

# 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

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)

Parish Email: ..... [saintaugustineoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintaugustineoffice@gmail.com)

Parish Website: [www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net)

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 Proshek

Email: [regina.proshek@augustinenapoleon.com](mailto:regina.proshek@augustinenapoleon.com)

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

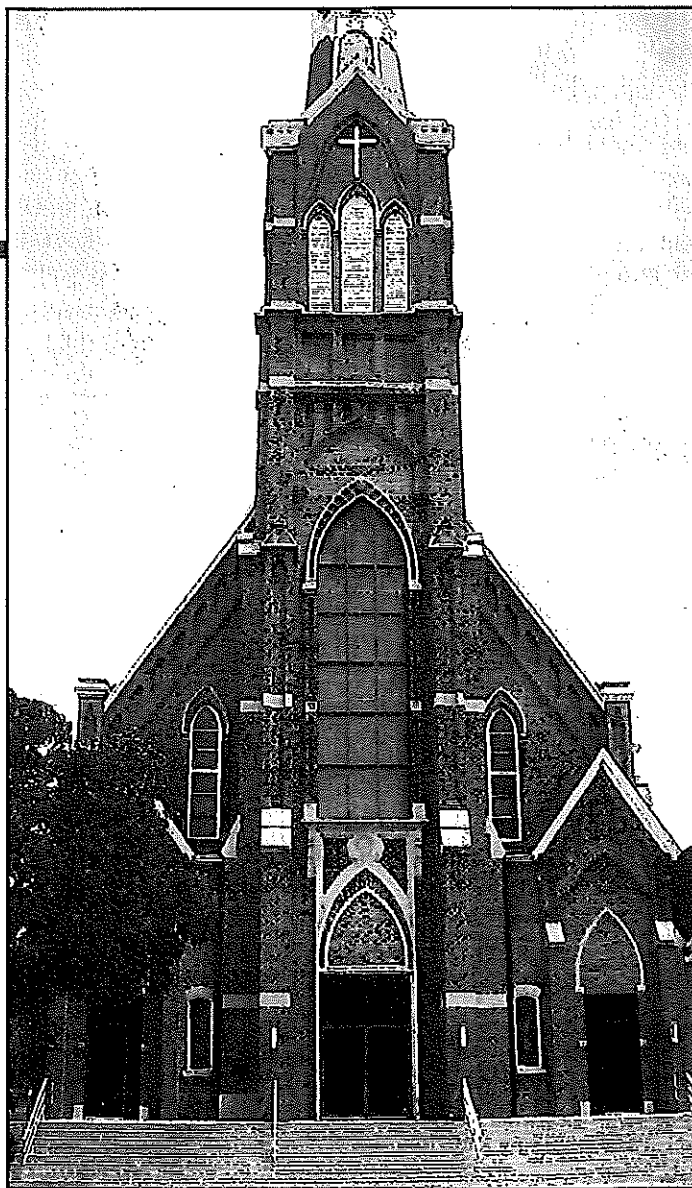


- PARISH RELIGION PROGRAM (PRP) (1-8)  
Sunday morning, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. during school  
year. Catholic Education for Parish children attending  
public school

- 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*

## Save the Date

March

St. Patrick's Day Auction - 9th

### FORMED Family Focus

Read: *Advent of the Heart*

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

Listen: *Advent: Rethinking the Season*

**CHURCH DECORATING** - We are looking for help with carrying and setting up trees, balcony garland and indoor manger. Dates will be Tuesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 21st from 6 - 8 p.m. Community Service Hours available for students. Thank you! - Jeff and Jodi Stover

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**GIVING TREE** - Thanks to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree! We will soon sort and distribute these gifts. The deadline for returning these gifts is this Sunday, December 10th. 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 11th.

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**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](http://acatoledo.org). We are currently at 85%. Thank you!

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**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.

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### 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.



