

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.

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

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Mondays and Weekends

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St. Vincent de Paul Society 419-592-0438

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



NEW PARISHIONERS

Please arrange to register at the Parish Office

PRAYER CHAIN ~ Please contact the parish office

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Tuesday noon

Advent Season ...

"Advent is the time when we prepare for Christ. It's the great liturgical season of waiting—but not a passive waiting. We yearn, we search, and we reach out for the God who will come to us in human flesh."

The word Advent in Latin mean "to come to" it is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. It's not about getting so concerned with the trapping of coming season, but what lies ahead for us in our spiritual nature. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for the great feast days. Advent Season is celebrated with four Sundays; one of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. It also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, we should take notes of some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the Advent Season. We are reminded each week with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of the present ones as well.

Advent is a wonderful time for us in preparation for Christ Coming... we yearn, we search, and we reach out for our Lord! You will find new books for this Advent that are being made available for you. They are *Word on Fire* publication from Bishop Robert Barron a perfect reflection for meditation during a Holy Hour or your special quiet time. There are a limited number so please share with your family. - Fr. Jerry

Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, December 9, 2023 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Nelda Irving
Servers: Ella Irving, Kendall Miller
Extraordinary: Ginny Bauer, William Lytle, Steven
Min. of Com.: Reiser, Mary Steingass, Volunteer
Ushers: Kevin Glanz, Paul Martin

Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:00 a.m.
Lector: Volunteer
Servers: Bennett Westhoven, Volunteer
Extraordinary: Gwen Howe-Gebers, Patrick Mauk,
Min. of Com.: Shari Smith, Judy Wiles, Volunteer
Ushers: Jeff and Jodi Stover

Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Lector: Joel Miller
Servers: Luke Hardy, Will and Henry Roth
Extraordinary: Deacon Jon Gottron, Sandra Martinez,
Min. of Com.: Mark Meyer, Lindsay and Nanci
Westhoven
Ushers: Richard Fisher, Chad Roth

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 11, 2023

Nursing Home: Volunteer

Homebound: Mary Gunter

Tellers: December 11, 2023 - Phil and Ginny Bauer,
Kevin Milius, Jean Miller

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 2, 2023
4:30 p.m. - Karen Saputo
Stephen Schwiebert

Sunday, December 3, 2023
8:00 a.m. - Paul Westhoven
10:30 a.m. - Michael Cochran

Monday, December 4, 2023
No Communion Service

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
8:45 a.m. - Bob Bernicke and Michael Rabe

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
6:00 p.m. - Stephen Schwiebert

Thursday, December 7, 2023
8:45 a.m. - Mass

Friday, December 8, 2023 (Immaculate Conception)
8:45 a.m. - Living and Deceased Members of the
Graetz and Recker Families
2:00 p.m. - School Mass
7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday, December 9, 2023
4:30 p.m. - Carol Hoeffel

Sunday, December 10, 2023
8:00 a.m. - Earl and Victoria Austermiller
10:30 a.m. - Chery Weideman
1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Save the Date

December

Christmas House - 1, 2, 3

FORMED Family Focus

Read: *Mary: The Church at the Source*

Watch: *Mary of Nazareth*

Listen: *Answering Common Objections: Mary*

GIVING TREE - Please consider granting an area child's Christmas wish. Each child is assigned two tags: one for clothing and another for a toy or other item of interest. The items listed on the tag are suggestions, not a shopping list. To ensure gift continuity in the family, gift value suggestion is approximately \$35. Presently all tags have been taken.

Please return your wrapped gift - with tag attached - by **Sunday, December 10th**. 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 at 419-966-2654.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - *This Is The Day!* Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit acatoledo.org. We are currently at 85%. **Thank you!**

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS - Deadline is December 31, 2023. Did you know you can direct your RMD directly to St. Augustine for a tax write-off? If you're interested or have questions, you can reach out to your advisor. We thank you for your consideration and support.

THANK YOU - We would like to express our appreciation to the following people who helped set up the outdoor Nativity set: Andy Driskel, Mel Kleman, Will Wagner, Emily Flowers, Jude Davis, Otis Crawford, Brady McKenzie and Alejandro Aranjó.

RECENT BAPTISM - Welcome to the newest member of our parish - Makenzie Elizabeth Meyer, daughter of Brandon and Heidi.



LIFE TEEN

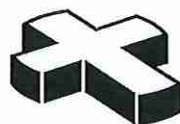
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Life Teen - Join us every Sunday 6-8pm, starting with dinner. Grades 9-12. Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

Upcoming Events:

- 12/3 - Life Night
- 12/10 - XLT at St. Wendelin. Join us for a night of testimony and adoration with other youth in our Diocese! Reach out to Regina about carpooling.

ST. Wendelin, Festivity
DEC. 10. 6-8:30PM
XLT
OPEN TO EVERYONE
GRADES 8-12
Pizza
Games
Testimony
Adoration
Reconciliation
A NIGHT OF WORSHIP



EDGE

Edge - Edge is our youth group for grades 6-8. Edge will be from 6:30-8pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

Upcoming Events:

- 12/6 - Wires & Robotics - Does my body matter?
- 12/20 - Christmas Party. Bring a gift for the white elephant exchange. \$10 budget

NORTHWEST OHIO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - to take place on Sat., Dec. 9 at St. John's Catholic Church (Emmaus Hall), 510 Jackson Ave., Defiance. Coffee at 7:30, Breakfast and Speaker at 8:00. Ohio Highway Patrolman Sgt. Fernando Chavez will be the speaker. For more information call George Westrick at 419-784-3975.

