholic Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg. 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](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.org) for more information.

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**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS LAUNCH PARTY** - All young working Catholics are invited to join us at the Pinnacle in Maumee on Thurs., Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. Dress is business casual, complimentary appetizers and champagne. The event is free, so bring a friend. In a world that can be void of meaning and leave them restless and dissatisfied, YCP brings together young professionals in their 20s and 30s into a community of belonging, support, and encouragement at all stages of the faith journey. YCP empowers and equips them to live their Catholic faith through everyday work, and to perform all work with excellence for the glory of God.



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# FISH FRY

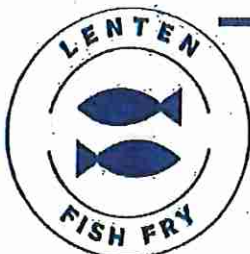
— *Dine In & Carry Out* —



## FOOD.FRIENDS.FUN

Fridays in February - 24th

Fridays in March - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st



DOORS OPEN

**5PM - 7PM**

\*Or till fish runs out

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Feb. 26 PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
RCIA Rite of Sending at 10:30 Mass  
RCIA Rite of Election 3:00 p.m.  
(at Holy Rosary Cathedral)  
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 28 Finance Council 7:30 p.m.  
Men's Holy Hour 8:30 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 1 Parents Club 5:00 p.m.  
RCIA 6:45 p.m.  
Edge 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Committee 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 3 First Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.  
Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Benediction 5:30 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 7:15 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 4 Confessions 3:30 p.m.  
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 5 PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
No Life Teen

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	3,841.75
On-Line Giving	\$	2,059.00
Dropped Off/Mailed In	\$	155.00
School	\$	192.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	294,981.65

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**

- Alvin G. Timbs (72) - 2/27/20
- Joanne Howe (76) - 3/1/12
- Romeo Flora (83) - 3/1/17
- Donald C. Ingle (88) - 3/2/15
- Aaron Koch (18) - 3/4/05
- Leo Schneider (94) - 3/4/07
- William N. "Bill" Gustwiller (81) - 3/5/01
- Mary Fran Meekison (98) - 3/5/18

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.

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**From Fr. Jerry:** Men's Holy Hour will be held on Tues., Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. Remember to start counting and praying the Holy Rosary and ask Mary for her intercessions.

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

The word Lent comes from an Old English word, which means "to lengthen." For those of us living in the Northern Hemisphere, the season coincides with spring, a time in which the days lengthen. The increased light causes trees to bud and flowers to blossom. Lent is a time of repenting our sinful habits, changing our ways and growing in holiness to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. The road through Lent leads us closer to one another and to Christ. During Lent this year, our students have the opportunity to take part in the Stations of the Cross each week during the school day. Our school will begin participating in the Stations of the Cross together next week. This is truly one of the most special gifts they receive while attending St. Augustine Catholic School. I feel very blessed to take part in this devotion during our Lenten journey together.

Is your "Pot of Gold" at the end of the rainbow? The way to find out is to attend the 24th Annual St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Auction on Saturday March 18th starting at 5:30 PM! Dinner tickets are \$35 per person with Country Ranch Chicken and Shepherd's Pie, headlining the menu. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!** Don't miss all the excitement with our favorite leprechaun Rick Small as our MC, plus plenty of auction items to bid on. Pot of Gold tickets are \$20 each with two pots to choose from: 1) Irish Spirits (assorted distilled spirits) or 2) Hops and Vine (assorted beer and wine). Tickets will be available at the back of church during all weekend Masses and at the Fish Fry's on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are able to donate an item to be auctioned, make a monetary donation, or are interested in helping, please contact the school office @ 419-592-3641. We truly appreciate your support and would not be successful without your help!

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2/27 - Phillip Parsons, Cheryl Schuette, Vicki Schwab
- 2/28 - Brent Baden, Joseph Pullen, Brittney Schreiber, Samantha Wulf
- 3/1 - Toby Fitzenreiter, Amy Flory, Bonnie Martin, Jillian Pain
- 3/2 - James Denman, Leo Giesige, Kevin Milius
- 3/3 - Kelsey Lammy, Joan Steed
- 3/4 - Taylor Schroeder
- 3/5 - Destin Armbruster, Lauren Bischoff, Bernard Briones, Mackenzie Finn, Robin Niese, Chad Roth, Shari Rubinstein

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**RECENT BAPTISM** - Welcome to the newest member of our parish, Camryn Renee Coolman, daughter of Augustin and Brianna.

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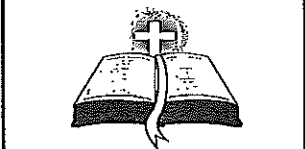
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