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

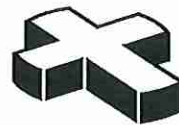
**Life Teen** - Join us every Sunday 6-8pm, starting with dinner. Grades 9-12. Text "STAUGIE210" to 84576 to keep up to date!

#### Upcoming Events:

- 12/10 - XLT has been postponed. Join us for youth group at the Ministry Center.
- 12/17 - Christmas Party and Alumni Night! Join us for a Christmas celebration with food, games, prizes, and a white elephant gift exchange! Bring a gift (\$15 budget) if you'd like to participate.



- 12/24 & 12/31 - There will be no Life Teen. Merry Christmas!



**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!

#### Upcoming Events:

- 12/20 - Christmas Party. Bring a gift for the white elephant exchange! \$10 budget. And wear your best Christmas outfit!
- 1/3 - What makes me unique?



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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**HENRY COUNTY CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - to take place on Sun., Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon. The concert will be streamed live at [www.youtube.com/stpaulnapoleon](http://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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**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](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.org) - [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) or call 419-260-5811.

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**PRAYING AND FASTING** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Bishop Daniel A. Thomas is asking for the faithful to add a Hail Mary to their daily prayers and fasting or penance or some other small sacrifice. Learn more at [toledopriesthood.com](http://toledopriesthood.com)

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

## 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.

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**GOING ON VACATION** - Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory contributions. Go to [www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.

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**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.

## 2023 Christmas House is in the books

We would like to thank everyone for their help and unwavering support of your in-house fundraiser. An extra special mention of thanks to Chris Peddicord, Laurie Brubaker, Amanda Mazur, Carolyn Heinrichs, Sandy Martinez, Rose Lymanstall, Rita Small, Dave Steingass, Emily Nemire, Amy Morman, Mary Gunter, Denise Short, Shirley Niese, Robin Patton, Jen Roth & thanks to Laurie Nahrwold (who's still hoping for a Co-Chair). A big thanks to all those volunteers who organized, decorated, baked, served meals, helped customers, hauled boxes & cleaned up. Your time is very appreciated and made this event happen. Additional thanks to all those who came and enjoyed the food, shopping & fellowship.

Merry Christmas to all!



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One of the biggest highlights for our students before Christ-  
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treasures to take home to their family members for Christ-  
mas. Thank you, Parents Club, for taking such wonderful  
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Our Parents Club outdid themselves this year by providing  
a beautiful Christmas Lunch with a special visit from Santa  
for the students and staff of St. Augustine Catholic School.  
Thank you so much, for all of your hard work in making this  
day so joyful for everyone!

We gathered together on Monday to celebrate the first  
week of Advent by sharing a Wreath Lighting with our stu-  
dents and staff. I'm so excited to share this experience to-  
gether because it helps to bring Jesus closer to our hearts  
in preparing for Jesus during Advent!

I want to wish you and yours a very Happy Advent and  
Merry Christmas. I pray this time with your family and  
friends is abundant and very blessed.

Blessings to your family,  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 12/11 - Margarita DeJesus-Renteria, Rihanna Paiz-Beltran,  
Kevin Rippee, Dennis Walker
- 12/12 - Gratian Davis, Jeff Sonnenberg
- 12/13 - Rachel Greenlaw, Eric Kistner
- 12/14 - Caleb Duncan, Hannah Gerken, Ezekiel Hill,  
Larry Huber, Christopher Podach
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- 5th Prize - Christmas Slate Décor - Deb Hoops





**Please give to those who  
have given a lifetime.**

# Retirement Fund for Religious

**Elderly religious need your help.** Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us, ministering to all, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and helping those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.

*Top row, from left:*  
Brother Charles Douglas, SSJ, 88;  
Sister Marianna Danko, SSML, 80;  
Father James Day, OSST, 77.

*Bottom row, from left:*  
Sister Celeste Burgos, MHSH, 79;  
Sister Brenda Cherry, OSP, 84.

**To give at your parish:** Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

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**Please check with your employer  
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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/VOCATIONS** Contact the Parish Office.