When sending in your **LIVING CHRIST** payments, you can send them directly to: Pastoral Center, Diocese of Toledo, ATTN: Living Christ Campaign, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 or directly to the Processing Company: Living Christ Campaign, Diocese of Toledo, P.O. Box 7293, Kensington, CT 06037.

FRIDAY ADORATION will take place each First Friday of the month after 8:45 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - to take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 16976 County Road Q1, Napoleon, on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students in grades K-12, ages 4 and under are free. Tickets are available Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the church office or by calling the church office at 419-758-3522. Tickets can be picked up and paid for the night of the concert as well.

FOR SALE: Allen & Roth Cordless Faux Wood Blinds, White Finish, 2" Slats 46-in X 48-in. We have 12 blinds and they are \$55.00 each. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

NAPOLEON COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT - to take place on Mon., Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian Ave., Napoleon. The Henry County Chorale will also be performing.



ADVENT WREATH KITS

Take advantage of this opportunity to grow closer to God and your family with an advent wreath in your own home.

Kits are available in the parish office for \$28.
BONUS - After advent is done, remove the candles and transform it into a Christmas centerpiece.

COME ONE, COME ALL, WE NEED YOU!

We are in **great** need of more Extraordinary Ministers (communion distributors), Ushers, and Lectors (Mass readers) at Mass. **Please** call the office at 419-592-7656 to help us out with these ministries. On December 10 at 9:00, we will have training for new Lectors.

Thank you for stepping forward in helping us to share Christ with others through these ministries.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS -

To ensure that all our disabled parishioners receive Communion, please go down one side aisle, up to the choir and return back to the altar using the other side aisle. Also make sure to observe anyone in the middle aisles who is wanting Communion. **PARISHIONERS** - If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please raise your hand.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS - Kindly pray for all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo as they gather on Mon., Dec. 4 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey. Through the intercession of Our Lady, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, and joy in ministry.

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.

The Attic Tours are coming

Sunday, Nov. 26 after 10:30 mass

Your help is needed to bring boxes down from the rectory attic, so stay and pitch in

Mon. Nov. 27 - Set trees up & decorate
From 9-5pm (lunch provided)

Tues. Nov. 28 & Wed. Nov. 29 - Finish decorating & bring in donated craft items

Thurs. Nov. 30 & Fri. Dec. 1 - Bring in donated baked goods & help frost cookies

Fri. Dec. 1, Sat. Dec. 2 & Sun. Dec. 3 -

ENJOY the FESTIVITIES!

Doors open at 9:30am

Enjoy a meal with family and friends, do some shopping, pickup your preorders, buy some homemade baked goods & Christmas décor!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Dec. 3 Christmas House 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m.
PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 6 Parents Club 5:00 p.m.
Edge 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Cemetery Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 9 Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:55 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 10 PRP 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Life Teen 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
PARISH OFFERTORY**

Sunday Collection	\$	4,701.07
On-Line Giving	\$	1,821.00
Christmas	\$	30.00
School	\$	282.00
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$	177,602.82

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

- Joseph P. Garcia (20) - 12/4/07
- Gertrude M. Wendt (101) - 12/4/10
- 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

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

- Friday, December 8, 2023 8:45 a.m.
- Friday, December 8, 2023 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 8, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- Lector: Mark Morman
- Servers: Diego Garcia, Jillian Richard
- Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Doug Burgei,
- Min. of Com.: Vicky Delventhal, Amy Morman,
- Volunteer**
- Ushers: Ruth Like, Sue Urban

MINISTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES -

Please check the current ministry schedule and if you are not able to fulfill your assigned time slot, please put in a sub request as soon as possible to ensure all ministries are covered for the Christmas masses.

FROM THE SCHOOL

We will gather together next 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!

This month's "Partners in Faith" gives parents suggestions to (re)discover and preserve peace and joy in your family this year during Advent. It also reminds us that Christmas ends on December 26 for many people, but for Catholics, Christmas Day is just the beginning of the Christmas season and offers some fun ways to let your Christmas joy last the whole season. 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.

Blessings to your family,
Ginny Minnick, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12/4 - Richard Keller, Julian Whitehead
- 12/5 - Cole Barry, John Morris
- 12/6 - Christy Burgei
- 12/7 - Lauren Bates, Camryn Coolman, Robert Lautar
- 12/8 - Lori Siclair, Rhonda Slee
- 12/9 - Samantha Austermilller, Maricela Hernandez, Molly Huddle, Carter Meyer, Victoria Smith
- 12/10 - Cynthia Greenlaw, Aaron Miller, Delylah Rivera, Bryan Salto-Arrizon

ADVENT SEASON PENANCE SERVICES

- St. Caspar, Wauseon - Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 6 PM
- St. Michael, Hicksville - Sunday, Dec. 10th, 2 PM
- St. Peter, Archbold - Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 6:30 PM
- St. Augustine, Napoleon - Day of Grace, Saturday, Dec. 16th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome to Benton and Katie Collins and their children Annora and Joella who recently joined our parish.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION - to take place at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, Ohio 43614 on Sat., Dec. 9. The day begins at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Daniel Thomas will be celebrating Mass at 12:00 noon. The day ends with lunch at 1:30 p.m.

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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 Deacon.

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/VOICATIONS Contact the Parish Office.